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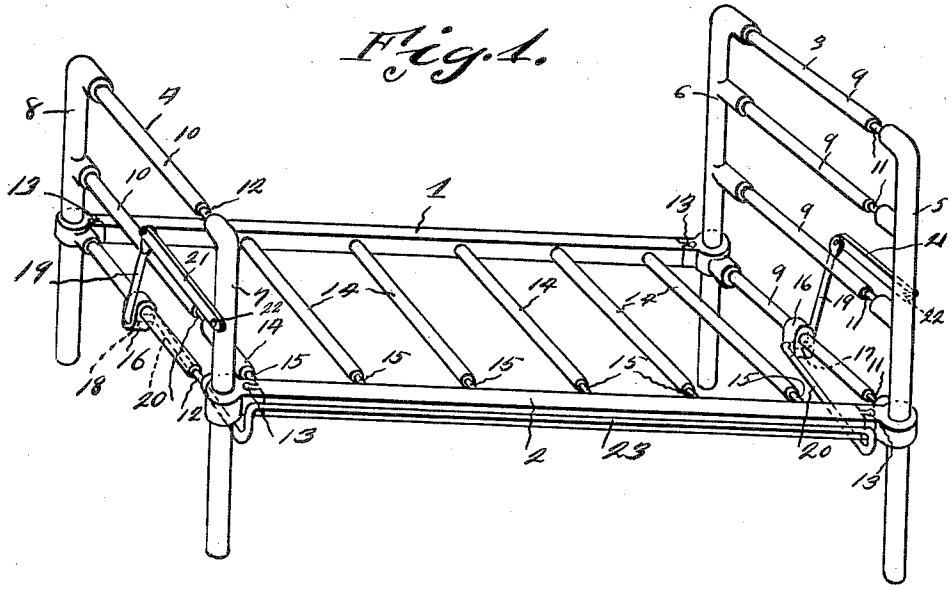
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Fig. 1.



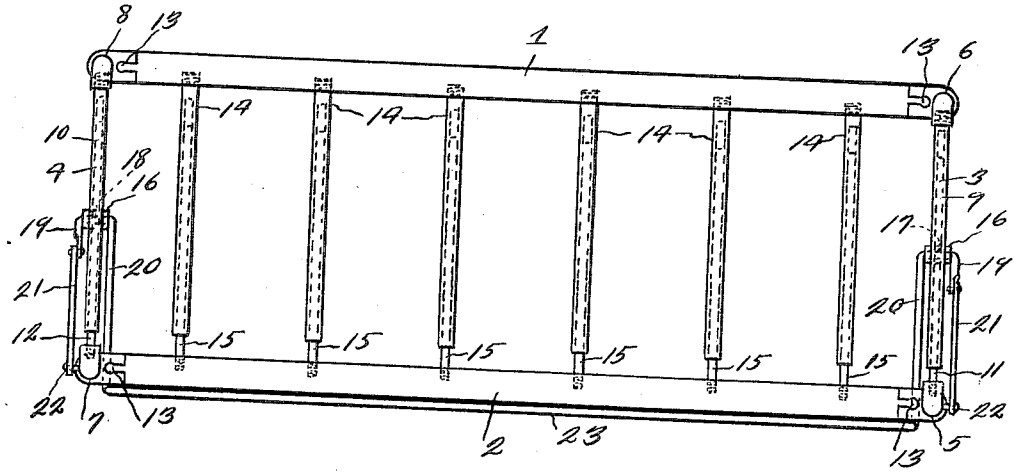


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WASHINGTON L. DURDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Monroe, State of Alabama, have invented a new and useful Extensible Sectional Bedstead; 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 an improved extensible sectional bedstead, and one of the objects of the invention is the provision of bed-stead, in which the sections are extensible, and means provided for extending the sections laterally, in order to alter the width of the bedstead.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts as hereinafter set forth shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the improved bedstead constructed in accordance with the invention, and

Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Referring more especially to the drawings 1 and 2 designate the side rails of the bedstead, and 3 and 4 the head and foot boards, which comprise respectively the corner posts 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. The corner posts 6 and 8 are provided with tubular rods 9 and 10 while the posts 5 and 7 have rods 11 and 12, which telescope the tubular rods 9 and 10, so that the corner posts 5 and 7 may be adjusted. In other words the head and foot boards may be made wide or narrow, by extending the rods 11. The side rails 1 and 2 are connected to the corner posts detachably in the usual manner, as shown at 13. The side rail 1 is provided with tubular rods 14, which extend transversely, and the side rail 2 is provided with rods 15 adapted to telescope the tubular rods 14, so that the side rails 1 and 2 may be adjusted toward and from each other, when it is desired to widen or reduce the width of the bedstead. Mounted in bearing members 16, which are carried by the lower tubular rods 9 and 10 of the corner posts 6 and 8 are crank members 17 and 18, each of which have right angle extending arms 19 and 20. The arms 19 extend upwardly, and by means of the links 21 the upper ends of the arms 19 are connected to the corner posts 5 and 7. Said links are pivotally connected to the corner posts 5 and 7 as at 22. The arms 20 of the cranks, when the bedstead parts are in their adjustable positions as shown in Fig. 1, extend laterally, and their lateral ends are integrally connected by means of the rod 23. It is to be noted that when it is desired to widen the bedstead, the arms 20 are moved downwardly, by applying pressure upon the rod 23, substantially at its central portion, so as to move the arms downwardly uniformly. When the arms 20 are thus moved, the arms 19 are oscillated laterally, and through the medium of the links 21, the side rail 2 and the corner posts 5 and 7 are moved laterally. A reverse movement of the arms 20 will act to reduce the width of the bed, the tubular rods 14 and the rods 15 may support either a bed spring or a mattress, as may be desired.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. In a bedstead, the combination with a pair of bedstead sections, each comprising side rails and corner posts, one at each corner of the bedstead, said corner posts having telescopical tubular united members, thereby forming head and foot boards respectively, said side rails having tubular members telescopically united, of a pair of cranks, one rockably mounted in a bearing on one of the tubular members of each of the head or footboards, each crank having an arm, links connecting said arms with corresponding corner posts of the bedstead, and a U-shaped rod having its arms connected to the cranks axially for rocking them, for extending or retracting the bedstead sections.

2. In combination, a pair of elongated bedstead sections having transverse telescopical tubular connection, said sections having head and foot boards, cranks mounted in the lower rails of the head and foot boards, said cranks having crank arms, links connecting the crank arms and the corner posts of one of the bedstead sections, said cranks being axially arranged, and a U-shaped rod lever having its arms inte-

grally connected to said cranks, whereby, upon moving the U-shaped rod lever downwardly, the cranks are rocked axially simultaneously, and one of the bedstead sections is extended.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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