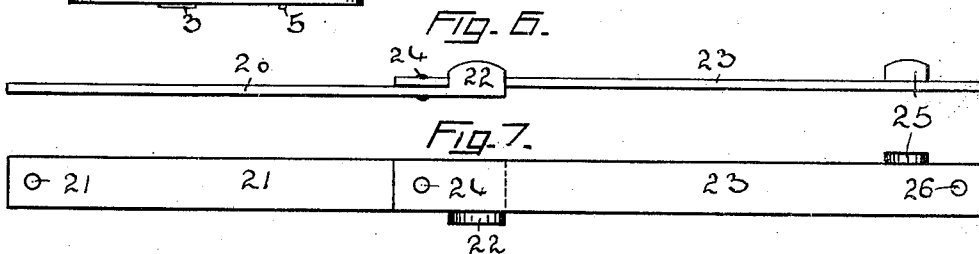
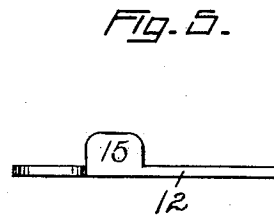
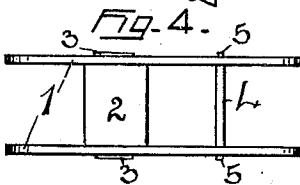
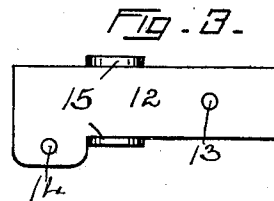
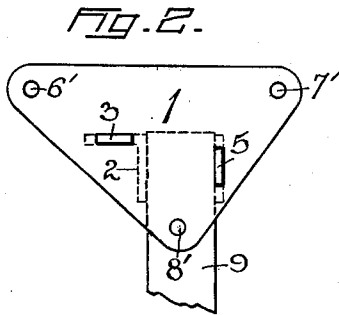
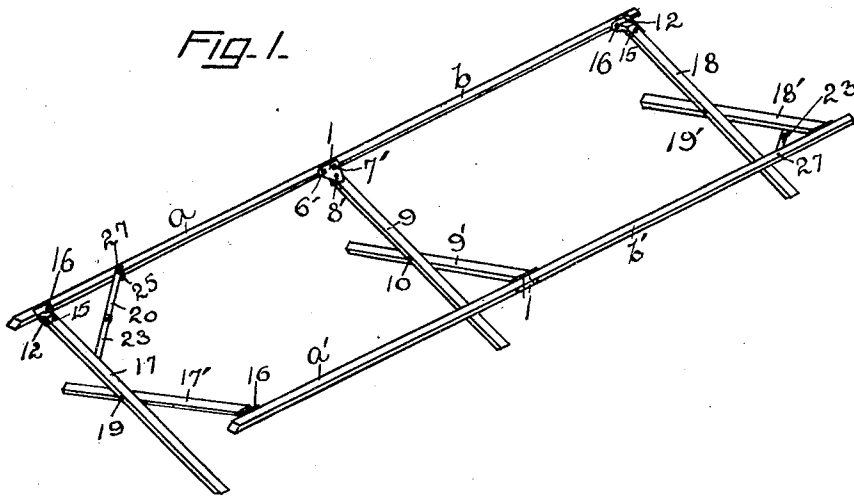


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY R. WYKERT, residing at 817 South Nineteenth street, Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Camp-Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and novel improvement in camp-bedsteads.

The aim of my invention is to provide a camp-bedstead which may be folded so as to form a neat and compact bundle and be so constructed that when opened the bed will be comparatively firm and rigid, and my invention embodies certain other novel features, as will be described more fully hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown in Figure 1 a perspective view of a camp-bed embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows a side view of one of the central joints. Fig. 3 discloses an end view of one of the terminal unions or joints. Fig. 4 shows a top view of one of the central joints or unions. Fig. 5 shows a side elevation of one of the terminal unions. Fig. 6 discloses an edge view of one of the toggles used in my invention, while Fig. 7 shows a side view of one of the toggles as employed in my device.

