

## Caring for your Antique Brass Bed or Cast Iron Bed

### *Patience is a virtue*

Sometimes when owning a brass or cast iron bed, it will be necessary to dismantle them, often is the case just prior to their restoration.

When they were originally manufactured between the 1860's to 1930's the back and side posts were connected using a jigsaw type connection.

In many case the back and side angle irons connections, will be firmly bedded down and wedged together. **Cast iron breaks easily and a iron hammer should NEVER be used on its own.**

It may be used in conjunction with a block of timber, which is held between the cast iron and then hitting the timber block to soften the blow against the cast iron.—never hit cast iron directly with a hammer

**Patience is the key**

not a hard hit with the hammer.

