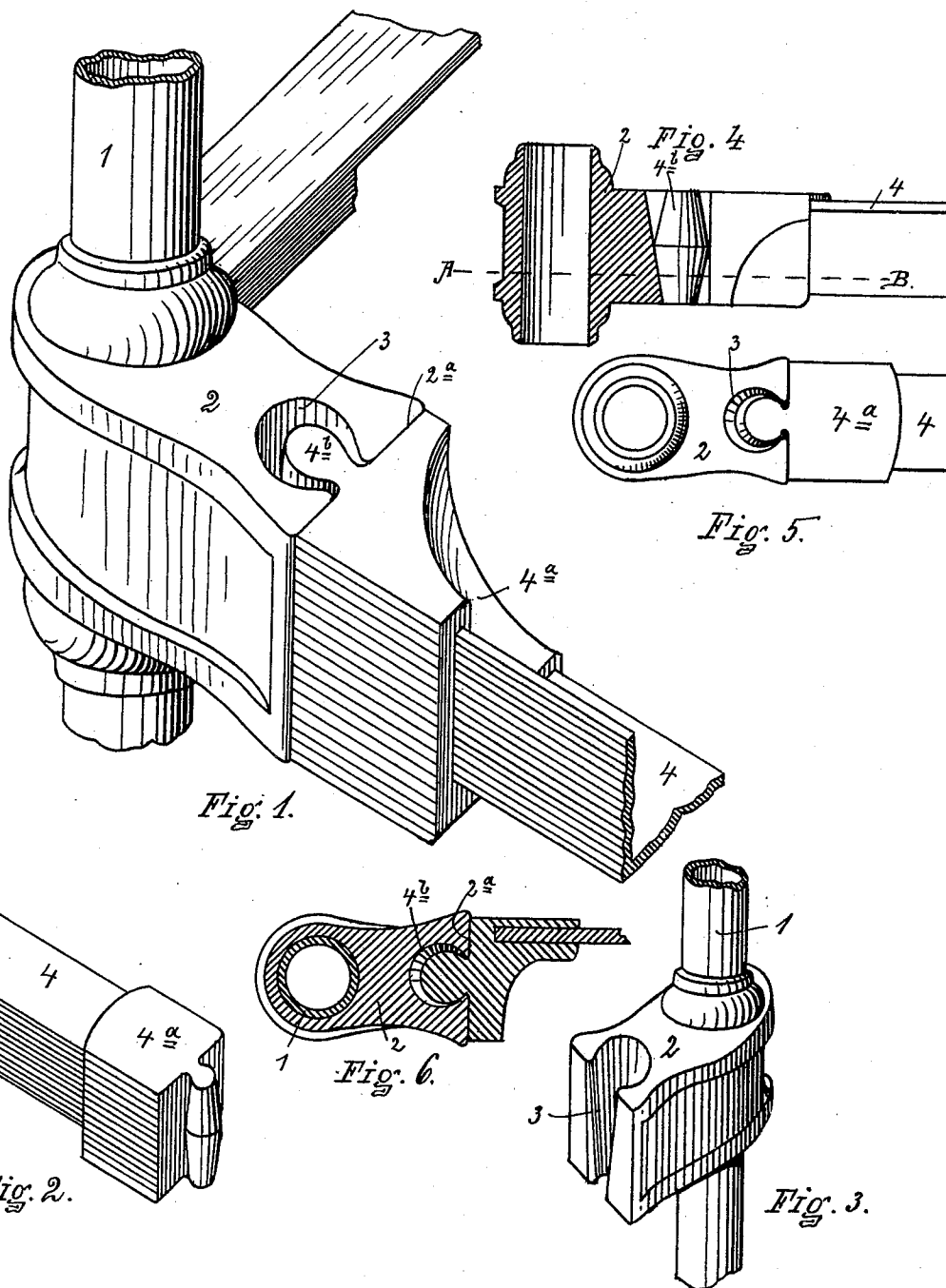


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORTIMER G. MERRITT, of Rome, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Bedstead-Corner Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and
10 use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the numerals of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of a corner of a bedstead having my improvements in rail-fastening device. Fig. 2 shows in perspective on a larger
15 scale an end view of the side rail. Fig. 3 shows a perspective view of a portion of a bedstead-post in connection with the socket-fastener on the post. Fig. 4 shows a vertical
20 section of the socket-fastener in connection with a portion of the end of the side rail. Fig. 5 shows a plan view of the fastener and
25 end of the side rail. Fig. 6 shows section on line A B of Fig. 4.

Referring to the reference-figures in a more particular description of the device, 1 indicates the bedstead-post, which has secured
30 thereon the socket-fastener 2. The fastener 2 is provided with a substantially square end, as shown at 2^a, and a dovetailed socket 3. The side rail 4 is provided with a fastener 4^a,
35 secured on the end of the rail and having a substantially square end 4^b, adapted to abut on the square end of the piece 2, except for the double-headed or double-cone-shaped pro-

jection 4^b. The size and shape of the projection 4^b are such as to adapt it to enter the dovetailed socket 3 and to bind in the socket,
40 as shown in Fig. 6, in such position as to support the rail in substantially the same horizontal plane with the post socket-piece 2. By making the dovetailed projection 4^b double-ended or double-cone shaped, as shown, the
45 rail 4 can be reversed, so as to bring it either side up and with the webs of the angle-rail in or out. It will be understood that the side rails 4 are provided with similar fasteners 4^a on each end, and the reversing may be accom-
50 plished by changing the rail end for end or by simply turning it over as desired.

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

1. In a bed a post socket-piece having a
55 socket and a rail having a double-cone-shaped projection adapted to engage in the socket, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination in a bed of a post socket-piece having a dovetailed socket and
60 a reversible-angle side rail having a double-ended cone-shaped projection adapted to be received either side up in the socket, substantially as set forth.

3. A rail having a headed projection ta-
65 pered in opposite directions from its middle and a bedstead having sockets to receive the headed projection.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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