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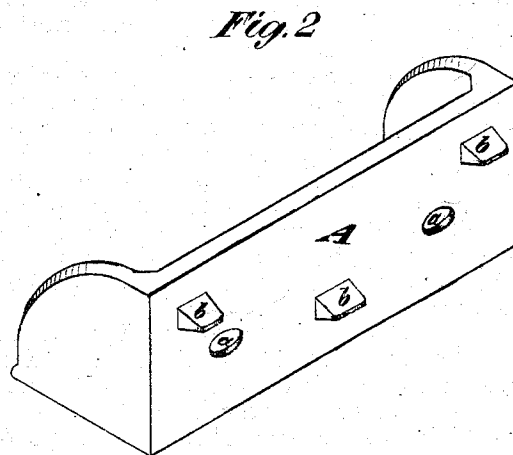
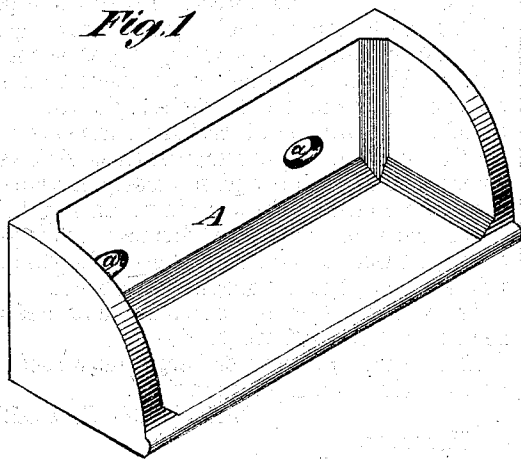
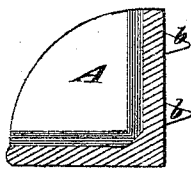


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN SLAT-HOLDERS FOR BEDSTEADS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 120,734, dated November 7, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC G. FORD, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Slat-Receiver for Bedsteads and other Furniture; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention consists in a box, of cast-iron or other metal, open at the top and along one side, and several of which are intended to be screwed to the side pieces of a bedstead or other piece of furniture in suitable positions to receive the ends of slats and form substitutes for the ordinary notched strip or strip and cleats, such boxes obviating the harboring of vermin, for which the notched slat or slat and cleats present such attractive hiding places.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective front view of the slat-receiver. Fig. 2 is a perspective back view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A is the box, which is made of cast-iron or

other suitable metal, and is open at the top and front, and has its ends rounded off at the upper edges, as shown in the drawing. In the back of the box are holes *a a* for the reception of screws, by which the box is secured to its support. There are also on the exterior of the back pointed lugs *b b*, which, by being forced into the side pieces of the bed or other article by the screwing up of the before mentioned screws, help to secure the box in place. A number of these boxes are screwed to the side pieces of a bedstead or other article of furniture, at regular intervals apart, for the purpose of receiving the ends of the slats. These boxes are screwed so closely in place that there is no chance for vermin to harbor behind them, and when so secured form a much stronger support than the old notched strip, in which vermin are so apt to congregate and breed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The metal slat-receiver herein described, as a new article of manufacture.

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