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## ATTACHMENT FOR BEDSTEADS.

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Fig. 1.

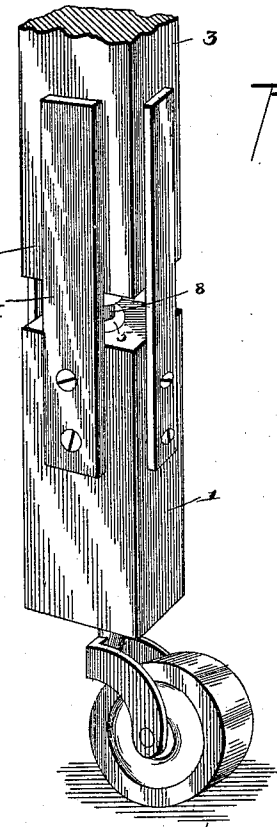



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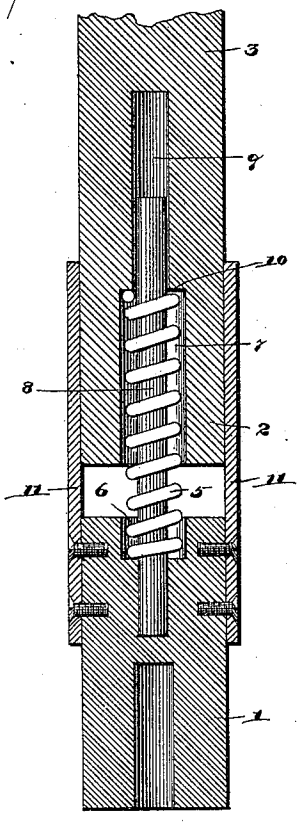
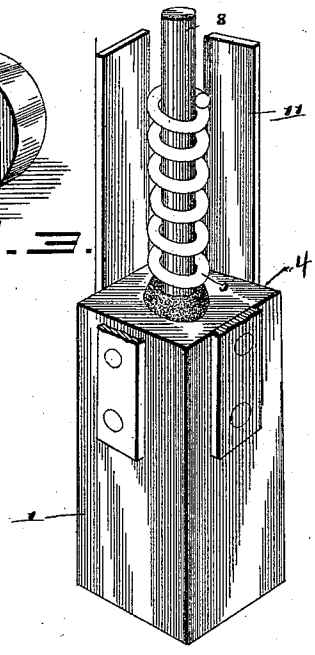



Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE F. WALKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Athens, in the parish of Claiborne and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Attachment for Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in attachments for bedsteads.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to be readily attached to the leg of a bedstead of ordinary construction to afford a cushion and enable spring-mattresses to be dispensed with.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device adapted to receive the ordinary form of caster.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the leg of a bedstead provided with a device constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view, the spring being shown in elevation. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the device detached.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a block constructed of wood or other suitable material, and adapted to be secured to the end 2 of a leg 3 of a bedstead, and has its upper face 4 similar in size and shape to the end 2 of the leg 3, and is provided with a spiral spring 5, that is interposed between the block and the bedstead, and forms a cushion and performs the functions of the ordinary bed-spring and enables the expensive spring-mattresses usually employed to be dispensed with. The spring 5 is seated in a recess 6 of the head-block, and has its free end arranged in a corresponding recess 7 of the leg 3, and is braced and supported by a rod 8, that is arranged within the spring, and the recess 7 terminates in a smaller bore or hole 9, which receives the rod 8, and the latter is free to move in the recesses of the leg 3 to enable the spring, which is interposed between the block and the leg and engages the shoulder 10, to act as a cushion. The block 1 is provided with plates 11, that are constructed of suitable metal, are secured to the sides of the block and project above the same and engage the sides of the leg 3, and serve as guides to prevent lateral movement of the block. The block is provided in its lower end with an opening 12, that is adapted to receive the shank of a caster 14 to enable the bed to be readily moved.

It will readily be seen that the device is simple and inexpensive in construction, is adapted to be readily applied to the ordinary form of bedstead to convert it into a spring-bedstead, and is capable of receiving casters of the ordinary construction.

What I claim is—

The combination, with a bedstead, of the block provided in its lower face with an opening and having its upper face conforming to the end of the leg and provided with a receiver, the rod having its lower end stepped in the recess, the spring arranged upon the rod and having its lower end seated in the recess and being interposed between the block and the leg, the plates secured to the sides of the block and projecting beyond the end of the leg, and the caster having its shank arranged in the opening of the block, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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