In carrying out the aim of my invention I construct a frame comprising the members *a*, *b*, *a'*, and *b'*. The members *a* and *b* *a'* and *b'* are each united by a center union. This union is of a special construction and is composed of two flat preferably sheet-steel members 1. These members are united by a perch 2, preferably of sheet-steel, and bent at right angles, as is disclosed in dotted lines in Fig. 2. A portion of this web, as is shown at 3, is made to project through a horizontal slot within these plates 1 and is upset or riveted so that the plates 1 are united by means of the horizontal portion of this perch 2. At a suitable point opposite the vertical portion of the perch 2 is a stop 4, having projecting portions 5, which are also riveted, so that these plates forming the central joint or union are securely united by means of the perch 2 and the vertical stop 4. As disclosed in Fig.

2, it will be noticed that the projecting portions 3 and 5 are not as wide as the perch or stop, so that shoulders are formed against and upon which these plates 1 rest. These plates 1 are each provided with the perforations 6, 7, and 8, which register so that the bed members *a*, *a'*, *b*, and *b'* may be secured by means of suitable rivets 6' 7', as shown in Fig. 1. By means of the rivets 6' the bar *a* is pivotally secured to the central joints, while a like rivet is used in securing the member *a'*. The rivet 7' pivotally receives the member *b* and a like rivet the member *b'*. Held between the vertical portion of the perch 2 and the stop 4 is a central leg 9, two such legs being used, opposite one being marked 9', which are secured approximately midway of their ends by means of the bolt 10. These central supporting-legs are fixed and form a permanent part of the central joints or unions and provide a sort of a cross-head from which the side members of the bed pivotally extend. To the end of each side bed member is secured a terminal union or joint comprising a plate 12, having the perforations 13 and 14 and the two upwardly-extending ears 15, as is shown in Figs. 3 and 5. By means of a suitable rivet 16, as shown in Fig. 1, these terminal unions or joints 12 are pivotally secured to the side bed members *a*, *a'*, *b*, and *b'* to pivotally support end legs 17, 17', 18, and 18', secured by means of the rivets 19 and 19'. The upper ends of the legs 17 and 17' 18 and 18' are held between the ears 15, as disclosed in Fig. 1. Suitable bolts are further used, which are made to pass through the terminal legs and through the opening 13 to properly secure the terminal legs to the terminal unions or joints. Upon each side are next used a set of toggle-bars, which are exactly alike in construction and comprise the member 20, (shown in Fig. 6), provided with the perforation 21 and the ear 22, to which is secured the remaining toggle member 23, secured by means of the rivet 24, this member 23 being provided with the upwardly-extending ear 25, this ear 25 being made to lie below and against the side bed member *a* and *b'*, as indicated in Fig. 1, while the ear 22 serves as a stop when the toggle-bars are brought into alinement. The bar 23 is provided with a perforation 26, through which passes a suitable bolt 27 by means of which the toggle-bars are secured to the side bed members *a* and *b'*, so that when the bed

is open, as is disclosed in Fig. 3, the toggle-bars will hold the terminal legs in transverse alinement with the side members of the bed.

In Fig. 1 the bed-frame is disclosed; but the canvas bed-bottom or other bed-bottom is not shown, as any suitable mattress may be secured to the bed-frame. These beds are made of different sizes and form a solid rigid structure in that the bed frames or members *a*, *b*, *a'*, and *b'* when brought into alinement are supported horizontally in resting upon the horizontal portion of the perch 2 as well as resting upon the upper end of the central leg, and in Fig. 2 is disclosed in dotted lines the smooth flat upper surface upon which the ends of the side bed members rest when the frame is open, as is disclosed in Fig. 1.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

A camp-bedstead comprising a frame composed of four side members, said members being united by a central union, said union comprising two flat perforated sheet-metal members, a perch preferably of sheet metal and bent at right angles to unite said members, a stop secured opposite to said perch so

arranged that said members form a central joint or union united by means of said perch and stop, central legs held adjacent said perch and said stop, said legs being firmly secured and forming a permanent part of said central joint or union aforesaid frame members extending from said joint or union, a terminal union or joint secured to the end of each side bed-frame member comprising a perforated plate having two upwardly-extending ears, said unions or joints being pivotally secured to said side bed members, end supporting-legs rigidly secured to said terminal unions, the upper ends of said legs being held between said last-mentioned ears, said legs being crossed and pivotally united in sets of twos, and a set of toggle-bars secured to each set of end supporting-legs at one end and secured to the adjacent side bar at the opposite end in the manner shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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