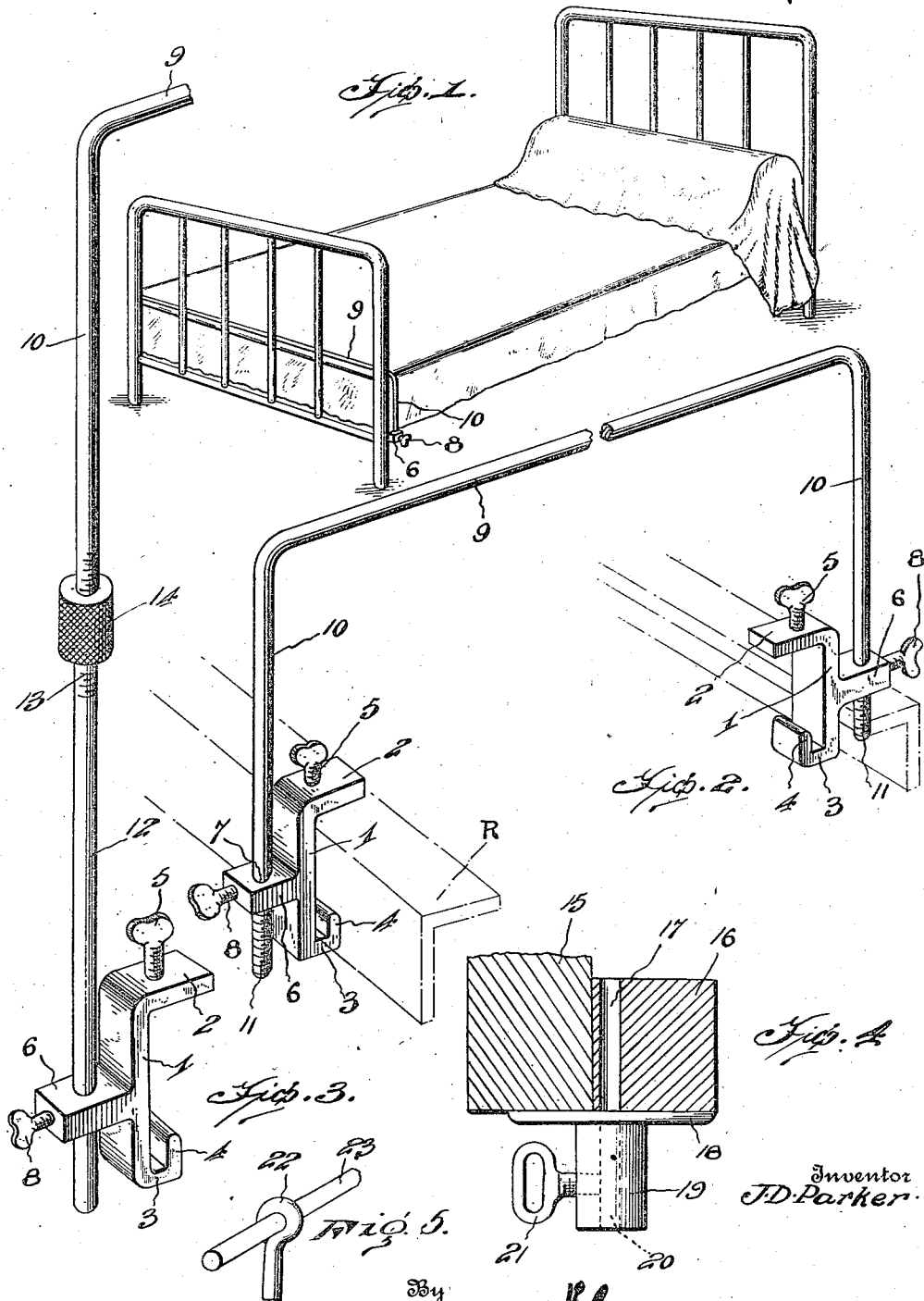


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOEL D. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at LAGRANGE, in the county of Fayette and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bedstead attachments and more particularly to an attachment designed to be employed for the purpose of holding the bed clothing against disarrangement or pulling up from the foot of the bed and it is one aim of the invention to provide a device of this class so constructed that it may be applied to any ordinary iron bedstead and may be adjusted to secure the bed clothing at any desired distance from the foot of the bed.

Another aim of the invention is to so construct the device that it may be readily and quickly adapted for use as a support for a canopy of mosquito netting.

Another aim of the invention is to so construct the device that when employed in holding the bed clothing in place and against disarrangement, it may be concealed by the spread or other top covering of the bed and will consequently not detract from the neat appearance of the bed when made up.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device applied to a bed and so arranged as to hold the bed clothing against disarrangement.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view in detail of the device removed from the bedstead.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one side of the device adapted for use as a canopy support.

Fig. 4 is a view partly in elevation and partly in section illustrating a modified form of attaching bracket for supporting the side members of the frame of the device.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating a modification of the frame structure.

