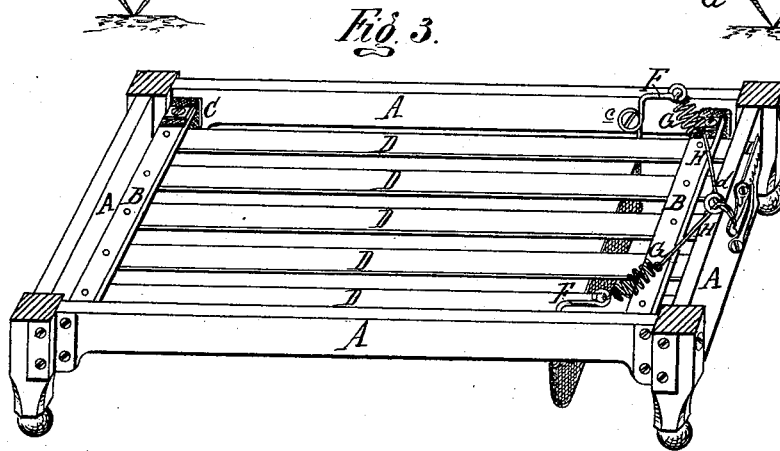
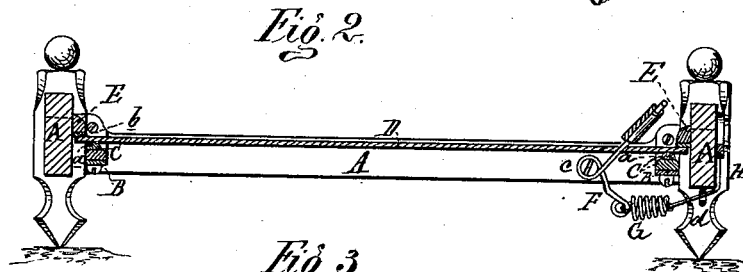
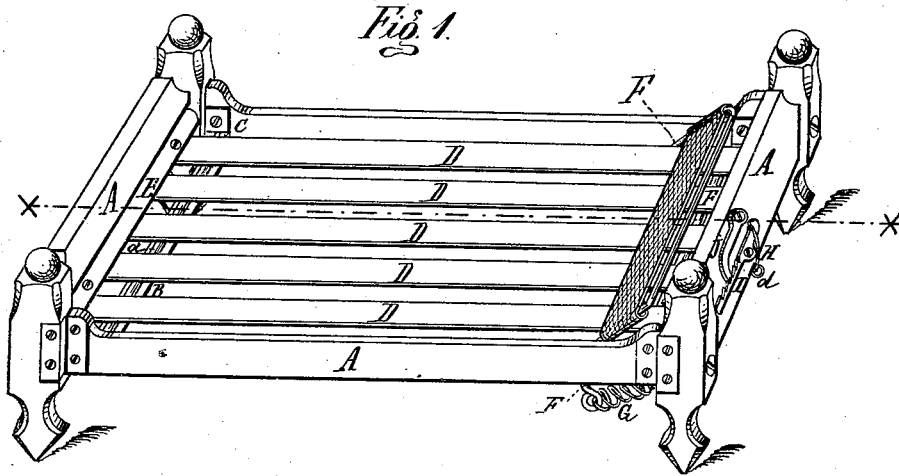


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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-BOTTOMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES L. DECKER, of Wayne, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Spring Bed-Bottoms, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to so construct a wood-slat bed-bottom as to render it easy and elastic and noiseless in operation or use; also, to enable the reversal of the slats when bowed or set from long use in one position.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, looking at the bed from the head and top. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section at *x x*. Fig. 3 is a bottom perspective view.

In the drawing, A represents a bedstead, to the ends of whose side rails a spring-bar, B, is suspended by strong elastic bands C, across the head and foot of the bed. The upper surface of each bar B is faced with a rubber strap, *a*, upon which rest the ends of the wooden slats D, which are kept in position by a keeper-bar,

E, screwed to the head-board, and a similar one to the foot-board, over the extremities of said slats. The lower edge of each keeper-bar is faced with a strap, *b*, of rubber or other elastic fabric, to prevent the noise which would occur if the slats rubbed directly against the wooden surface.

When the slats become curved from long usage, they can be reversed on their supporting-bars, while it is evident that the bed-bottom can be very cheaply made.

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

The spring-bars B B, elastic bands C, slats D, keeper-bars E E, and straps *a b*, in combination with a bedstead, A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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