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BED FASTENING.

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FIG. 4.

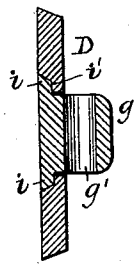


FIG. 1.

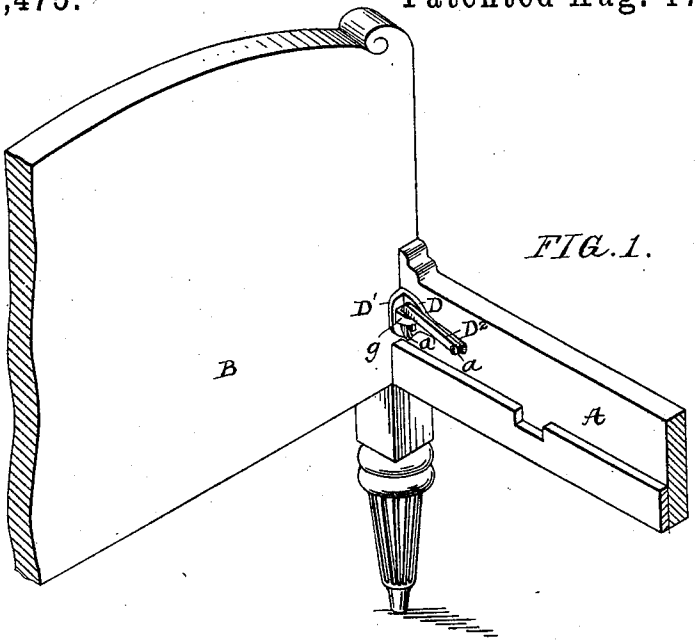


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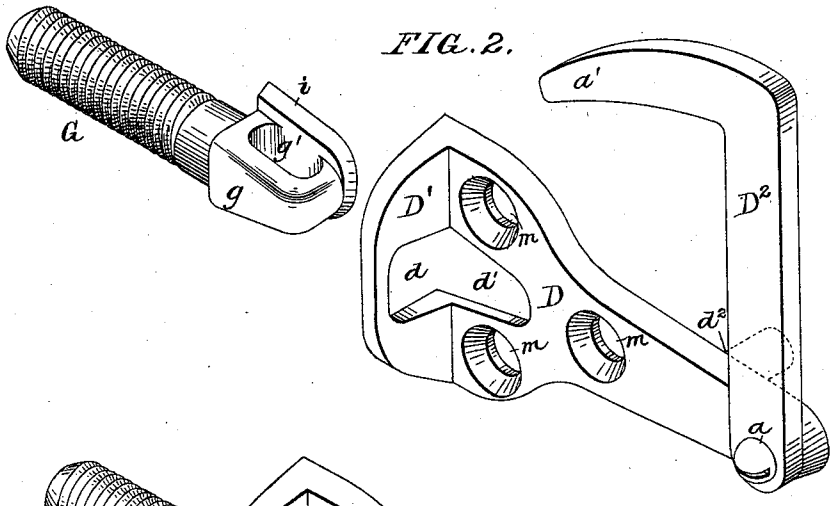
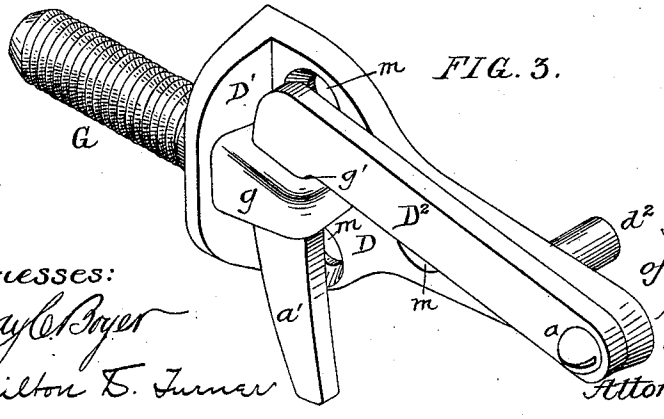


FIG. 3.



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BED-FASTENING.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 588,475, dated August 17, 1897.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that SAMUEL B. REGESTER, a citizen of the United States, formerly residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but now deceased, did during his lifetime invent certain Improvements in Bed-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of an improved form of bedstead-fastening whereby the side rails are firmly secured to the head and foot boards, but which can be easily detached.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of sufficient of a bed to illustrate the invention, the fastening being shown in position to lock the parts together. Fig. 2 is a perspective view on a larger scale, showing the parts of the fastening detached from the bedstead. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the fastening, showing the parts in engagement with each other; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the fastening.

This improved fastening is in the form of a latch carried by a plate secured to the side rail of a bed, the latch being adapted to engage an eyebolt secured to the foot or head board of the bed. These fastenings, as will be readily understood, are used at the four corners of the bed, and a description of one will be sufficient.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the ordinary side rail of a bedstead, and B the foot-board. Secured to the side rail A is a plate D, having a laterally-projecting end D′, which is provided with an opening d, joining a tapered opening d', formed in the plate D, as shown in Fig. 2. Secured to the foot-board B is a bolt G, having a projecting head g, in which is formed an eye g'. When the parts of the bed are placed in position to be secured together, the head g of the bolt G passes through the opening d' of the plate D and enters the opening d of the same, the head g of the bolt being tapered in the same manner as said opening d, so that it serves to bring the side rail and foot or head board into proper relation to each other, lateral alinement being preserved by engagement of ribs or flanges i on the head of the bolt with recesses i', formed in the rear face of the plate D above and below the opening d. To secure the parts against disengagement, the latch D^2 is provided, which is pivoted to the plate D at a, the hooked end a' of the latch entering the eye g' of the bolt and securely locking the parts together.

The plate D is preferably secured to the side rails of the bed by screws adapted to openings m, and as an additional means of supporting the same against downward strain the lug d^2 is provided, which is adapted to enter an opening formed in the side rail A.

The plate D of the fastening provides a broad bearing against both the side rail and the head or foot board, and the strain upon the latch, such as would be caused by the separation of the parts, is resisted by contact of metal with metal in every direction.

This improved fastening is extremely simple, effective, and easily operated, and although it is described and claimed as a bedstead-fastener it is obvious that it may be used for a number of purposes, such as securing in position the parts of knockdown boxes or other knockdown structures.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bedstead-fastener consisting of a plate having a lateral flange at one end with opening in said flange, a bolt having a head with eye therein, said head adapted to pass through the opening in the flange of the plate and a latch pivoted to the plate and adapted to engage with the projecting portion of the bolt, substantially as specified.

2. A bedstead-fastener consisting of a plate having a laterally-projecting flange with lateral opening therein in communication with a longitudinal opening in the body of the plate, said body having recesses in its rear

face above and below the opening, a bolt having a head with opening therein, and top and bottom flanges at each edge adapted to engage with the recesses in the body of the plate when the bolt-head is inserted into the opening in said body, and a retainer adapted to engage with the bolt-head when the same is thus inserted, substantially as specified.

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

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