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BEDSTEAD FASTENING.

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Fig: 1.

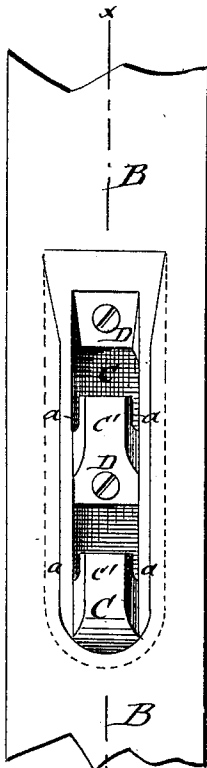


Fig: 2.

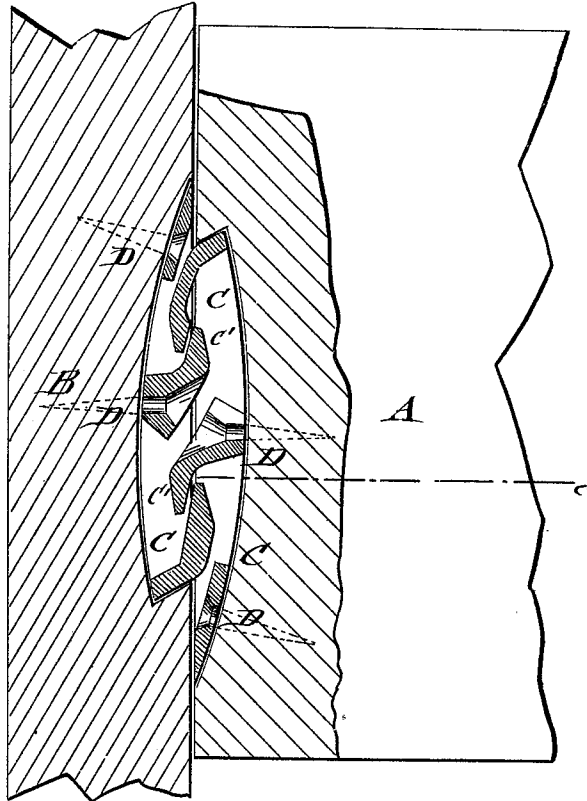


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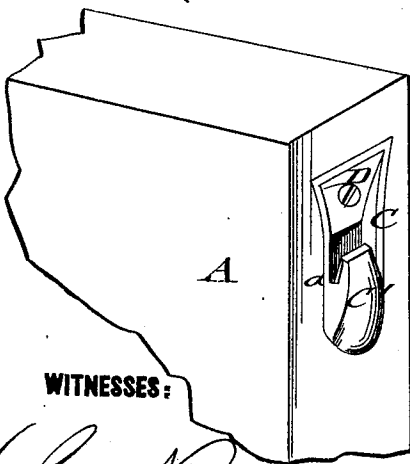
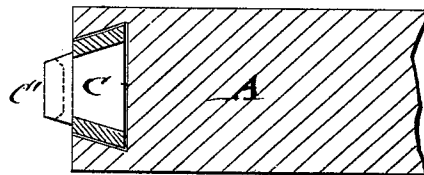


Fig: 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN BEDSTEAD-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JOHN W. STRONG, of Evansville, Vanderburg county, Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Bedstead-Fastening, of which the following is a specification :

Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved bedstead-fastening; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1, showing connection of post and rail; Fig. 3, a horizontal section on the line *c c*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, a perspective view of the fastening as used for lighter work.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish a bedstead-fastening which forms a strong and neat connection of posts and rails without lateral motion, and which is readily and firmly applied to the mortises, both interlocking parts being cast of the same shape, but attached in opposite direction.

The invention relates to a metallic bedstead-fastening so constructed that it is adapted to be inserted in a mortise in either rail or post, and the hook-shaped parts to interlock when one of the respective fastenings, of which they form part, is inverted, as hereinafter described.

A dovetailed mortise, rounded at one end, is shown cut in the end of rail A, and a similar one in the side of post B. The mortises are reversed, the mouth of one being opposite the closed end of the other, so that the fastenings C C will interlock when inverted, as shown. Said fastenings exactly correspond in size and shape, each being constructed of side bars, (either inclined inward or beveled on the outer side, as shown in Fig. 3,) a central web, and an end cross-bar having hook-shaped extensions C'. When inserted in the mortises of the rail and post, the hooks of one fastening will project upward and the other downward, so that they will firmly interlock, as shown in Fig. 2. The fastenings are secured in the mortises by screws D, but the strain or pressure to which they are subjected is borne chiefly by the rounded ends which abut the correspondingly-shaped portion of mortise.

What I claim is—

The fastening for bedsteads, formed of the beveled side bars and the central web and end cross-bar, having the front hook-shaped extension C', as shown and described.

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