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Fig. 1.

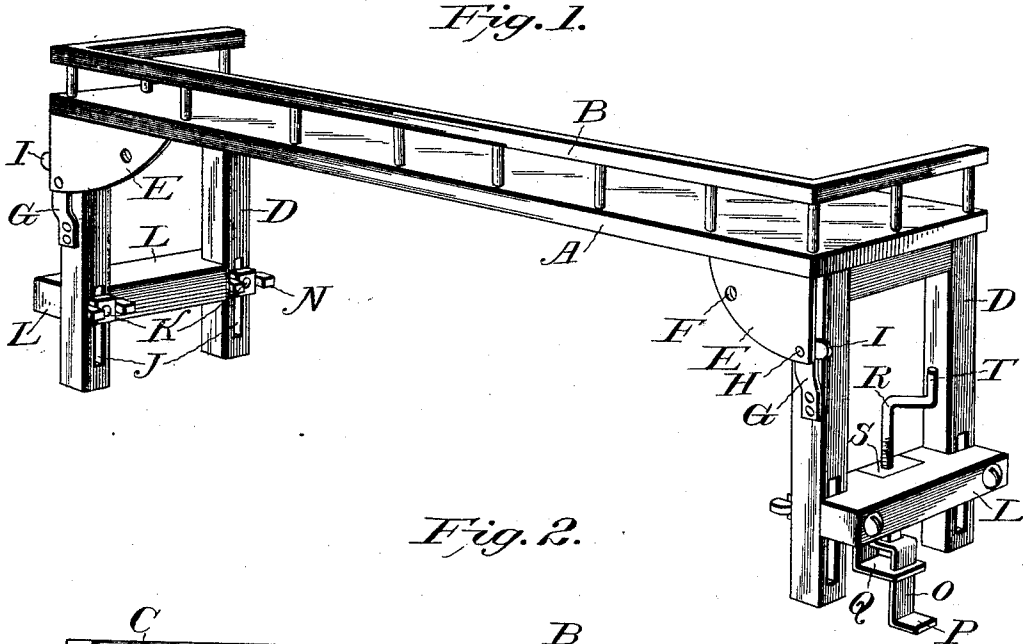
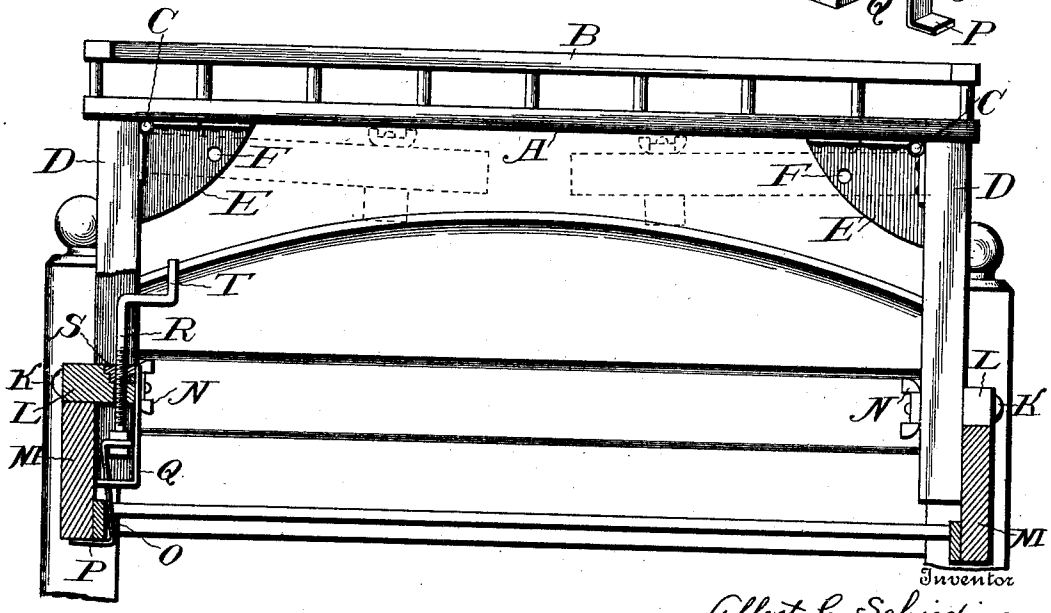



Fig. 2.




