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Fig. 1.

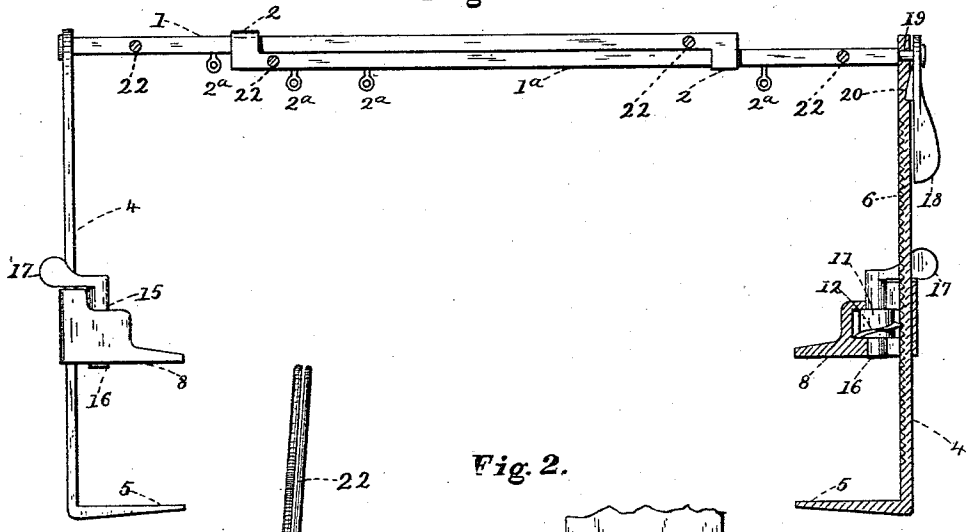


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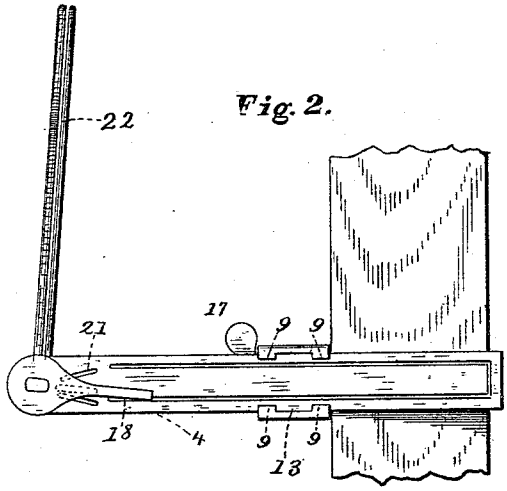


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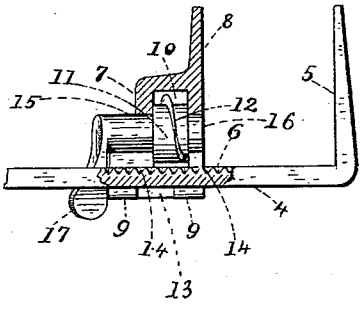
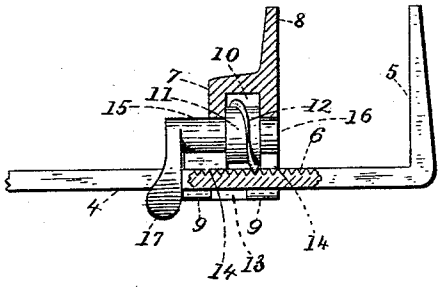


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. JOSEF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in certain improvements in pillow-sham holders, whereby the device is rendered simple and effective in its construction and easily adjustable, all of which will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front sectional elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the device attached to a portion of a bedstead. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation showing a portion of the mechanism for securing the device to a bedstead in its releasing position, so as to be freely moved back and forth. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the device in its locked position, as when secured to a bedstead.

