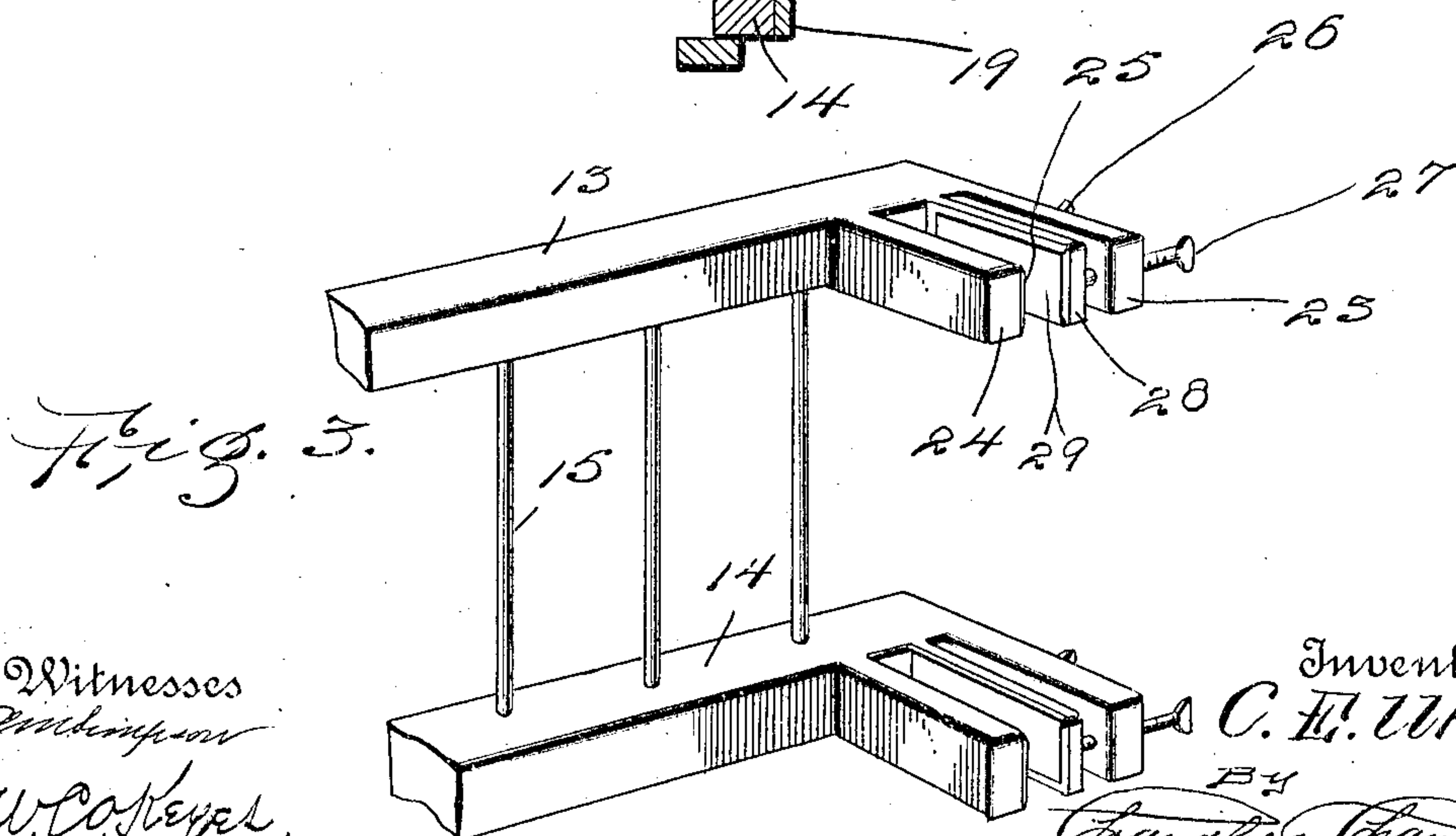
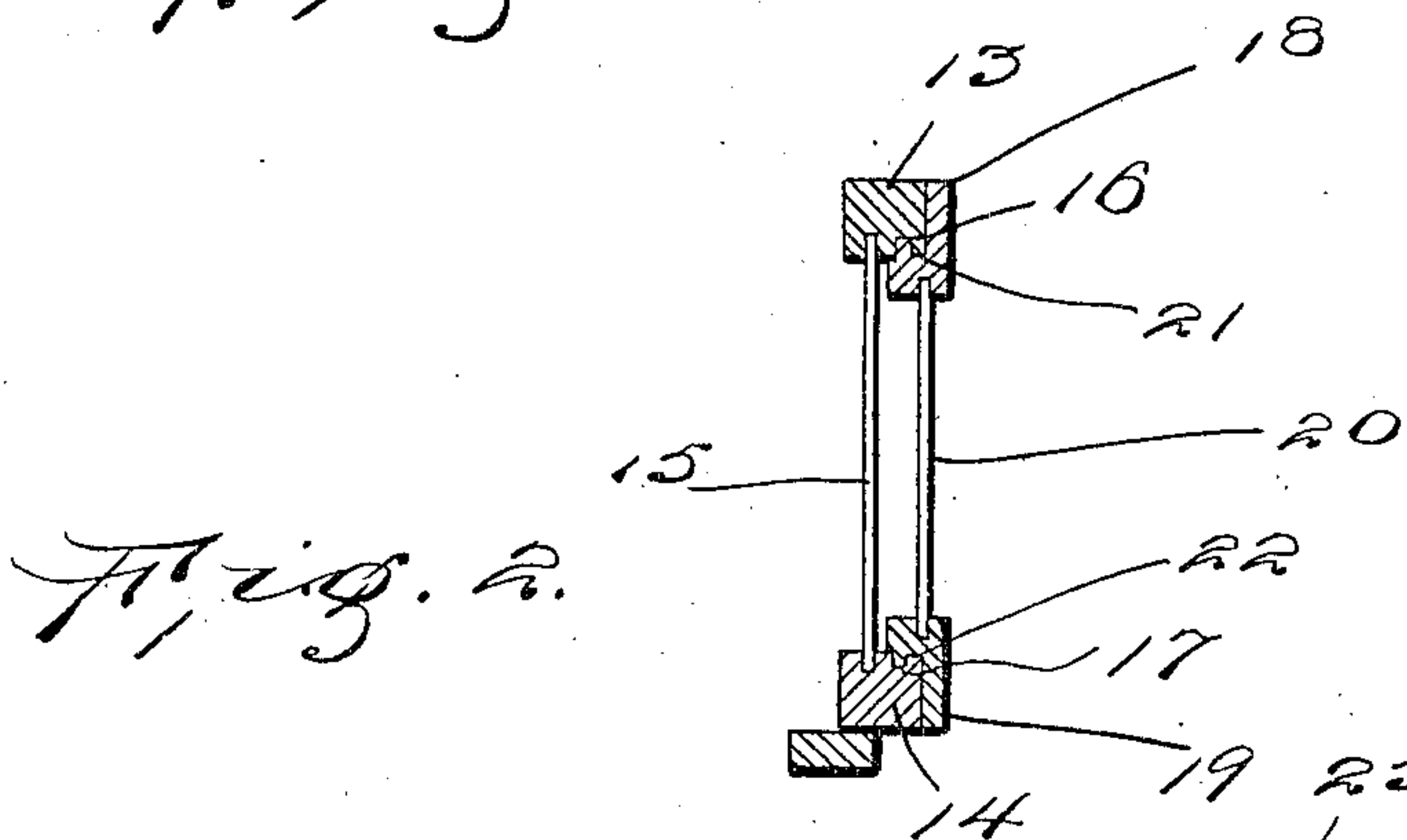