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## BEDSTEAD-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. SCHIEDING, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Bedstead-Table; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in bedstead-tables; and the object is to provide a simple and convenient construction of table capable of being readily applied to a bedstead for the use of invalids and adjustable vertically and so constructed that it may be folded to compact form when not in use.

With the above objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter fully described, particularly pointed out in the claims, and clearly illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table embodying my invention; and Fig. 2, a front elevation, partly in section, of the table applied to a bedstead.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, A designates the top or leaf of the table, which is of sufficient length to extend across the bedstead when the table is in position thereon, said leaf having a rail B extending along its end and rear edges. Attached to the under side of the leaf A, at the respective ends thereof, by means of hinges C are the pairs of legs D, which may be folded against the under side of the said leaf when the table is not in use. Secured to and depending from the leaf A, at the rear edge thereof, are plates E, which are provided with perforations F, formed on the arc of a circle of which the pivotal point of the legs is the center. Attached to each pair of legs is a locking member G in the form of a spring-plate carrying at its free end a pin H, adapted to enter the perforations F and secure said legs in a folded or extended position. These locking members are provided with finger-pieces I, by means of which they may be disengaged from said perforations when it is desired to either assemble or fold the table. The legs of each pair are provided at their lower ends with longitudinally-extending slots J to receive threaded bolts K, carried by cross-pieces L. These cross-pieces are cut away at each end to extend between the legs of each pair and are of such width as to project laterally on the outer sides of the legs, so as to rest upon the top edges of the rails M of the bedstead. The threaded ends of bolts K are provided with thumb-nuts N, by means of which the pairs of legs and the cross-pieces may be firmly secured together when the table has been adjusted to the desired height.

As shown in Fig. 2, when the table is positioned upon the bedstead the cross-pieces L rest upon the upper edges of the side rails of the bedstead, while the pairs of legs are disposed upon the inner faces of said side rails. The table is thus held from longitudinal movement, as will be readily understood.

For firmly clamping the table to the bedstead I provide a clamp consisting of a movable member O, having its lower end bent at right angles to form an arm P to engage the under side of the rail. This clamping member is movable vertically in a slot formed in a bracket Q, secured to and depending from one of the cross-pieces L. The vertical movement of said clamping member is effected through the medium of an operating-screw R, which is threaded through a plate S, secured to said cross-piece in line with a perforation formed in the latter. The lower end of the rod is loosely connected with the upper end of the clamping member, while its upper end is bent to form a crank-handle T. By operating this screw the clamping member is caused to engage the under side of the rail and the under side of the cross-piece the upper side of the rail, so that the table is securely attached to the bedstead.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided an exceedingly simple and convenient construction of table for use in connection with bedsteads, the table being capable of being readily attached to the bedstead and adjusted vertically and when not in use folded to compact form.

I do not desire to limit myself to the exact details of construction herein set forth, as it is apparent that various changes might be

made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A table of the character described comprising a top or leaf, legs carried by the top or leaf having longitudinally-extending slots formed adjacent to their lower ends, cross-pieces projecting laterally of the legs and adapted to rest upon the upper edges of the side pieces of the bedstead with which the table is used, threaded bolts carried by the cross-pieces passing through said slots, clamping members upon said threaded bolts, and an adjustable clamping member carried by one of the cross-pieces adapted to engage the under side of the side piece of the bedstead, substantially as described.

2. A table of the character described comprising a top or leaf, legs carried by said top or leaf, cross-pieces carried by said legs adapted to rest upon the upper edges of the side rails of a bedstead, a slotted bracket depending from one of the cross-pieces, a clamping member movable in the slot of said bracket and adapted to engage the under side of said side rail of the bedstead, and an operating member movable by rotation through said cross-piece and loosely connected with said clamping member, substantially as described.

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

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