The device embodying the present invention includes attaching brackets which are adapted to be applied to the opposite side rails of the bedstead, and an arch member having a cross bar and side portions which latter are adjustably connected with the said brackets so that the cross bar may be lowered into engagement with the bed clothing to be held in place and the said arch member secured in such position. Each of the bracket

members above mentioned comprises a body 1 provided at its upper end with an inwardly projecting head 2 and at its lower end with an inwardly projecting lug 3 having an up- 60 standing lip 4. The inner face of the body 1 is designed to be disposed against the vertical wing of the side rail of the bedstead, which rail is of the ordinary angle iron construction and is indicated by the ref- 65 erence character R, and the head 2 is designed to extend above the horizontal wing of the said side rail R, the lug 3 extending below the lower edge of the vertical wing and the lip 4 projecting up beside the inner 70 face of the said wing, all as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. A clamping screw 5 is threaded through the head 2 and may be adjusted to bear downwardly upon the horizontal wing of the rail of the bedstead 75 and when the set screw is so adjusted the bracket member will be bodily lifted so as to cause its lug 3 to bind firmly against the lower edge of the vertical wing of the said rail. Inasmuch as the lip 4 of the lug 3 en- 80 gages and projects upwardly beside the inner face of the said vertical wing, outward movement of the lower end of the bracket will be prevented as well as any tilting movement which would tend to displace its 85 upper end or head 2 with relation to the said rail. The body 1 of each bracket member is further provided upon its outer face with a boss 6 having an opening 7 formed therein and having a set screw 8 threaded through 90 one side thereof and adjustable to engage at its inner end against a frame member fitted within the said opening 7. The arch member heretofore referred to as employed in connection with the bracket members com- 95 prises a cross bar or connecting portion 9 and side members 10 and this arch member may be of the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings or of the form shown in Fig. 5. In the first mentioned figures it is 100 illustrated as formed from a single length of rod material bent at suitably spaced points to form the said cross bar or connecting portion 9 and the said sides 10, and as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the sides 105 10 are fitted into the openings 7 in the bosses 6 of the bracket members and may be vertically adjusted therein.

When the device is to be employed for the purpose of securing the bed clothes 110 against disarrangement in the manner illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the arch

member is pressed downwardly so that its connecting portion or cross bar 9 will bear firmly upon the bed clothing and press the same firmly to the top of the mattress. The set screws 8 are then tightened so as to hold the arch member in its adjusted position, it being understood, of course that the bracket members have previously been applied to the side rails of the bedstead at points suitably spaced from the foot end of the bed.

In order that the device may be employed as a canopy support the lower end of each of the side members 10 is threaded as indicated at 11 and side sections 12 are provided in the nature of rods having threaded upper ends 13, the rods being adapted to be disposed in position in alinement with the side members 10 and attachably connected therewith by means of sleeve nuts 14. When the side sections or extensions 12 are thus assembled with the side members of the arch frame the frame may, of course, be so assembled with the bracket members that its cross bar 9 will be located a considerable distance above the surface of the bed or mattress in the manner shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, in which position it may serve to support the foot end of the canopy, the head end of the canopy being supported either by being draped over the head frame of the bedstead or over another one of the devices located at the head end of the bedstead.

When it is desired to employ the device in connection with a wooden bedstead, a supporting bracket member such as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings is provided. In this figure the numeral 15 indicates one side rail of the bedstead and 16 the slat supporting rail, this latter rail being provided with an opening 17 extending vertically therethrough and of a diameter to receive the respective side member 10 of the frame structure. Secured to the under sides of the rails 15 and 16 by an attaching flange 18, is a sleeve member 19 having a bore 20 registering with the lower end of the opening 17 and designed to receive the lower end of the respective side member 10, the side member being held in adjustment by means of a set

screw 21 threaded through one side of the said sleeve member.

If desired, instead of forming the side and cross members of the frame structure integral, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, the side members may be provided at their upper ends each with an eye 22 into which may be fitted one end of the cross bar which in this figure is indicated by the numeral 23.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. In a device of the class described, bracket members designed for application to the side rails of a bedstead and each comprising a body portion provided at its upper end with means for clamping engagement with the upper side of the said rail and at its lower end with means for engagement with the under side of the said rail, a frame including a cross member and side members, and extension sections separably connected with the said side members of the said frame and adjustably connected with the said brackets.

2. In a device of the class described, bracket members designed for application to the side rails of a bedstead, a frame including a cross member and side members, and extension sections separably connected with the side members of the frame and adjustably connected with the said brackets.

3. In a device of the class described, bracket members designed for application to the side rails of a bedstead and each having an opening, a frame including a cross member and side members, extension sections separably connected with the said side members of the frame, the said side members of the frame and the extension sections being designed to be interchangeably fitted through the said openings in the bracket respectively when the extension sections are connected with and disconnected from the said side members of the frame, and means for adjustably securing the said side members and said extension sections in said openings.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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