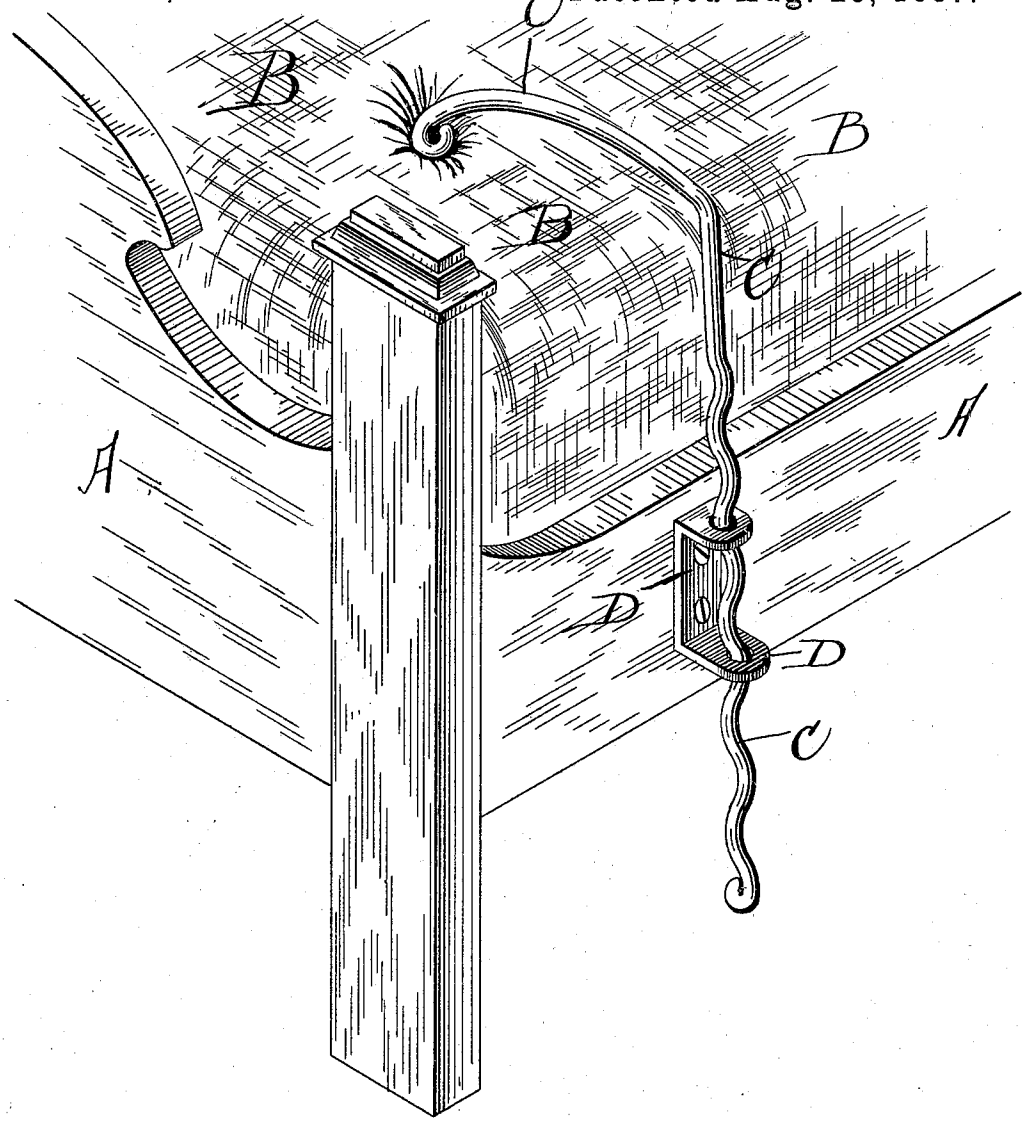
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM I. BUNKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Retaining Devices for Bedding, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, economical, and secure retaining device for use in connection with bedding, particularly the bedding used in folding beds; and the invention consists in the features and combinations hereinafter described and claimed.

The accompanying drawing presents a perspective view of my invention as applied to bedding in practical use.

A is the bedstead or mattress-frame; B, the bedding; C, the wire part of the retaining device, and D the bracket or casting thereof.

The wire part of the retaining device is bent at its upper end in such a way as to fit over and press down against the bedding with which it is used. Its body is corrugated, especially in the part intended to pass up and down through the holes in the bracket. These corrugations are preferably adapted to fit into the holes of the end arms of the bracket alternately, so that while the outer portion presses against the sides of the hole in one arm, the inner portion will press against the sides of the hole in the other arm. The reaction or upward pressure of the bedding serving to shove the wire over so as to set it an angle or incline, the corrugations in the wire operate as a firm retaining device by reason of their engagement with the end arms of the bracket, as above described, whereby they are firmly and securely locked and held at any position desired. The corrugations, however, do not prevent the wire from being slipped up and down in the bracket when not in use. To prevent the wire from being pulled out of the brackets, its lower end may be bent or a head or suitable means for retaining it otherwise formed thereon.

In use the bracket is secured to the bedstead or mattress-frame by screws, or in any other convenient way, and the corrugated and bent wire passing up and down and being locked therein, as above described, operates as a simple and secure retaining device for the bedding when compressed to any extent desired.

I claim—

1. A retaining device for bedding, comprising a bracket to be secured to the bedstead or frame, and a wire corrugated in its body and bent in its upper portion, the two being secured together by the wire passing through holes in the bracket, substantially as described.

2. A retaining device for bedding, comprising a bracket to be secured to the bedstead or frame, having end arms provided with holes and a wire bent at its upper end and corrugated in its body passing through such holes, whereby it may be locked and held in the end arms of the bracket, substantially as described.

3. In combination with a bedstead or mattress-frame, the bracket D, and bent and corrugated wire C, passing through holes in the bracket, substantially as described.

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