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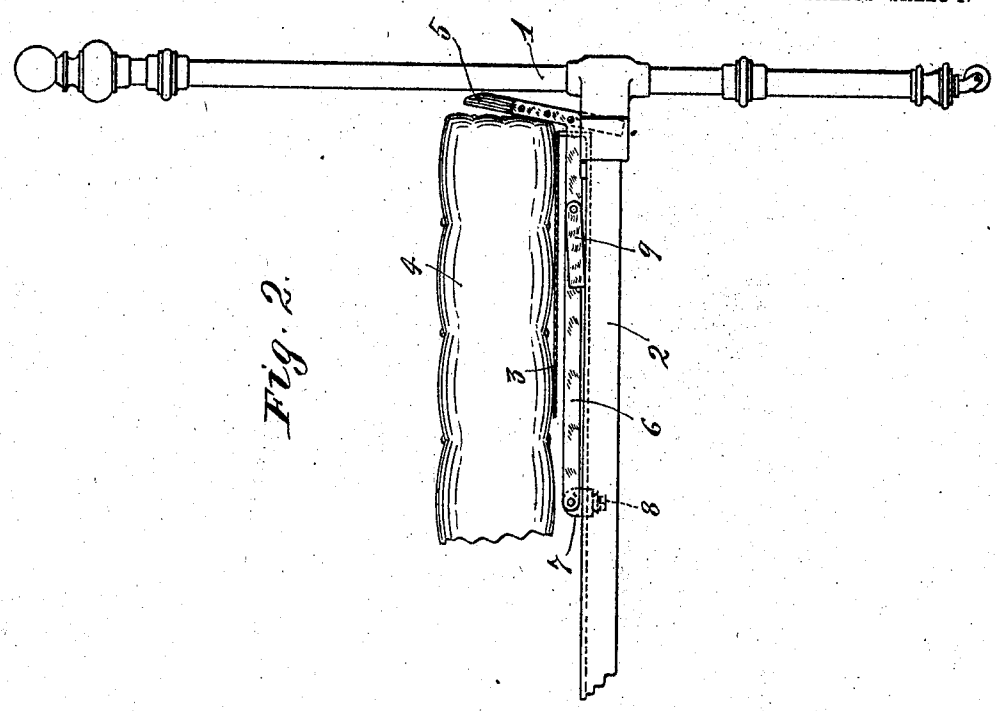


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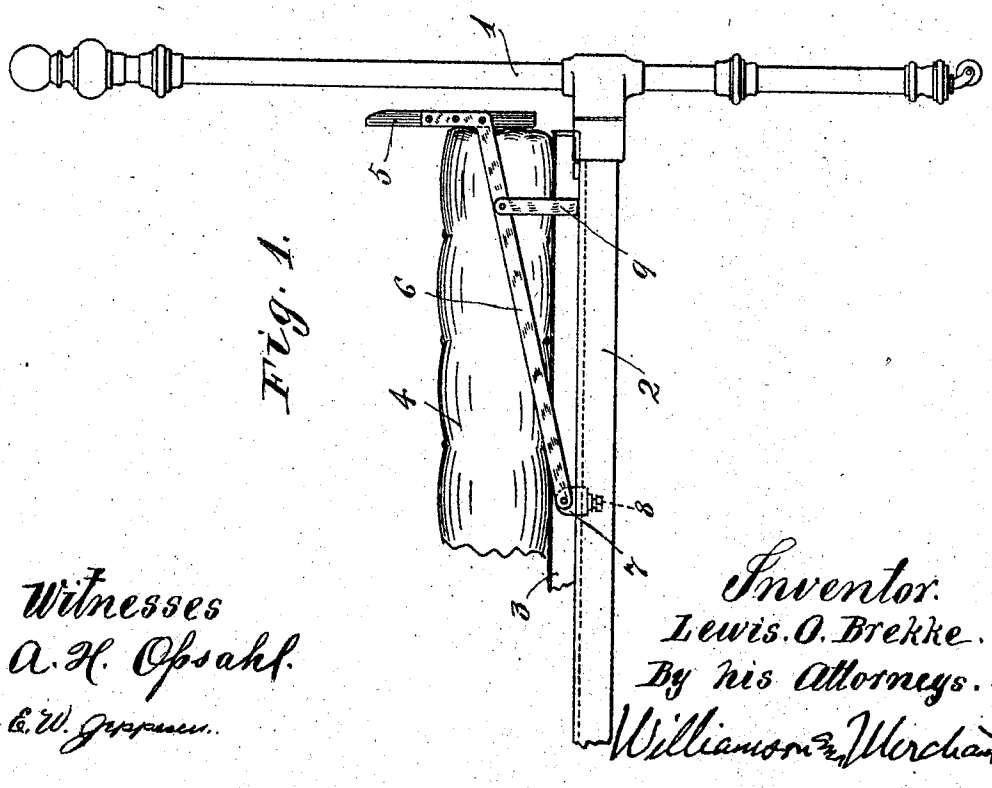


