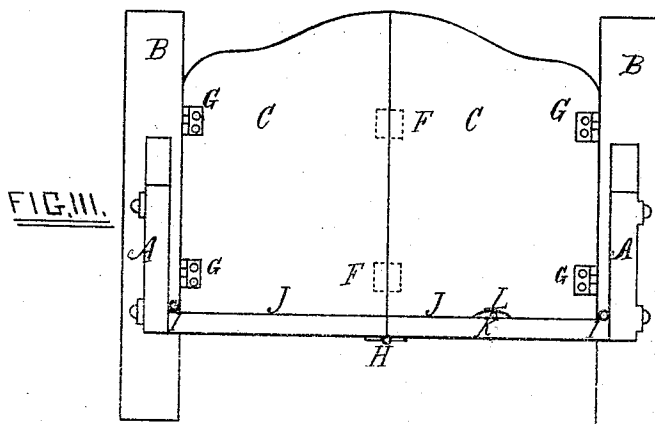
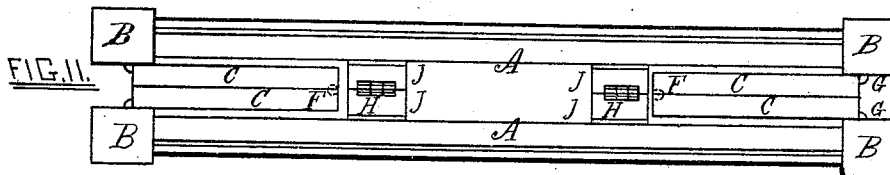
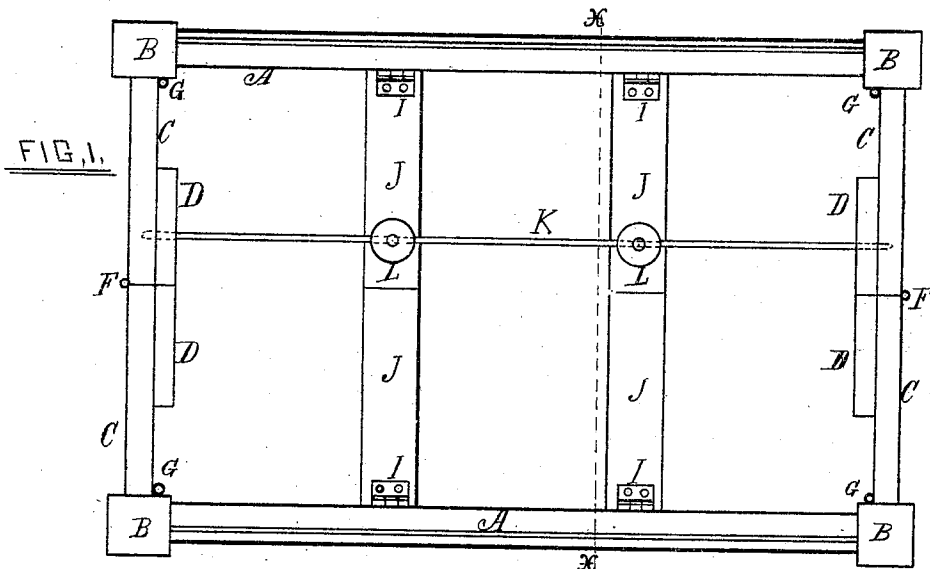


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODOR S. THORSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding-Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of this invention consists in two-part head and foot boards, hinged together so as to swing inward, and two-part transverse slats hinged to swing upward, in combination with a cord or strap fastened to the head-boards and slats, whereby, when the cord is drawn upward, the sides of the bedstead will be folded closely together, as the whole is hereinafter fully described and shown.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a top or plan view of my improvement in folding-bedsteads; Fig. 2, a top or plan view of the same when folded together; Fig. 3, a sectional elevation taken on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

A A represent the side rails of an ordinary bedstead, fastened to the posts B in the usual manner; and C C represent a two-part head-board and foot-board, hinged together at their central parts F F, and also at their edges G to posts B B, so that they will swing inward, as shown in Fig. 2. The slats J J are made in two parts each, and hinged to the rails A A at I I, and hinged together at H at the point of contact midway of their length, as shown more clearly in Fig. 3, so as to swing upward, as shown in Fig. 2.

The means for folding the device consists of a cord or strap, K, which is fastened to the

slats J by means of suitable cap-plates L, and to the under edges of the boards C C by any suitable means, as, for instance, staples or hooks. This arrangement is such that when the cord or strap K is drawn upward by the hand the head and foot boards C C will be drawn inward and the slats J drawn upward, bringing the rails A A closely against them, as shown in Fig. 2. The bedstead is held in form by means of an ordinary bottom, or any bottom which is long enough to bear on the cleats D D, fastened to boards C C, and also bear against the head-boards.

The advantage of a folding-bedstead, for the convenience of shipment and moving from room to room without being taken apart, is too obvious for explanation, and more especially so when the bedstead can be folded by simply drawing upwardly on the cord or strap K.

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

1. The combination of the folding head and foot board with the folding slats J and cleats D, as for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the folding head and foot boards C C, folding slats J, cleats D, and cord or strap K, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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