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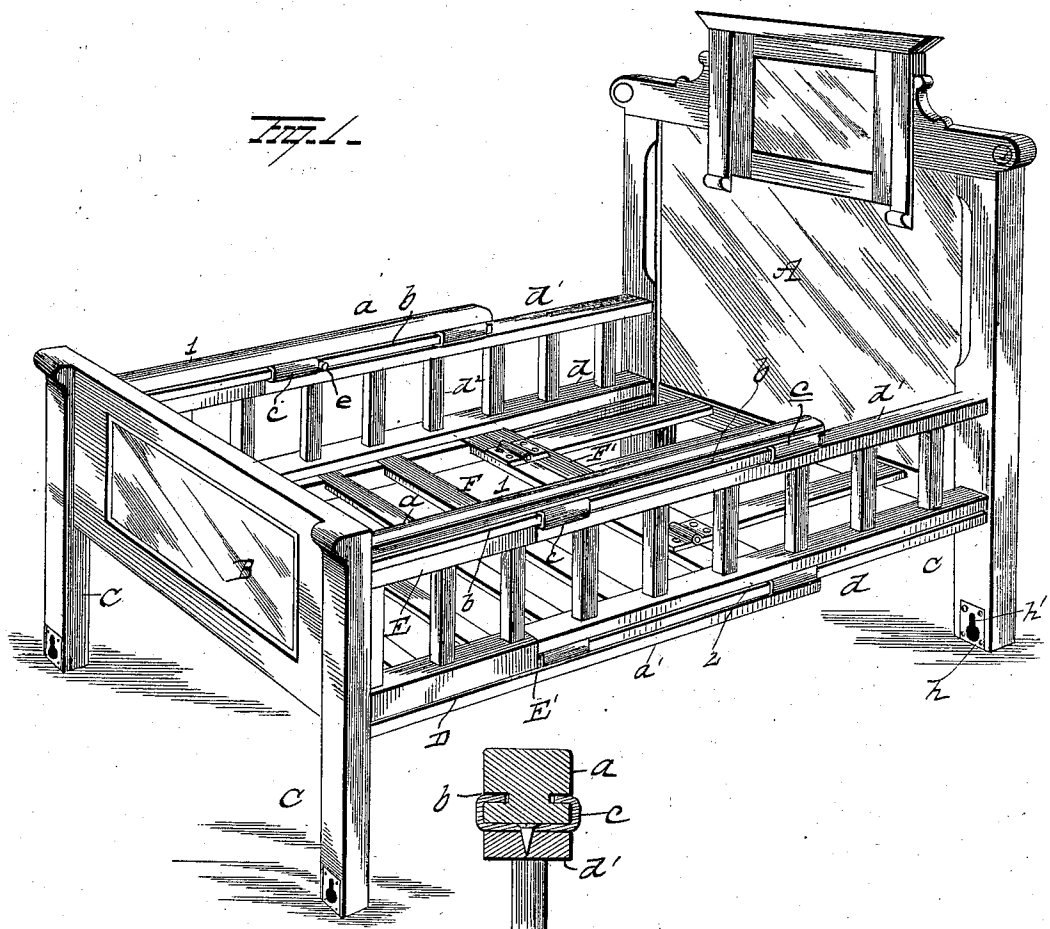
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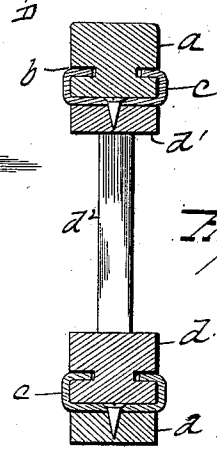


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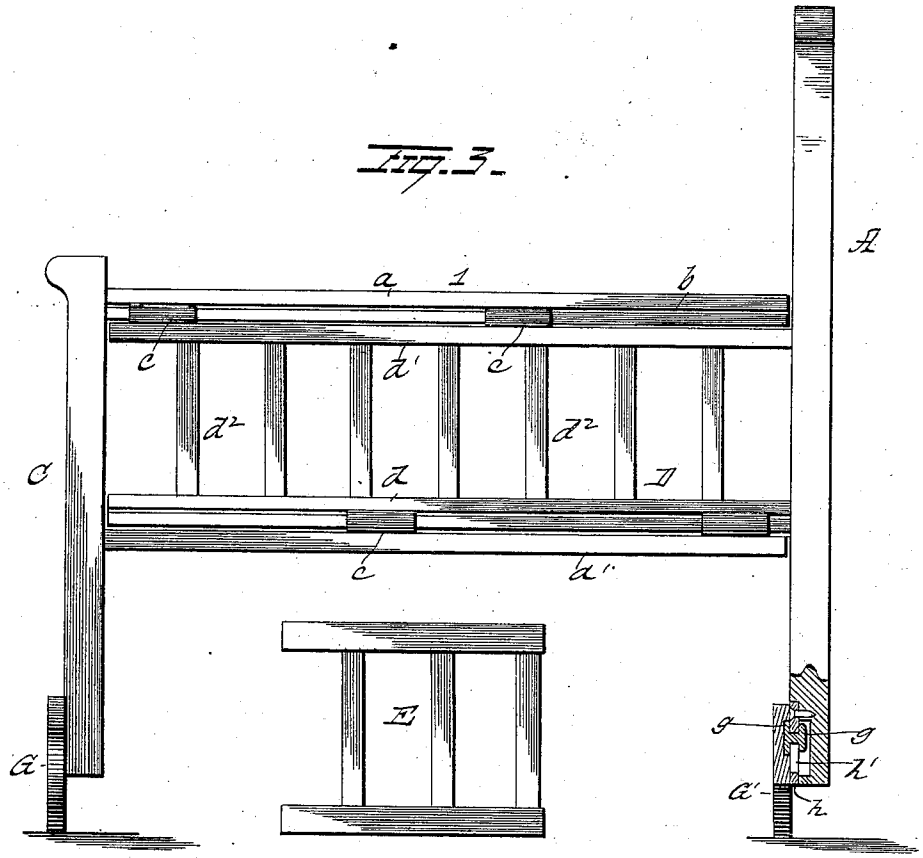
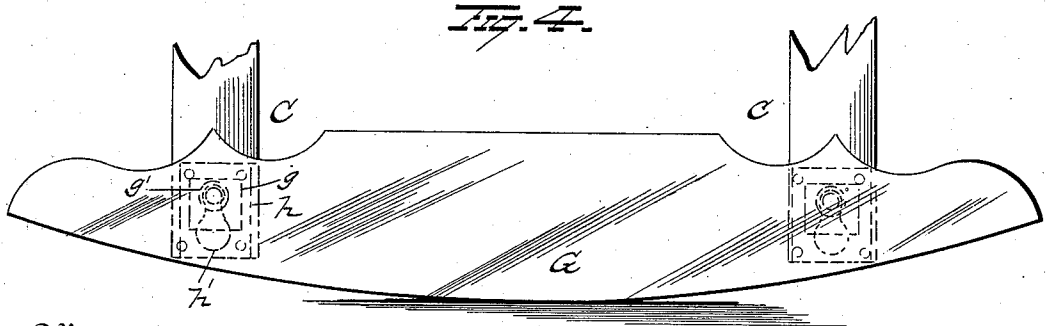