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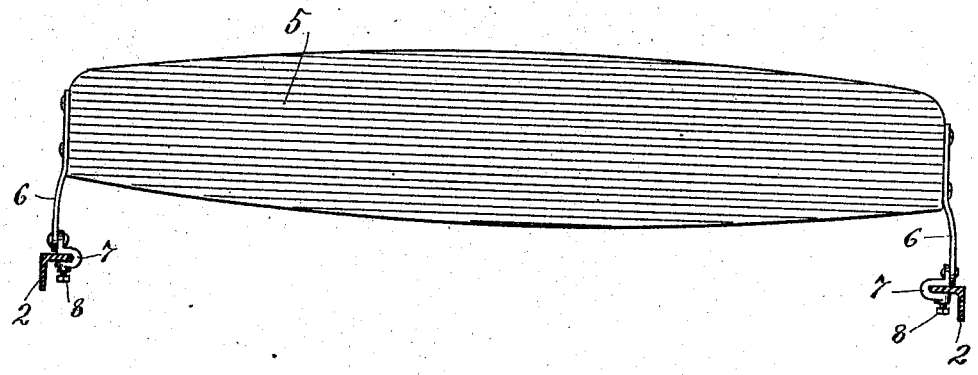
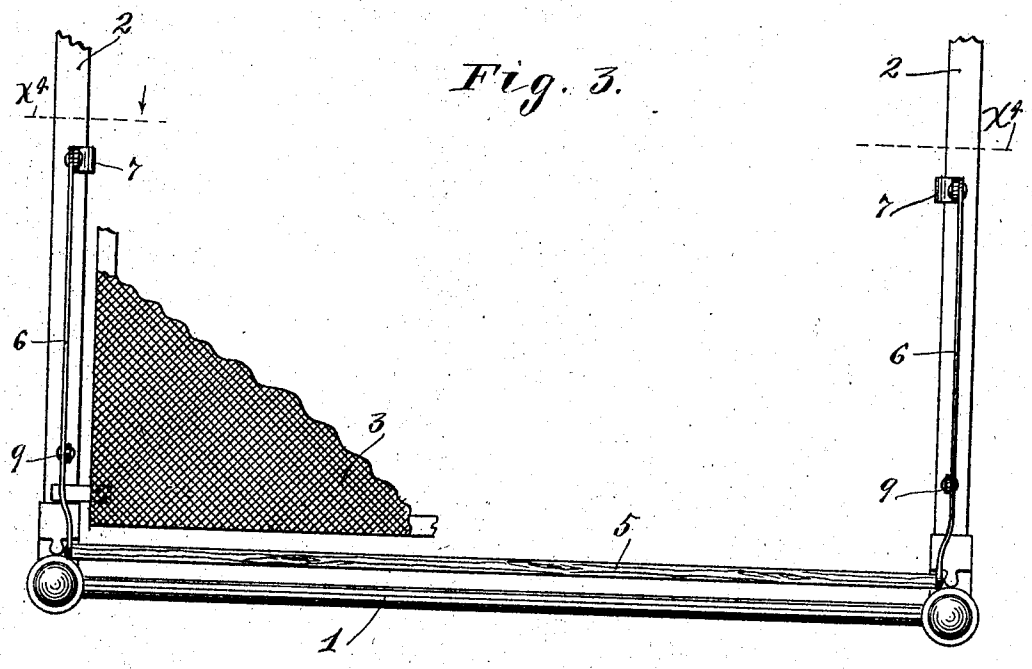


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS O. BREKKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Footboards for Iron 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.

