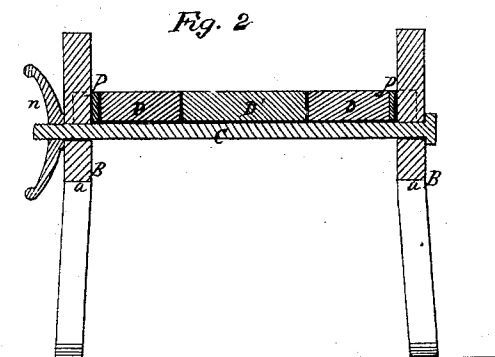
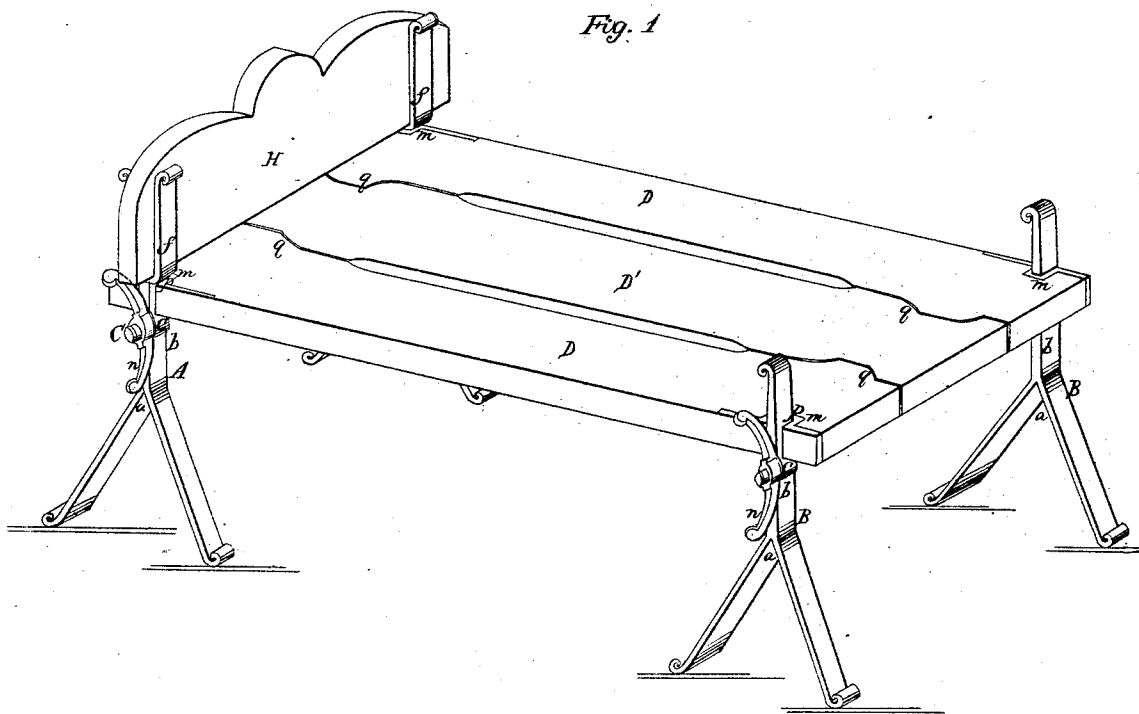


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## BEDSTEAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, W. B. JOHNS, of the United States Army, a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State  
5 of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing,  
10 forming part of this specification, in the several figures of which similar characters of reference denote the same part.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bedstead. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through  
15 the axis of the securing bolt.

The bedstead here considered is designed for the use of soldiers, being economical and simple in construction.

It consists of the following parts. Two  
20 head posts A A, two foot posts B B, two bolts C C, slats D D' and head-board H.

The posts are made of thin bar iron, running up to an angle at *a*, and welded together along the straight portion *b*, an enlargement *c* being formed for the passage of  
25 the bolt. The head posts have a branch *f*, at top for the reception of the head board.

The bolts C have lever nuts *n*, for permitting the application of sufficient power to  
30 thoroughly tighten the bedstead.

The outer slats D D have notches *m* cut in their outer edges, for the reception of the straight portion of the post. These notches are lined with metal *p* to prevent wear.

The inner edges of slats D are notched as  
35 shown at *q* or in any way substantially the same that will afford shoulders to receive projections on the middle slat or slats, and thus prevent the longitudinal movement of said slat or slats.  
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This bedstead is put together by passing bolts C through the eyes in the posts, placing the slats in position and then tightening the nuts against the posts. The head board is then slipped in the place prepared for its re-  
45 ception. This forms a bedstead perfectly stiff in every direction.

I claim—

The combination of slats, posts and screw bolts substantially as, and for the purposes  
50 set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name before two subscribing witnesses.

WM. B. JOHNS.

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