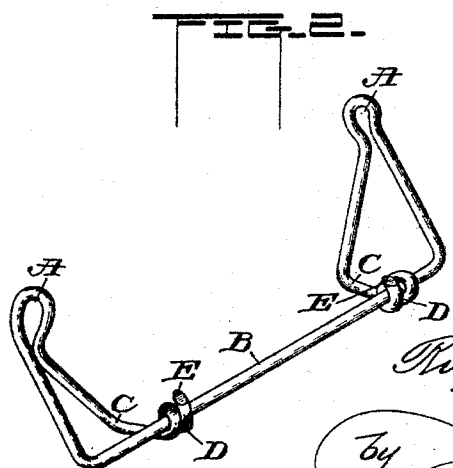
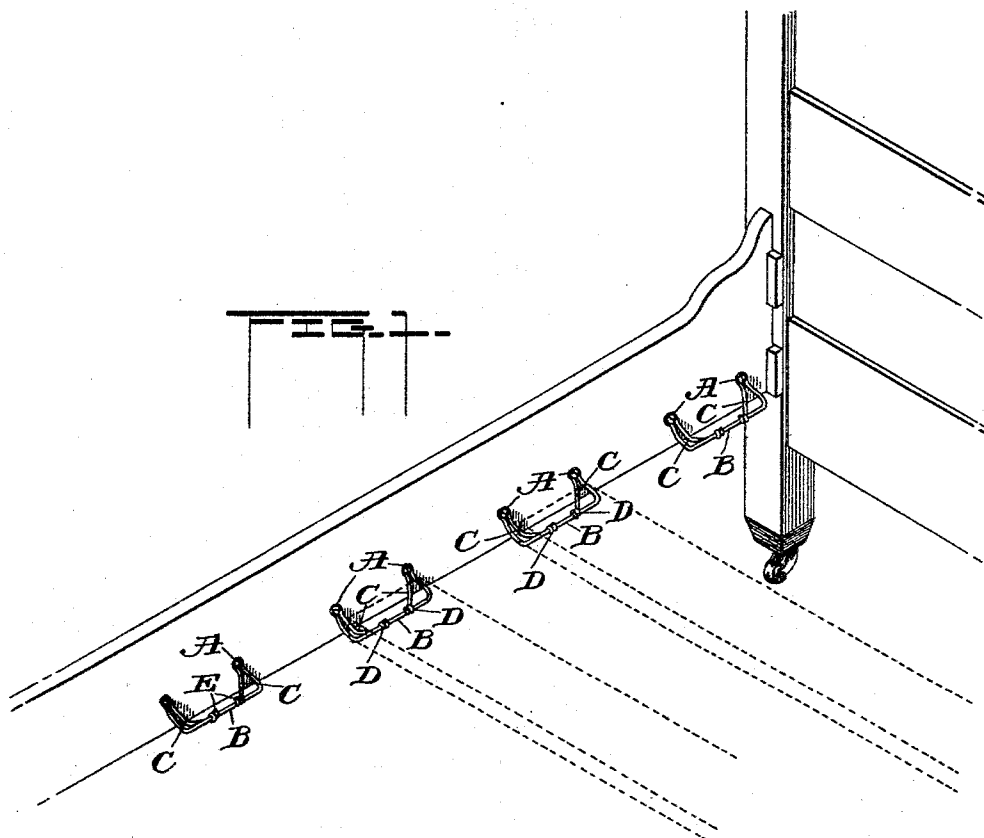


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS G. MELSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Punxsutawney, in the county of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Slat-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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.

My invention relates to improvements in bed-slat holders; and the object of my invention is the provision of a device of this character which will be of extremely simple, durable, and inexpensive construction, which will properly support the slat under all circumstances, which can be readily applied, and which is thoroughly practical and useful.

To attain the desired object, the invention consists of a bed-slat holder embodying novel features of construction, substantially as the description herein.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a portion of a bed-frame with my invention applied, and Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the slat-holder detached.

My device is made from a single piece of material and preferably of wire bent to form

the eyes or loops A to receive the fastenings for attaching the device, the bail-shaped portion B to receive and support the slats, and the inward-extending angle portions C, having their ends bent to form coils D, which terminate in the upward-extending pointed ends E, the upper ends of which are to bite into the under side of the slat and prevent same from slipping. From this construction it will be seen that I provide a slat-holder of extremely simple and inexpensive construction which can be readily applied to the bed-frame and which will hold the slats under all circumstances perfectly, thus rendering the device thoroughly practical and efficient.

I claim—

A slat-holder made from a single piece of wire and consisting of the supporting loop or bail, the vertical arms resting against the side rail of the bed and formed with an eye to receive the securing means and the terminals bent around the bail or loop to brace and support said bail.

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

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