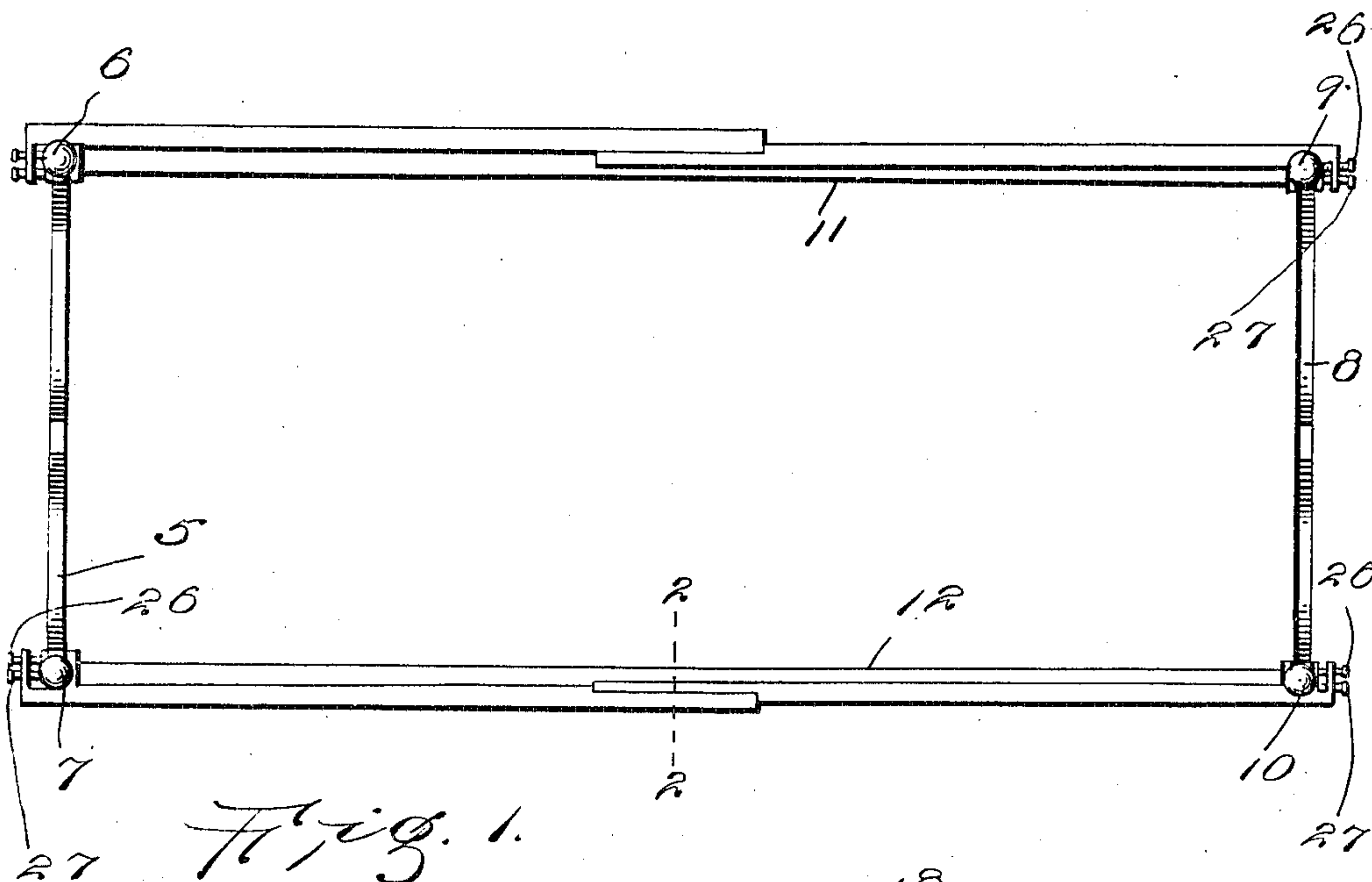


