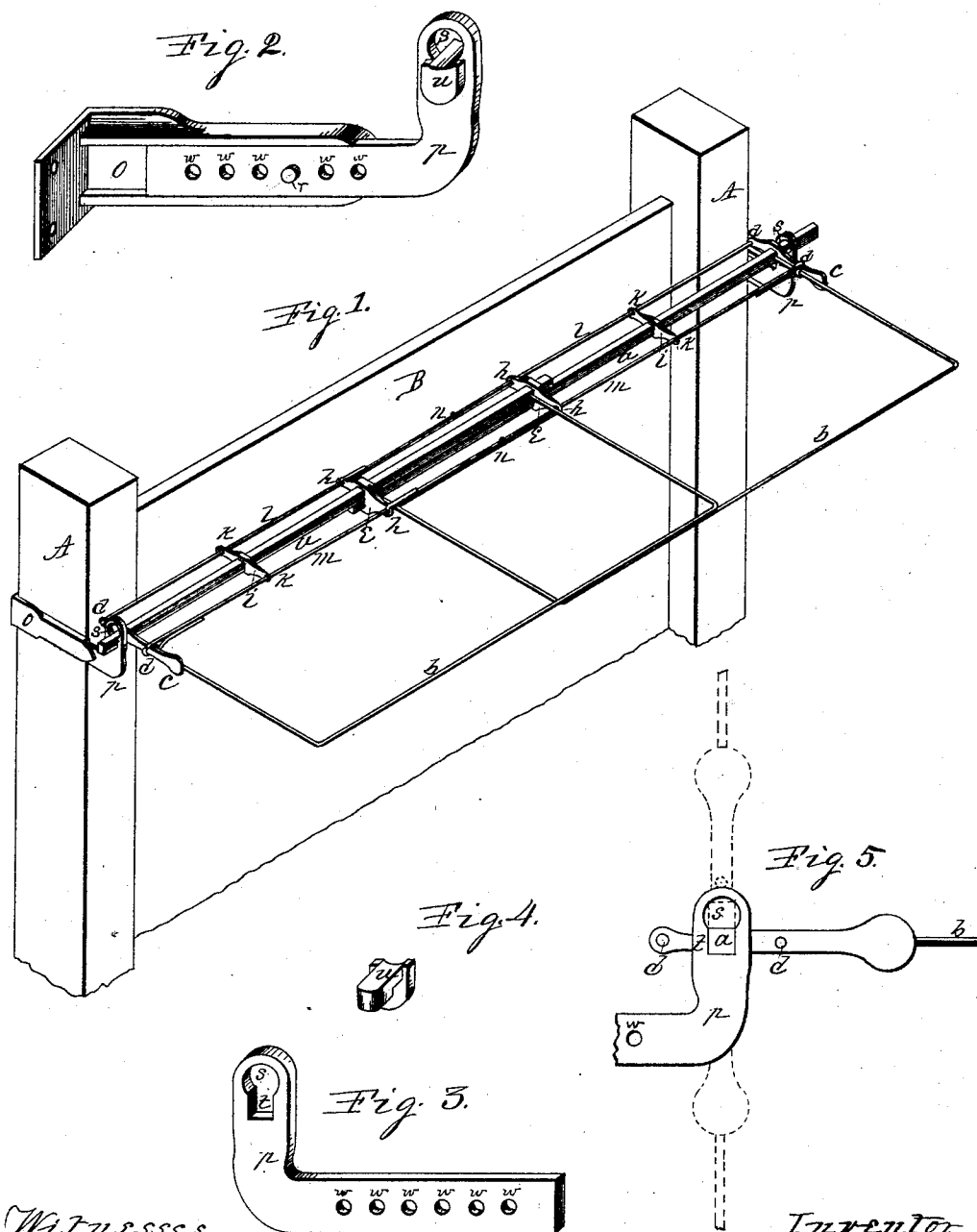


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA W. TRENHOLM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices known as "pillow-sham holders" employed in connection with bedsteads to support and handle the pillow-shams when employed on the bed. Its object is the improvement of this class of devices to render them more efficient; and it consists in an extensible holder capable of adjustment to adapt them to bedsteads varying in width, in a construction capable of adjustment to handle them from either side of the bed, in a construction to support the holder in an up or down vertical position and in a horizontal position, and in an extensible bracket to adjust the holder to the bedstead, and in other improvements, all of which will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of my improved pillow-sham holder in place on a bedstead. Fig. 2 is an isometrical representation of the extensible bracket-support. Fig. 3 is an isometrical representation of the slide portion of the bracket-support. Fig. 4 is an isometrical representation of a bushing interchangeable to the bracket-support on either side of the bedstead, and Fig. 5 is an end elevation of a portion of the bracket-support and of the holder.

In the figures, the posts A and head-board B are designed to represent part of the head end portion of a bedstead, in connection with which I have represented my improved pillow-sham holder.

The main bars *a* of my improved holder are preferably of metal, rectangular in cross-section. These bars are bored at proper points near their ends to receive the wires to support the shams. The wire sham-supports *b* are bent in the form represented, forming three sides of a rectangle, and their end portions are passed through the bored holes in the bars, and their projecting ends are then flattened by a hammer stroke or otherwise, and are driven back into the holes in the bar to fix

them in place; or they may be fixed in the bars in any other convenient manner.

