

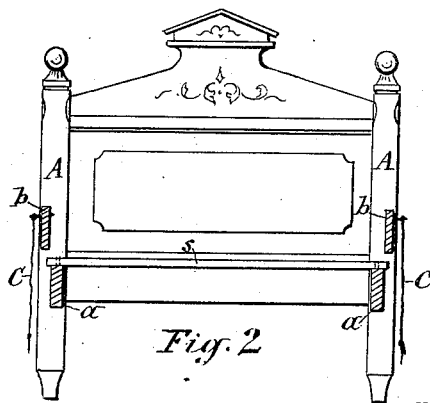
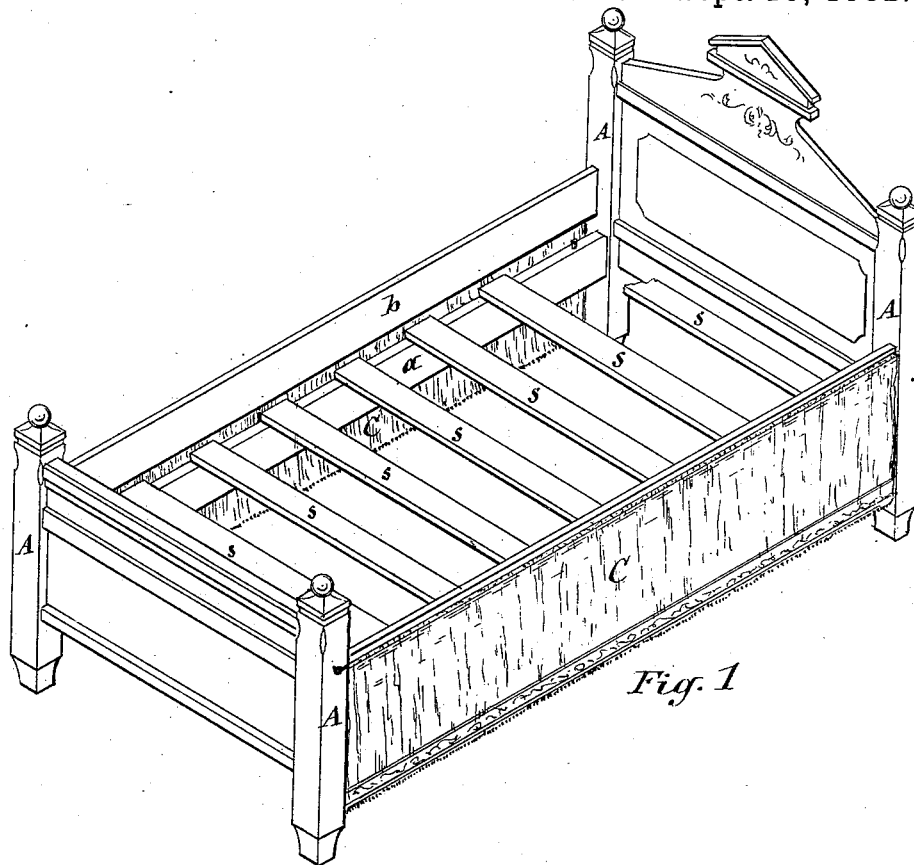
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BEDSTEAD.

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BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. RICHARDSON, of Utica, in the county of Oneida, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bedsteads, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a novel combination and arrangement, in a bedstead, of two rails at each side thereof, one constituting the side board or side rail proper and being connected to the post at or near the outer edge thereof, and the other being connected to the post at or near the inner edge thereof and arranged a proper distance below the top edge of the outer rail to support the slats or bed-bottom independently of said outer rail or side rail proper.

The invention also consists in the combination, with the aforesaid side rail and bottom-supporting rail, of a valance suspended from the upper or outer side rail and covering the exterior of the bottom-supporting rail and the whole or larger part of the upper rail, all as hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

The object of the aforesaid combination and arrangement of parts is to more effectually brace the bedstead both vertically and laterally, and to place the bed a proper distance below the edge of the upper rail and support it independently of said rail without materially increasing the cost of the structure.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bedstead constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of one side of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the post of the bedstead, and *b* the side rail, connected thereto by any suitable known means, and at or near the outer edge of the post.

a is an additional or extra side rail, arranged

somewhat lower than the side rail proper, and secured in a similar manner to the post A, at or near the inner edge thereof. Upon this lower rail, *a*, I place the slats *s*, which support the bed, the slats having a bearing across the entire width of said rail and receiving the support of the entire depth of the same. By means of dowel-pins projecting from the top of the rail *a* and entering the under side of the slats, the latter are retained in position and the former is stiffened laterally.

C represents a valance hung from the side rail, *b*, proper, and covering the ends of the slats *s* and exterior of the bottom-supporting rail, *a*, thereby allowing me to use cheap material for the hidden rail *a*. The vertical and horizontal offsets in the disposition of the two rails *b* and *a* afford two bearings of said rails at different heights on the post and against opposite edges of the same, and thus effectually brace the structure both vertically and horizontally.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination and arrangement, with the posts A and the side rail, *b*, of the bottom-supporting rail *a*, connected to the posts relatively lower than the side rail and independently thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination and arrangement, with the post A, of the side rail, *b*, attached to the post near the outer edge thereof, and the bottom-supporting rail *a*, connected to the post beneath the side rail, independently of the latter, and at or near the inner edge of the post, substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Utica, in the county of Oneida, in the State of New York, this 30th day of May, 1882.

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