In said drawings, 1 and 1^a are the extension portions, formed of steel rods or other suitable material, which are kept together by the portions 2, through which each pass, so as to be easily extended or shortened in the usual way. They are designed to hold the pillow-shams, which are secured thereto by the loops 2^a. The outer ends of the extension portion are pivoted, so as to turn freely in the arms 4, which are adapted to be secured to the head of the bed.

The construction thus far outlined is substantially old and well known, and a more minute description is not required here. To these parts I have applied my improvements as follows: Projecting inward from each of the arms 4, substantially at right angles thereto, is a clamping-jaw 5, and on the inner faces of the arms 4 are cut the sectional female screw-threads 6, one of which is a right-hand and the other a left-hand screw-thread. The advantages of this arrangement are that both thumb-pieces are turned downward when securing the device, which prevents it from becoming loose by the jarring of the bedstead.

7 is a portion of the movable clamping-piece 8. This clamping-piece is adapted to slide upon the arms 4, and is secured thereto by means of the flanges 9, which extend over and upon the outer faces of the arms 4.

10 is a recess in the clamping-piece 8, leaving the two portions with the recess 10 between them large enough for the body 11 to pass through into place, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Each of the flanges 9 is recessed out enough at 13 (shown in Fig. 2) to allow the screw-thread 12, which extends out from the body 11, to pass between them. This construction is important, because the portions 11 and 12 could not otherwise be put in place. This recess 10 is provided with side openings 14, within which is loosely pivoted the body 11, having the partial screw-thread 12. After the portion 11 is in place the arm 4 is slipped in through the side openings 14, (which are long enough to admit it.) This operation secures all the parts in place, so that the jaw 8 can be moved along the arm 4 and adjusted to any point desired. The body portion 11 is provided with journals 15 16, which are journaled in the openings 14 upon the body 11. The screw-thread 12 extends nearly around it, so as to leave space enough to release it from the sectional screw-thread 6, when required. On the journal 15 is a thumb-piece 17 for the purpose of turning and operating the screw-thread 12 when in engagement with the sectional screw-threads 6, or for releasing the screw-thread 12 or bringing it into engagement.

The clamping device just described operates as follows: The body 11, with its screw-thread being turned to the position shown in Fig. 3, permits the clamping-piece 8 to be moved along the arm 4, so that the pieces 5 and clamping-pieces 8 are brought in contact with the side posts or head of the bedstead. In this position the thumb-piece 17 is turned so as to bring the screw-thread 12 into engagement with the sectional female screw 6, and thereby cause the jaws to clamp the bedstead and grip it firmly, so that the arms 4 are held rigidly in place. To remove the device from

the bedstead, all that is necessary is to turn the thumb-pieces back, so as to disengage the screw-threads 12 from the sectional female screws.

The extensible portions 1 and 1^a are adjusted and held in position by means of the spring-arm 18, which is rigidly secured to the protruding end 19 of the rod 1^a, and which has upon its inner face the extended projection 20, Fig. 1, adapted to engage with any one of the radial recesses 21 (shown in Fig. 2) upon the outer face of the arm 4. The projection 20 is held in either of the recesses 21 by the spring action of the spring-arm 18, which is made thin enough at its upper portion so as to spring sufficiently, and can by pressure be easily disengaged. In this manner the pillow-shams suspended by the loops a' can be raised up and held in an elevated position away from the pillows.

In Fig. 2, 22 represents a side view of the usual wire frame over which the pillow-sham rests and over which it is supported when the frame is turned up to hold them out of the way. They are secured to the bars 1 and 1^a at or about the position shown in Fig. 1, a cross-section through them being shown in said Fig. 1.

I claim as my invention—

In a pillow-sham holder, the combination, with the arms 4, the sectional right and left screw-threads therein, and their clamping-jaws 5, of the hollow clamping-jaws 8, having overlapping flanges 9, a recess 13 between the flanges 9 sufficiently large to allow the screw-threads 12 to pass between them, as described, and the body portions 11, having a thumb-piece, a single screw-thread extending part way around it, and two journals 15 and 16, by which it is mounted in the clamping-jaw 8, substantially as above specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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