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CAROLINE E. UHDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Vernon, in the county of Posey, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guard - Rails for Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to bedsteads, and more particularly to guard-rails therefor, the object of the invention being to provide rails that may be easily and quickly applied to and removed from a bedstead, which may be adjusted to fit bedsteads of different lengths, which may be folded to occupy a small space when not in use, and which may be securely held in position without marring the bedstead.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a top plan view showing a bedstead having guards-rail embodying the present invention. Fig. 2 is a section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a portion of one end portion of a rail.

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a bedstead comprising a head-board 5, having the end posts 6 and 7, a footboard 8, having the end posts 9 and 10, and side rails 11 and 12.

In connection with the bedstead there is illustrated a pair of guard-rails which are similar in structure, so that a description of one will suffice for both. Each of the guard-rails comprises a pair of end members, one of which includes vertically-spaced or top and bottom bars 13 and 14, which are connected by spindles 15, engaged therein, the top and bottom bars having in their inner or mutually adjacent faces the longitudinal grooves 16 and 17 near to the inner edges of the bars. The second end member of the rail comprises also top and bottom bars 18 and 19, connected by spindles 20 to engage therein. The bars 18 and 19 are angular in cross-section and are fitted against the inner faces and the inner side faces of the bars 13 and 14 and have ribs 21 and 22, that engage the groove 16 and 17, respectively, and hold the corresponding bars against lateral displacement, while permitting free longitudinal

movement thereof. The members of the rail are thus connected to permit of extension of the rail.

At the outer or free end of each bar of each rail are laterally-directed fingers 23 and 24, which are spaced longitudinally of the rail, the inner face of the finger 24 being padded, as shown at 25. Through the finger 23 are engaged thumb-screws 26 and 27, connected with a plate 28, having a padded face 29, and when the thumb-screws are manipulated the plate 28 is moved toward and away from the padded face of the finger 24.

In applying the rails to a bedstead the sliding members of each rail are shifted so that a head-post is received between the fingers of one rail-section, while a foot-post is received between the fingers of the connected rail-section, the posts lying between the padded faces to prevent injury to the posts. The thumb-screws are then manipulated to exert clamping action between each plate 28 and the corresponding finger 24. When it is desired to remove the rails, it is only necessary to loosen the thumb-screws, as will be understood.

What is claimed is—

1. A device of the class described comprising upper and lower rails, fingers extending laterally from the ends of the rails and in the same direction, a resilient plate formed integral with each of the rails and lying intermediate the fingers of each pair, a pair of set-screws engaged through one of the fingers of each pair and impinging against the said resilient plate, and pads secured upon the opposing faces of the other of the fingers and the said resilient plate.

2. A device of the class described comprising upper and lower rails, fingers extending laterally from the ends of the rails and in the same direction, a resilient plate formed integral with each of the rails and lying intermediate the fingers of each pair, a set-screw engaged through one of the said fingers adjacent its junction with the rail, and a set-screw engaged through the finger adjacent its end, said set-screw being adapted to bear against the resilient plate, at different points.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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