The outer ends of the main bars are provided with tape-supporting handle-bars *c*, formed with a rectangular opening to receive the main bars outside of the sham-supporting wires. These handle-bars are formed with holes *d* at the end of their short arm, and in their long arm at a point from the center of the main bar equal to the distance of the hole in the end of the short arm from the center of the main bar, and serve to receive tapes to support the shams.

Tape-supporting inner end slides, *e*, are formed with a center opening sufficient to receive both main bars in a manner to permit one of them to slide endwise therein. These end slides are placed on the inner end of the main bars of each section of the holder outside of the sham-holding wires, and their ends are formed with holes *h* to receive the sham-supporting-tapes. Intermediate tape-supporting slides, *i*, are formed with a center opening to receive one of the main bars to slide freely thereon, and are placed on the single bar between their outer end handle-bars, and the overlapping central portion of the main bars and their ends are formed with holes *k*, to receive the sham-supporting tapes.

Sham-supporting tapes *l* and *m* are employed, one on each side of the main bars, and the outer tapes, *l*, are fixed to the outer end of the handle-bars and extend inward therefrom through the outer end holes of the intermediate slide through the outer end hole of inner end slide of the opposite section, and their inner ends are fixed to the outer end of the inner slide of their respective sections. The inner tapes, *m*, are fixed at their outer ends to the inner portion of the handle-bars and to the wire sham-holder to hold them connected, and from their connection therewith extend through the hole in the inner ends of the intermediate slides, and through the hole in the inner ends of the slides of the opposite sections, and are fixed to the inner end of the end slides and inner end portion of the wire sham-holder of their respective sections in a manner to hold the slide and the wire connected.

In this arrangement of the tapes with their respective sections of the holder and with the

opposite sections thereof, it will be seen that the inner end portions of the tapes on their respective sides of the main bars overlap each other in the center of the holder, and that the connections of the sections of the holder are capable of being extended or contracted to adjust their length to the width of the bedstead, and when adjusted to the required length the overlapping tapes are pinned together, as shown at *n*, to hold the sections in their adjusted position.

The bracket-supports of my improved sham-holder are produced in two parts, consisting of an arm, *o*, to be fixed to the bed-post, and a supporting-arm, *p*, to the sham-holder, made adjustable in its connection with the fixed arm.

The arm *o* of the bracket is formed with edge-flanges projecting inward to receive the supporting-arm *p*, and is also provided with a stud-pin, *r*, projecting centrally from its inner face.

The supporting-arm *p* is provided with a series of holes, *w*, at proper intervals on its lengthwise center to receive the stud-pin *r* of the fixed arm, to permit of its adjustment lengthwise. When the arms of the bracket are adjusted and the bracket is fixed in place on the bedstead, the arm *p* will be held in place between the arm *o* and the bedstead, and its connection with the stud *r* will hold it in its adjusted position.

The head ends of the adjustable supporting-arms of the brackets are formed with a circular opening, *s*, of a diameter slightly greater than the diagonal diameter of the main bars of the holder, and are provided with a drop detent opening, *t*, rectangular in plan and of a size to receive the rectangular main bars of the holder freely, and serve as a detent to support the holder in its adjusted position.

A bush, *u*, is fitted to enter the rectangular detent opening *t*, and its upper surface is curved to coincide with the curve of the circular opening *s*. This bush is placed in the bracket-support under the main bar of the holder on the side of the bed opposite the side from which it is proposed to operate the holder, forming a circular opening to permit the bar to rotate therein freely.

To operate the holder, the bar thereof is lifted from the rectangular detent-opening into the circular opening as shown, in the dotted lines in Fig. 5, when the holder can be turned to any position within the construction of the device, and then dropped into the rectangular detent opening, which will hold it in its adjusted position.

In use the pillow-shams are preferably pinned or otherwise fixed to the inner tapes, *m*, in such a manner that the edge trimmings of the shams will be supported on the outer tapes.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the main bars of the sham-holder, of inner end slides to connect the inner end portions of the sections, said slides having oppositely-extending ends to form supports for sham-supporting tapes, and sham-supporting tapes adapted to slide through the said ends of the slides, substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the main bars of the sham-holders, with the wire-holders fixed in the main bars, and with the inner end tape-supporting slides, of outer end tape-supporting handle-bars projecting on opposite sides of the main bars, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the inner end tape-supporting slides, with the tape-supporting outer end handle-bars, and with the sham-supporting wires, of intermediate tape-supports and tapes connecting the handle-bars and inner end slides with the wire supports, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination, with the inner end tape supporting slides and with the tape-supporting handle-bars projecting from different sides of the main bar, of an outer sham-supporting tape, said tape connecting the inner end slides with the handle-bars, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

5. The combination, with the main bars of the sham-holder and the tape-supporting slides at the inner ends of the main bar, the tape-supports at the outer ends of the main bars, and the sham-supporting tapes, of intermediate tape-supporting slides, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

6. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination, with the bedstead and the stationary section of a sham-supporting bracket, adapted to be secured to the bedstead and leave an interval between one of its faces and the bedstead, of the sliding section of the supporting-bracket adapted to be clamped between the said stationary section and the bedstead, one of the bracket-sections being provided with retaining-studs and the other section with stud-receiving sockets, whereby the sliding section is locked in the desired longitudinal adjustment when the stationary section is fastened, substantially as set forth.

7. The combination, with the bracket-supports and with the sham-holder supported therein, of a bush to enter the detent opening of the brackets, said bush made interchangeable, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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