My invention relates to footboards for iron bedsteads, and has for its object to improve the same in point of simplicity, convenience, and efficiency.

To the above ends the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described, and defined in the claim.

A very general objection found to the use of iron bedsteads is the fact that the clothes cannot be tucked securely at the foot of the mattress and that there is no support at the foot of the bed to assist in holding the clothes and preventing the feet from being kicked out from under the covers.

A permanent footboard of the proper size and dimensions would be objectionable, because the clothes could not be thrown over the same in the day-time without giving the bed an awkward and unusual appearance. My improved footboard is so mounted that when it is desired to use the same it may be thrown upward into position projecting above the mattress and in the day-time or when it is not required may be quickly dropped down into a position below the upper portion of the mattress.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation, showing the foot portion of an iron bedstead having one of my improved footboards applied thereto and showing also portions of a bed-spring and mattress, the said footboard being thrown upward into an operative position. Fig. 2 is a view corresponding to Fig. 1, but showing the footboard dropped down into an inoperative position. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the parts shown in Figs. 1 and 2, some parts being broken away and the mattress being removed; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line x^4 x^4 of Fig. 3, some parts being removed.

The numeral 1 indicates the skeleton foot member, and the numeral 2 the rails, of an iron bedstead of ordinary construction.

The numeral 3 indicates an ordinary bed-spring; the numeral 4 an ordinary mattress, both applied in the usual way.

The numeral 5 indicates the footboard, which at its ends is rigidly secured to the rear ends of a pair of quite long arms 6, preferably formed by flat straps of iron. The arms 6 are by the board 5 so spaced apart that they are adapted to embrace the sides of the spring 3 and mattress 4 and to directly overlie the side rails 2. At their forward end said arms 6 are pivoted to clamping-heads 7, which are slotted, so that they are adapted to be slipped onto the inturned flange of the rails 2, as best shown in Fig. 4. Set-screws 8 work through the lower prongs of the heads 7 and impinge against the flanges of the rails 2 and rigidly, but detachably and adjustably, secure said heads to said rails. To the arms 6 are pivoted short legs 9, which when turned downward rest upon the rails 2, as shown in Fig. 1, and hold the footboard 5 raised above the mattress in an operative position.

When the footboard 5 is raised, as shown in Fig. 1, the bedclothes may be tucked between the same and the foot of the mattress. When it is desired to drop the footboard into an inoperative position, as shown in Fig. 2, the legs 9 are turned into line with the arms 6, and the said footboard will then of course drop into its inoperative position entirely out of the way and below the upper portion of the mattress, so that the bedclothes may then be dropped over the said footboard, thereby entirely covering the same, leaving the bedclothes smooth at the foot of the mattress.

The footboard above described, while extremely simple and of small cost, is efficient for the purposes had in view and may be very readily moved to and from its operative position. The said device, it should be understood, is capable of modification within the scope of my invention as herein set forth and claimed.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

The combination with a bedstead and a bed-spring supported thereby, of a footboard 5 arranged to work between the side rails of said bedstead and the bed-spring and the foot of said bedstead, a pair of arms 6 rigidly secured at their free ends to the intermediate

portion of the ends of said footboard and pivotally attached at their other ends to the side rails of said bedstead, and supporting-legs 9 pivotally attached to the intermediate portion of said arms 6 and adapted to be turned downward into engagement with the side rails of the bedstead to support said footboard and lie outside of the horizontal place occupied by the bed-springs, substantially as described.

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

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