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS C. H. MILLER, of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Convertible Bedsteads; 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in convertible bedsteads.

The object is to provide an inexpensive bedstead of simple construction, which may be quickly lengthened or shortened, or transformed into a cradle.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved bed. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the guide and guide-rails. Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation of the bedstead, showing the rockers attached thereto, the rockers being in section; and Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of one of the rockers, showing in dotted lines the devices for removably securing it to the legs.

A represents the head-board, and B the foot-board of the bedstead, each constructed in any approved manner and supported on legs C. Connecting the head and foot boards are the sides D, constructed in the form of interlocking longitudinally-sliding sections. Section 1 of these consists of a pair of parallel bars, *a a'*, the former having a groove, *b*, in both of its sides, and the latter being plane, and provided on its upper face with one or more guides, *c*, adapted to engage with the grooves *b*. Section 2 consists also of a pair of parallel bars, *d d'*, formed substantially similar to the bars *a a'*, but located in converse order between the bars *a a'*—in other words, in such a manner that the bar *a'* is immediately adjacent to bar *d*, the guides *c* rigidly secured on the upper face of the latter, having upwardly and inwardly extended flanges adapted to enter the grooves *b*, and the bars *a* and *d'* being adjacent to each other, the guides *c* in this case being located on the bar *d'* with its flanges in sliding relation with the grooves *b* in the bar *a*. Between the bars *d d'* cross-pieces d^2 are secured.

It is evident that other means might be resorted to for permitting the sides to slide. For example, an ordinary dovetail joint would accomplish the same result. Pins or lugs *e* in the sides prevent the bedstead from being lengthened too far, and the removable sections E, consisting of the parallel bars and cross-pieces, are adapted to be placed in the open spaces E' formed in the sides when the bedstead is lengthened to its utmost. If desirable, these removable sections might also be extensible, so as to fill the spaces E', whatever their size.

The bottom of the bedstead consists of ordinary slats, which form the entire bottom when the bedstead is compressed or arranged for use as a cradle, and to fill the space F', which would remain in the bottom when extended its full length, the slatted section F is hinged to the bottom. This section is simply folded over onto the bottom when compressed as a cradle.

G G' represent removable rockers provided at suitable distances apart with plates *g*, having an outwardly-projecting lug, *g'*, the head of which is slightly enlarged. At or near the lower end of each leg a plate, *h*, is secured, having a slot, *h'*, the lower end of which is sufficiently large to receive the head of lug *g'*, and the upper end restricted to a size narrower than the head of the lug, so that when the lug is slid into this restricted portion of the slot it is secured therein against lateral displacement, the only means for removing the rocker being by raising the bedstead and removing the rocker until the lugs *g'* have slid into the enlarged ends of the slots, from which they may then be removed laterally.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention; hence I do not wish to limit myself to the particular construction herein set forth, but,

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

1. The combination, with a head and foot board, and sides secured to one of said boards, of side rails secured to the other board and loosely connected to the sides, and the remov-

able side sections adapted to be placed between the side rails on each side when the bedstead is extended.

2. The combination, with a head and foot board, and sides secured to one of said boards, of side rails secured to the other board and loosely connected to the sides, the removable side sections adapted to be placed between the side rails on each side when the bedstead is extended, and the sectional bottom, substantially as set forth.

3. In a bedstead, the combination, with a head and foot board, of the extensible sides connecting the head and foot boards, said sides consisting of plane and grooved parallel bars, the former having clamp-guides secured thereon for sliding engagement with the grooves, and the removable side sections adapted to be placed between the parallel bars of the extensible sides, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with head and foot boards secured to legs, sides secured to one of said boards, side rails secured to the other board and loosely connected to the sides, and the removable side sections adapted to be placed between the side rails when the bedstead is extended, of the rockers removably secured to the legs, substantially as set forth.

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

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