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Bedstead-Fastener.

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Fig: 1.

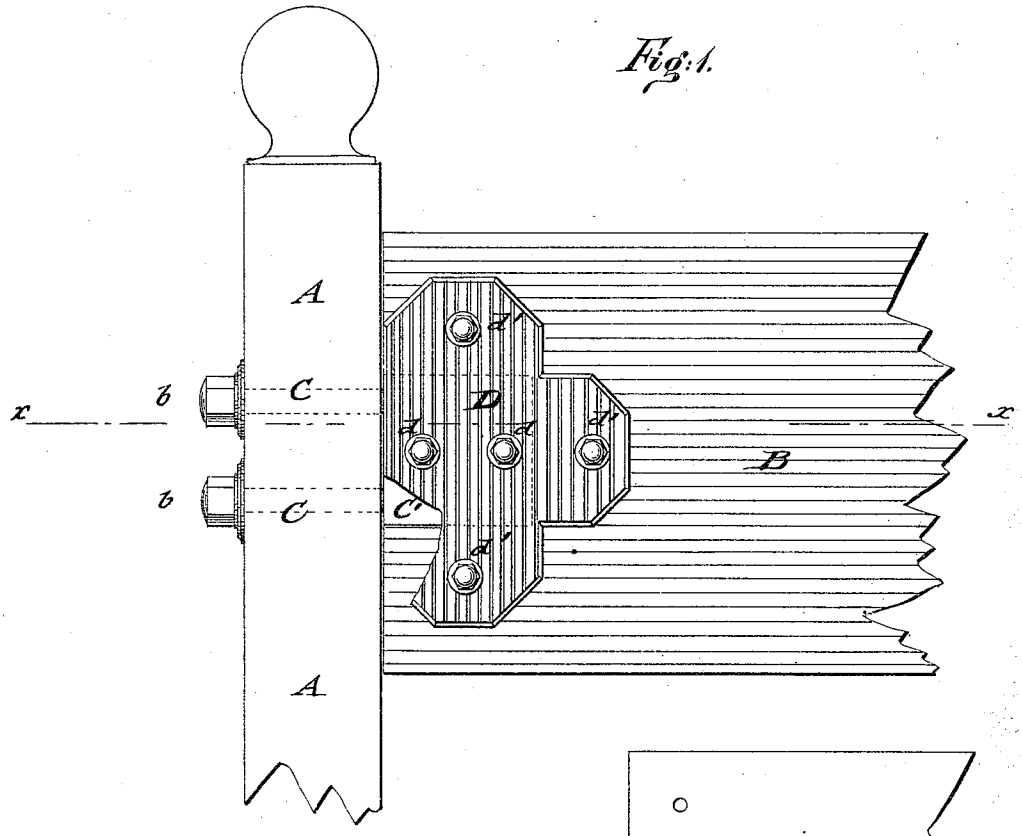



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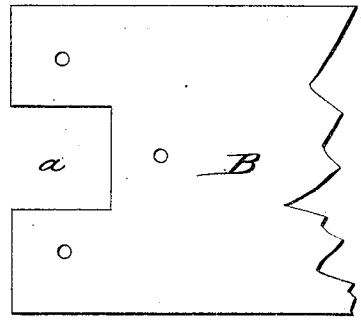
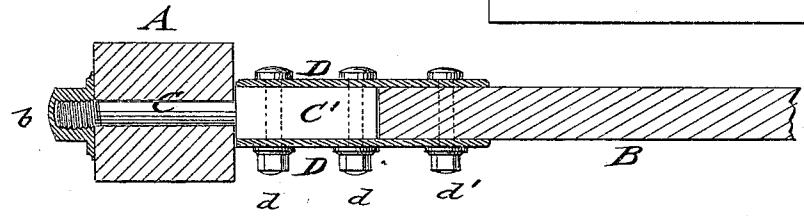



Fig: 2.




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## IMPROVEMENT IN BEDSTEAD-FASTENERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **217,802**, dated July 22, 1879; application filed May 19, 1879.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORITZ KRICKL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved bedstead-fastener, shown as applied for use. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same on line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a detail side view of the rail, showing the recess for connecting the fastener thereto.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish for bedsteads which are either made entirely of wood, or partly of wood and partly of metal, an improved fastener for the rails and posts, by which not only a more rigid and steady connection or locking of the parts is obtained, but at the same time a striking ornamental feature added to the appearance of the bedstead.

The invention consists of a square solid socket-piece, into which one or more bolts are secured by casting or otherwise.

The socket-piece is set into a corresponding end recess of the rail, and rigidly attached thereto by enlarged plates and cross-bolts that pass, respectively, through the socket-piece and the rail. The locking-bolts of the socket-piece are passed through holes of the posts and secured by nuts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a post, and B a side rail, of the bedstead. These parts are connected by one or more fastening or locking bolts, C, which are cast into or otherwise secured to a socket-piece, C′, of square or other shape.

The socket-piece C′ is of the same thickness as the rail, so as to be flush therewith at both sides, and set into an end recess, *a*, of the same that is of corresponding shape and size as the socket-piece.

The bolts C pass through holes of the post A, and are secured thereto by screw-caps *b*.

In case one fastening-bolt only is used, the socket-piece is provided at each side of the bolt with a projecting stud that enters into a socket-hole of the post, so as to produce thereby a rigid and steady connection between post and rail.

The socket-piece C′ is secured to the rail by means of outer and inner plates D, which are larger than the socket-piece, and are attached to the socket-piece by one or more cross-bolts and nuts, *d*, and to the rail by means of cross-bolts *d′*.

The outer face-plate D may be made of any desired ornamental shape that is in keeping with the character of the bedstead, so that in this manner, besides the perfectly-rigid connection of the parts, a neat and ornamental attachment is obtained.

Instead of hiding the fasteners, as has been the case heretofore, the same are intended to form a prominent and characteristic ornament to the bedstead.

The facility by which the parts are connected or detached and the rigidity of their connection form, however, practical features of considerable value.

I am aware that the rails and posts of bedsteads have been connected by screw-bolts heretofore, and I therefore do not claim such a connection broadly; but as hitherto the essential point of all bedstead-fasteners has been to make them as cheap as possible and place the same out of sight, it is my intention, in contradistinction thereto, to make the fastener a prominent feature of the bedstead, and applicable for a more expensive class of bedsteads.

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

1. The combination of a bedstead-rail having a recess at its end cut through the entire thickness of the rail, with a solid socket-piece fitting into the recess, and with exterior plates that are extended beyond the socket-piece and attached to the same and the rail, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the bedstead-rail having a square end recess, with a bolt socket-piece that fits into the recess flush with the rail, and with outer fastening-plates that are

extended beyond the socket-piece and attached to the same and the rail, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. The combination of a bedstead-rail having a recess at its end, of a solid socket-piece that is secured into the recess by enlarged exterior plates and cross-bolts, and of connecting-bolts which are set rigidly into the socket-piece, passed through bolt-holes of the bed-post, and secured by exterior screw-caps at the opposite side of the post, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two witnesses this 16th day of May, 1879.

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