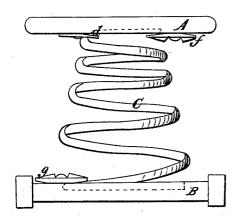
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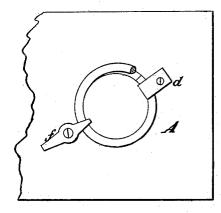
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IMPROVED BED-BOTTOM.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. GERARD, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and in the State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Bottoms; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A represents one of a series of parallel bedslats, and secured to and supported upon the spiral spring C.

B represents the lower or under slat or board to which the spring C is fastened, and by which it is supported. The pieces A and B have circular grooves cut in their inside faces, just so the spring, when pressed up or down against them, will fit in said grooves.

The spring C is fastened to the bottom slat B by means of a simple button, g, which is pivoted to said slat,

and turns readily over the said spring C, and thereby holds it down.

To fasten the spring C to the upper slat A, I use one stationary strip of metal, d, and a simple button, f. By my device it will be seen that I can remove either one of the springs or slats, and replace them at pleasure. Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—The arrangement of the plate or strip d and buttons f and g, with the spring C and slats A and B, the parts being made and used as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 8th day of February, 1868.

GEO. L. GERARD. [L. S.]

Witnesses:

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