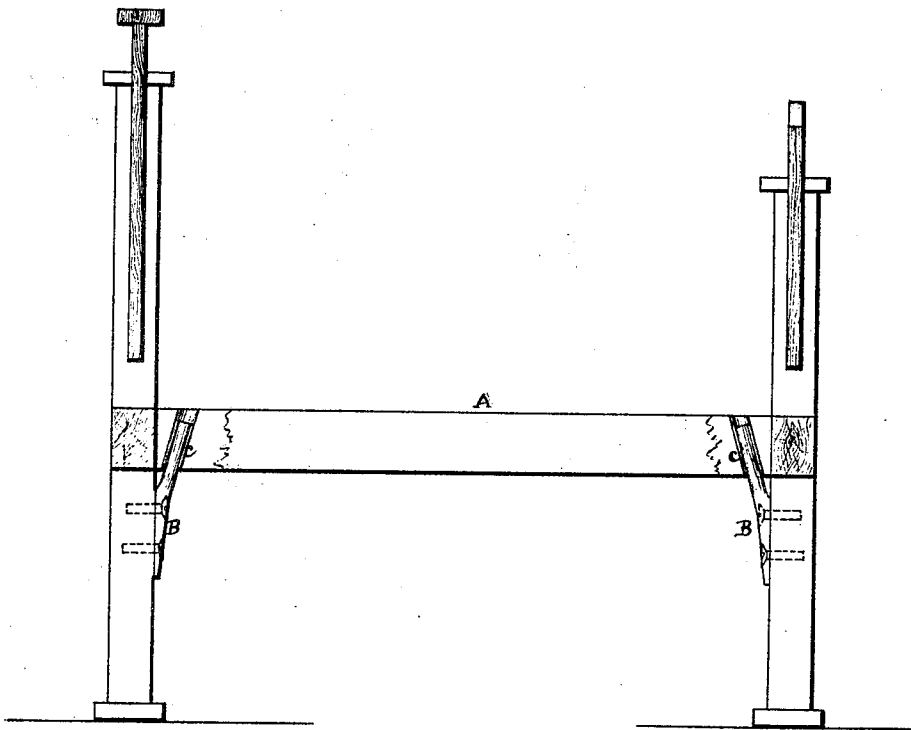


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SCHEPLER, of Lambertville, in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon which form a part of this specification, in which the drawing annexed is a side view of my bedstead.

The nature of my invention consists in a device for fastening the side rails of a bedstead to the post in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

In the construction of my bedstead the end rails are tenoned into the post so as to render the posts and rails inseparable.

The side rails A are cut off square at their ends, and the ends made smooth so as to fit tightly against the posts when the rails are in a horizontal position.

The rails A have a hole made in their lower side and near each end, the said holes being inclined at a slight angle outward.

B represents a metal plate, which is screwed firmly to the inner side of each post.

The plate B terminates in a cylindrical neck, C,

which inclines outward precisely at the same angle with the holes in the rails.

In preparing the bedstead for use, the end rails being permanently fastened to the posts, nothing remains to be done but to place each end of the side rails A against its respective post, press it down until the neck O enters the hole made for its reception and the end of the rail comes in contact with the surface of the post. This simple process being accomplished, the bed-posts will be firmly bound together.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The plates B B, secured at their lower ends to the bed-posts, and their upper portion inclining outward therefrom, in combination with inclined receptacles in the side pieces, so arranged that pressure or weight upon the bed will securely wedge the ends of the side pieces against the posts, substantially in the manner set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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