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Fig. 1.

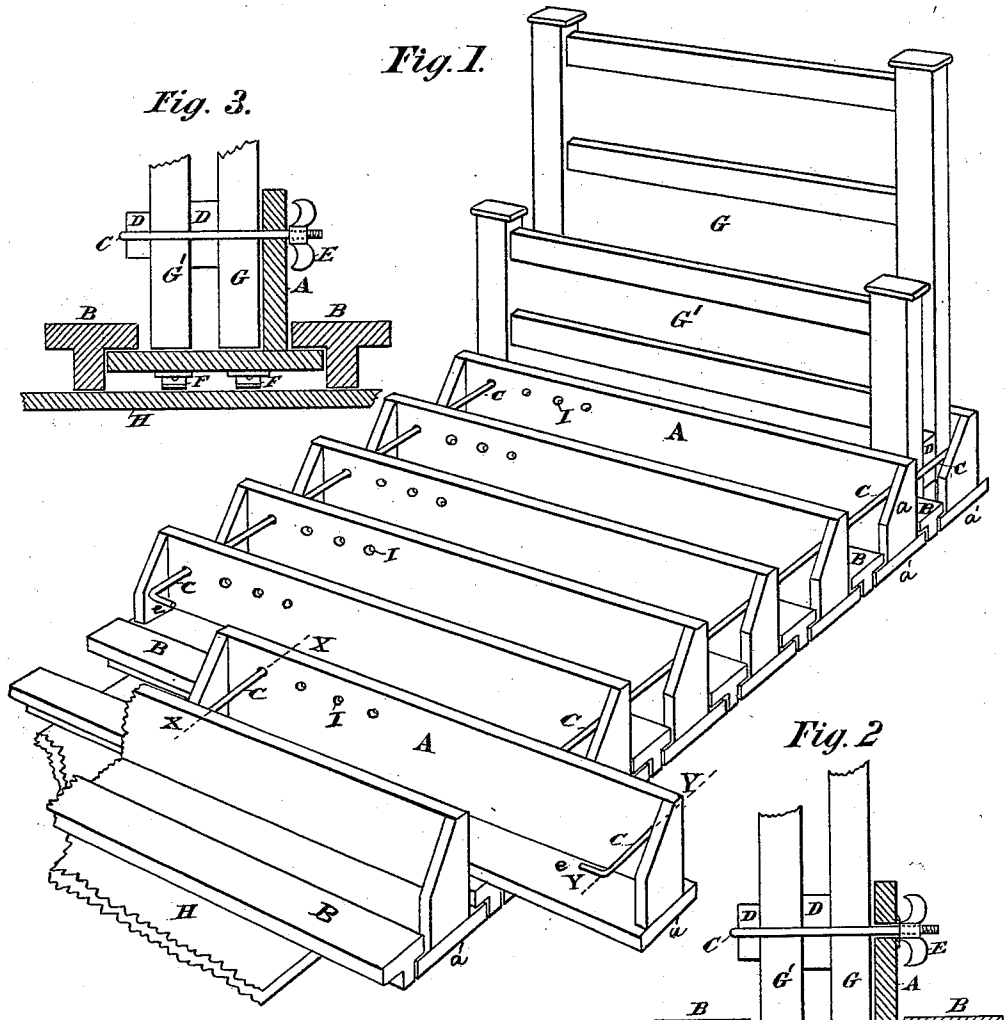


Fig. 3.

Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HERMAN ALBIN and ALBERT K. ERDMAN, citizens of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead-Exhibitors; and we do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of our invention is to provide a method of exhibiting bedsteads in salesrooms that will economize space and enable them to be shown conveniently to purchasers. The means by which we accomplish this are illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our bedstead-exhibitor; Fig. 2, a vertical sectional view of the same through the lines Y Y, and Fig. 3 a vertical sectional view through the lines X X.

In the drawings, A A represent a series of holding-frames running on casters F F, and of a width and length suitable to hold the head and foot board of the largest bedsteads. These holding-frames, which may be roughly described as in the shape of a long narrow and shallow box, from which the top and one side and the corner of each end have been removed, consist of a back piece of height sufficient to afford a support to the head of the bed, with end pieces *a* to brace the back, and a bottom *a'* wider than the end pieces and projecting beyond the back and beyond the end pieces both in front and rear, forming a flange, as shown.

H is a close platform resting on the floor of the salesroom, fixed transversely on which are a series of T-shaped rails B B, arranged so as to form grooves between the cross-head of the T and the platform, and at such distances apart that the bottom *a'* of the holding-frames will slide in these grooves. This platform is of such width that when the holding-frames are pushed fully in the grooves the casters at one end will rest on the platform and those under the other end on the floor. For convenience, the side of the platform on which the casters rest may be called the "rear" and the other side the "front."

I I are a series of holes in the back of the frames A, adapted to allow the passage of clamping-rods C, which have a screw-thread at one end adapted to receive a thumb-nut E, and are bent inwardly at right angles at the other end to form a holding-arm *e*. One of these holes is near the front end of the frame, and the others are arranged near the rear end at distances apart corresponding to the different sizes of bedsteads.

For each of the holding-frames two of the clamping-rods C are provided, one adapted to pass through the hole near the front end of the frame, and the other adapted to pass through such one of the holes at the rear end of the same as the size of the bedstead to be held may require. The clamping-rods are passed through the holes in such position that the holding-arms at their inner ends will extend inwardly in a direction parallel to the base of the holding-frame, as shown at *e* and *e* in Fig. 1.

The head G and foot G' of the bedsteads are set upright and longitudinally in the holding-frames A and clamped to their back by the rod C. To prevent rubbing, blocks D are placed between the head and foot boards, and on the outside of the footboard to receive the arm *e* of the clamping-rod. By this arrangement the head and foot boards of a bedstead may be supported steadily in each holding-frame and drawn out for exhibition, as desired. The block D between them can be of thickness sufficient to keep them far enough apart to allow the head-board to be fully examined.

In order to keep the holding-frames level a bolster a^2 is placed under the bottom at the end that extends beyond the platform, and the casters F are attached to this bolster.

As bedsteads are usually set up in salesrooms for exhibition with their sides and bottom in place ready to receive the bed, they occupy a great deal of space which is mostly wasted, as the head and foot pieces of the bed determine its style. Our invention is designed to save space, and enables half a dozen or more bedsteads to be shown in the space which one

fully set up would occupy. When a customer desires to look at one of the bedsteads on our exhibitor, all that is necessary to do is to pull the particular frame holding it forward and out from the rest. The casters on the bottom make the frames move easily.

Our exhibitor may be made in sections, having such length of platform and as many frames as the size and shape of the rooms makes convenient.

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

A device for exhibiting bedsteads, consisting of a platform H, having a series of parallel T-shaped beams B fixed transversely on its surface forming grooves between the surface of the platform and the cross-head of said beams, a series of holding-frames A, having bottoms adapted to work in the said grooves and backs provided with holes for the passage of a clamping-rod mounted on casters and having one end resting on the platform and the other on the floor, the end resting on the floor, leveled with the other by means of a bolster under the casters, together with a clamping-rod C, having a screw-thread adapted to receive a thumb-nut at one end and bent at right angles near the other end, substantially as set forth, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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