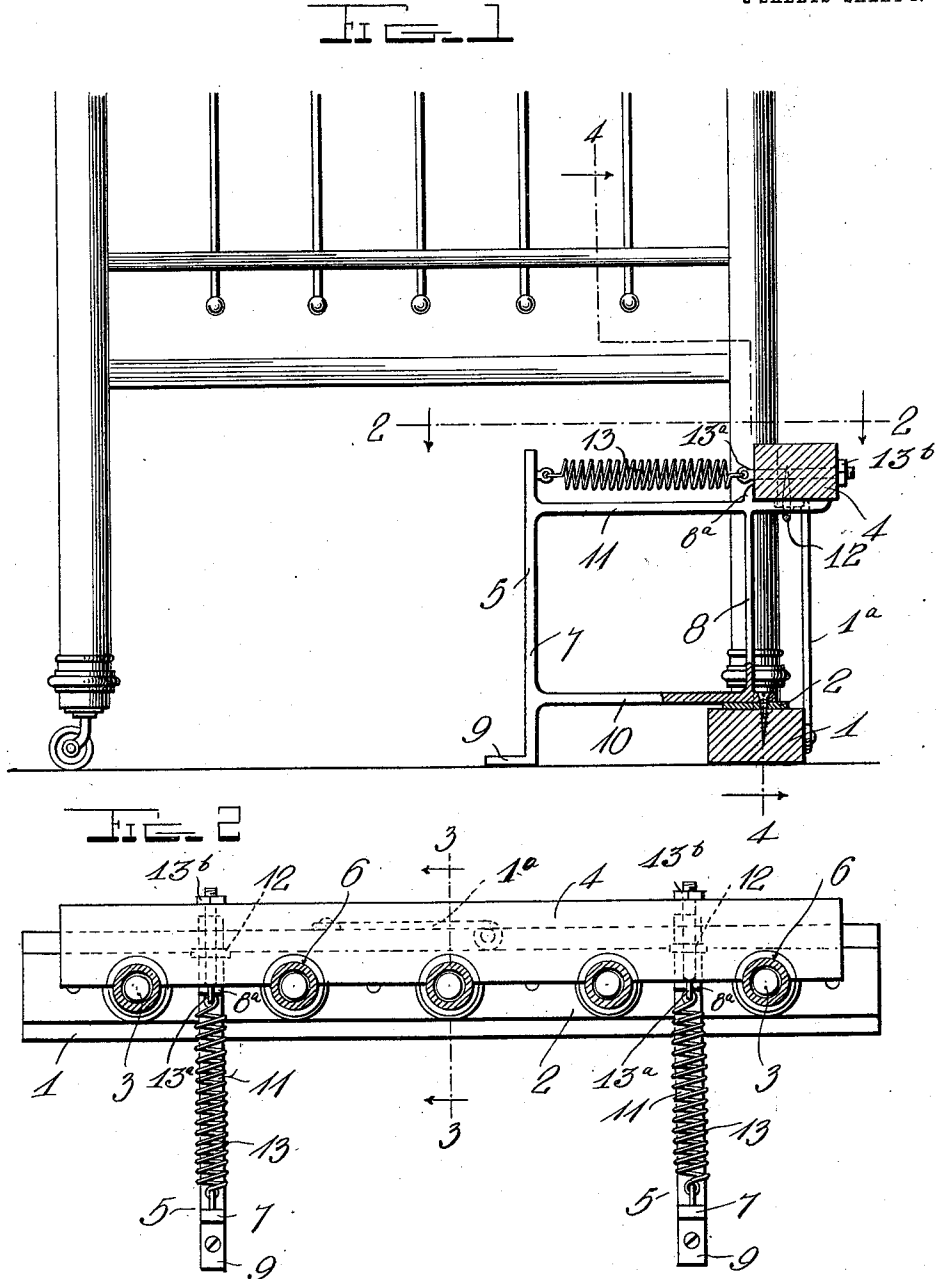


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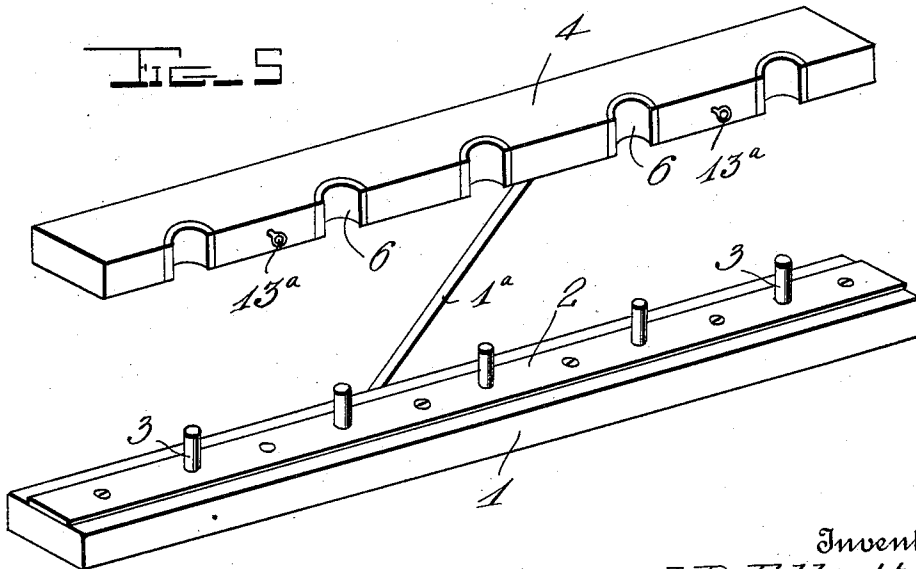
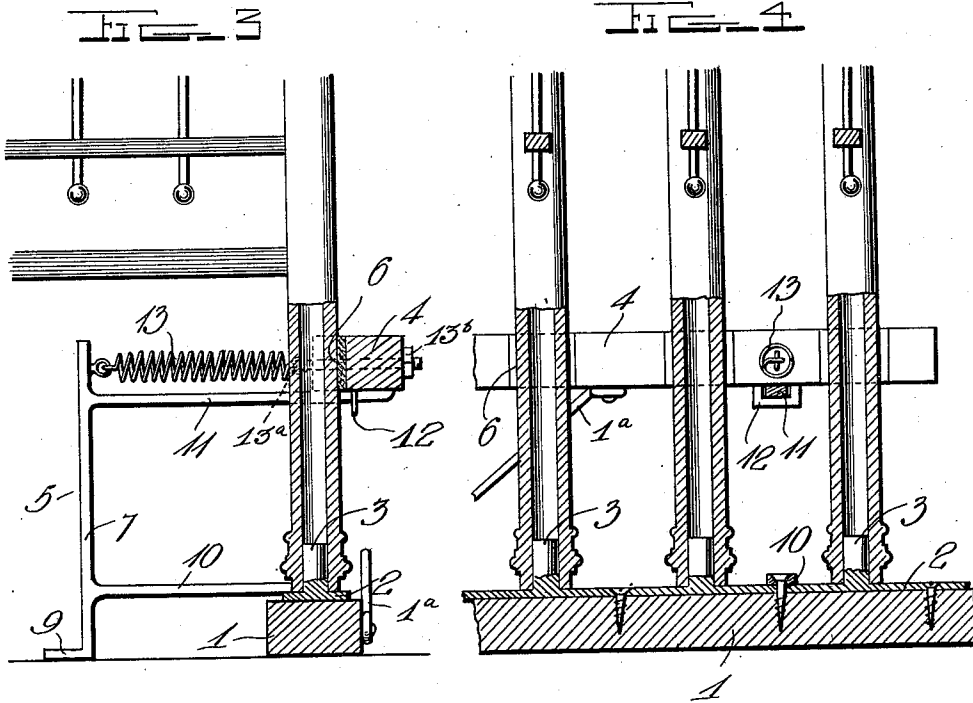
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN P. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charlotte, county of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, and THOMAS L. CARTER, citizen of the United States, residing at Greenville, in the county of Greenville and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead-Display Racks; and we do 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 improvements in stands or racks for displaying furniture, and especially for displaying metal or wooden bedsteads.

