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CLOTHES CLAMP FOR BEDS.

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Fig. 1.

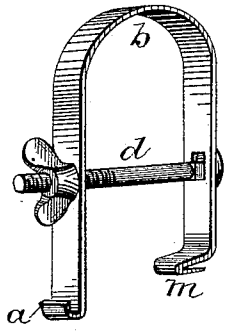


Fig. 2.

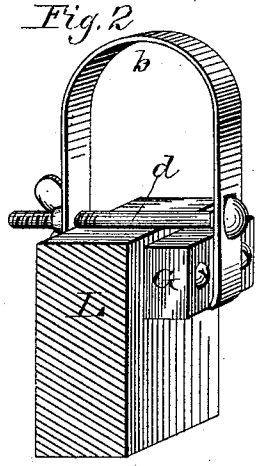
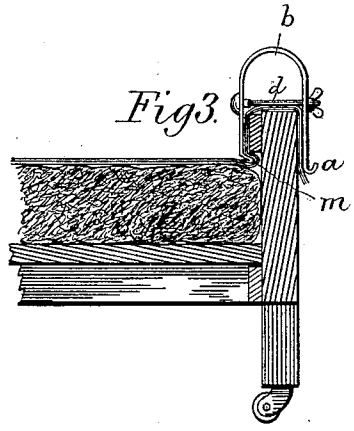


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLETCHER M. CONNER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Richmond, State of Virginia, have invented a certain new and Improved Clothes-Clamp for Beds, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is a device adapted to hold the bedclothes firmly in the position desired on the bed, so that the occupant—an invalid, child, or restless person—cannot displace or throw off the same or fall out of bed.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by similar letters of reference, Figure 1 is a view of the clamp with the bolt in, ready for use. Fig. 2 is a section of a bed-rail with the block of wood attached and the clamp applied to show the position it occupies on the bed, the head of the bolt being next to the bed and the thumb-nut outside. The block G is attached to the bed-rail L by means of screws, as shown in Fig. 2, and remains in that position permanently. Fig. 3 shows the clamp in use on the bed, the block G being screwed to the inside of the bed-rail. The bedclothes are allowed to fall over the side of the bed and the arms of the clamp are forced down over the bedclothes and the bed-rail until the bent end (represented by the letter *m*) has passed the block G, and the clamp is then screwed up.

My invention is described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings: A piece of light spring-steel plate or other suitable metal—say, about half-inch wide—is bent into the shape shown by letters *a b m* of Fig. 1. The bend at *a* is to prevent tearing the bedclothes when in use. The bend at *m* is such that when in use it passes under block G, which is fastened to the bedstead, as in Fig. 2, and the clamp is thus prevented from being pulled off the bed-rail by the movements of the child or other occupant of the bed. This steel plate is punched with two holes to admit the bolt *d*, the hole at the shoulder of the bolt being nearly square—say, one-fourth inch wide and three-eighths of an inch long, or in that proportion—so as to hold the bolt *d*, which has a square shoulder, and keep it from turning, and yet to allow it play lengthwise. The bolt *d*, besides having a square shoulder, is screw-threaded at the other end, upon which is worked a thumb-nut. A small block of wood, G, is attached to the inside of the side rail of the bedstead by means of screws. Fig. 2 represents this block G screwed to the bed-rail L.

In use one clamp should be used on either side and near the head-board, the block of wood being first screwed to the inside of the bed-rail in the desired position. The child being in bed, the bedclothing should be adjusted as desired and then the clamps put on, the thumb-nut being outside of the bed, so as to be accessible, and the bent arm of the clamp (represented by the letter *m*) on the inside, so as to force the bedclothes down under the block G. The clamp being then screwed up it is impossible for the child to get it off the bed, as the bent end *m* catches under the block G.

Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with the steel plate, bent substantially as shown and provided on each arm with a hole, as described, of a bolt passing through said holes and provided at one end with a square shoulder and at the other with a screw-thread and nut, a block, G, secured to the bed-rail, against and under which one arm of said plate is clamped, pressing the bedclothes under and against said block G, as described.

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