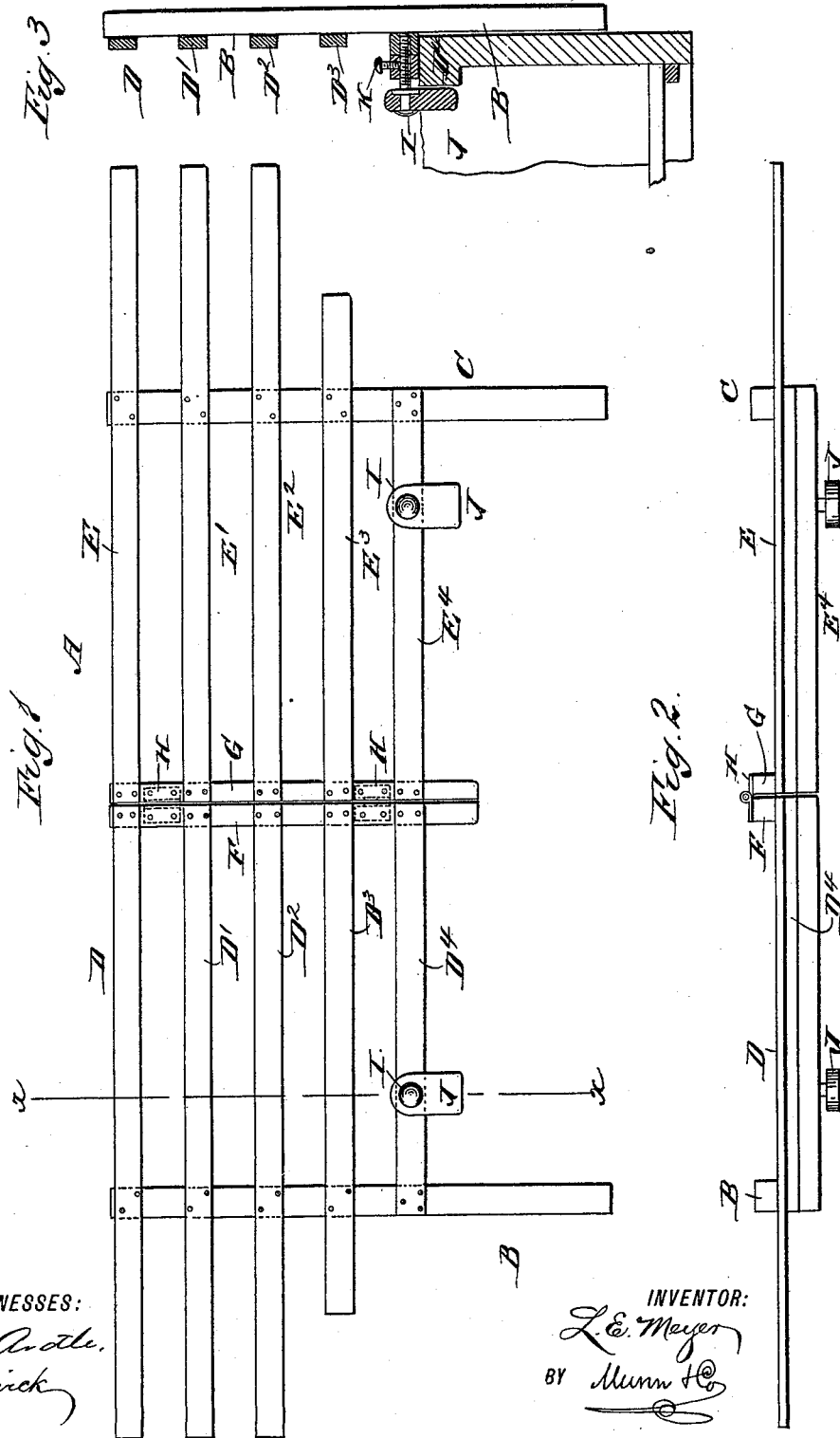


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS E. MEYER, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Guard for Bedsteads, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improvement in that class of guards which are provided with clamps for securing them detachably to bedstead-rails.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same on the line *xx* of Fig. 1 and applied to the bedstead.

The improved guard A for bedsteads is provided with two posts B and C, on which are secured the longitudinally-extending rails D D' D² D³ D⁴ and E E' E² E³ E⁴, respectively. The inner ends of the series of rails held on the post B are connected to a bar F, and the inner ends of the rails on the post C are similarly secured to a bar G, said two bars F and G being connected with each other by hinges H, which permit of folding the two sections of the guard upon each other when the latter is not in use.

On each of the lower rails D⁴ and E⁴ is secured a bolt I, supporting near its outer end a clamping-piece J, adapted to engage the inside of the side rail of the bedstead, as shown in Fig. 3. The lower rails D⁴ E⁴ are somewhat thicker than the other rails, so as to rest securely on top of the side piece of the bedstead and to permit of adjusting the bolts I, so as to adjust the clamping-piece J to any desired thickness of the side rail of the bedstead, and when adjusted the set-screw K is firmly screwed down upon the bolt to hold the clamping-piece in position, and when so adjusted needs no further alteration. It is understood that the several rails D E D' E', &c., extend in line with each other when the two sections of the guard are extended, as shown in Fig. 1.

The guard is applied to the bed by placing the lower ends of the posts B and C on the outside of the side rail or board of the bed-

stead until the bottom rails D⁴ E⁴ rest on top of the said side piece or board of the bedstead, when the clamping-piece J clamps the bed-board securely on the inside and the two posts B and C hold it from the outside. It will be seen that when the guard A is in this position the hinges H extend on the outside, and if a person presses against the rails from inside of the bed the two sections do not open, which would be the case if the hinges were on the inside. From the above it will be seen that the guard can be lifted on the side of the bed in an instant and needs no adjustment. It can be removed simply by lifting it off and setting it aside.

It is understood that if the bed stands in the middle of the room two such guard-rails, as shown and described, are applied to the bed, one on each side.

When the guard is not in use, it can be easily folded up and stored away, taking up very little space.

In order to prevent the guard from defacing the bedstead, the lower parts of the posts B and C may be lined with suitable materials.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a guard for bedsteads, the combination of the hinges H with the two folding sections, each formed of a series of longitudinal rails, a vertical rod, a post extending below said rails, and an adjustable bed-rail clamp attached to each section, the said hinges being applied to the contiguous inner ends of the sections, on the inner side thereof, as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a guard for bedsteads, the combination, with the posts B and C, of longitudinal side rails secured to the said posts, bars connecting the inner ends of the said side rails with each other, hinges for connecting the two adjoining bars, bolts secured on the bottom side rails, and clamping-piece held on the said bolts for clamping said posts to the bedstead, substantially as shown and described.

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