The object of the invention is to economize space in stores where beds are displayed for sale, and to provide means for exhibiting the goods in an attractive form in comparatively small space and for convenience in handling them.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is an end elevation partly in section of this improved display rack with a bedstead arranged in operative position therein; Fig. 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a detail transverse section on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the upper and lower post-engaging members arranged in juxtaposition ready for engagement with the supporting frames.

In the embodiment illustrated, a bedstead display rack is shown comprising a base-beam 1, of any desired length, and preferably constructed of wood, with an iron strip 2 secured to its upper face and provided with a plurality of longitudinally spaced upwardly projecting pegs or pins 3. These pins are preferably spaced from 3 to 8 inches, more or less, from each other, and are designed to engage the caster sockets in one leg of the head or foot boards of the bedsteads to be exhibited, whereby said boards

are pivotally connected with the rack. The caster on the other leg of each board remains in position to provide for the easy swinging of the board at a desired angle.

Spaced vertically above the base-beam 1, which preferably rests on the floor, and connected therewith by a diagonal brace 1^a is an upper leg-engaging member 4, which is slidably mounted on a plurality of upright supporting frames 5, any desired number of which may be employed, according to the length of the bar to be supported. This bar 4 is provided in one side edge thereof with a plurality of longitudinally spaced recesses as 6, which are spaced the same distance apart as the pins 3 on the member 1, to provide for the alinement of said notches or recesses with said pins when the bars are arranged in operative position. These recesses or notches 6 are preferably rounded, as shown, and lined with felt or any other suitable material to permit the metal legs of the bedstead to be turned therein without scratching, or otherwise injuring them but they may be square for wooden bedsteads.

The supporting frames 5 are preferably constructed, as shown, of two laterally spaced uprights 7 and 8, one of which is longer than the other, and is provided at its lower end with a foot 9 apertured to receive a fastening screw for securing it to the floor. These uprights 7 and 8 are connected by cross-bars 10 and 11, spaced any desired distance and the rear ends of which extend beyond the upright 8, and the free end of the lower bar 10 is apertured to receive a fastening screw for connecting it to the lower leg-engaging member 1. The projecting free end of the upper cross-bar 11 is designed to support the lower face of the bar 4 the forward movement of said bar 4 being limited by a lug 8^a. A coiled spring 13 is connected at one end to the upright 7 and at its other end to the bar 4, preferably by means of an eyebolt 13^a which extends through the bar 4 and is provided at its free end with a nut 13^b, said spring being designed to hold said bar 4 closely in engagement with the legs or posts of the bedsteads to be displayed.

In the operation of this improved rack the bedsteads to be displayed are arranged in succession and pivotally connected with the rack by removing one caster and engaging the caster socket of the post with one of the pins 3 on the lower member 1 of said rack,

the corresponding notch 6 in the upper bar 4 being engaged with the leg or post at a point above its pivotal connection, and held firmly in engagement with said post by the
5 spring 13, whereby said bedstead is supported in upright position, and it may be swung laterally at any desired angle to exhibit it to a purchaser.

From the foregoing description, taken in
10 connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion
15 and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described our invention what 20 we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A bedstead display rack comprising a pair of vertically spaced parallel bars, upright
frames secured to said lower bar and slid- 25 ably engaged with said upper bar and a coiled spring connected at one end with said frame and at its other end with said upper bar to hold said bar in yieldable engagement with a bedstead to be exhibited. 30

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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