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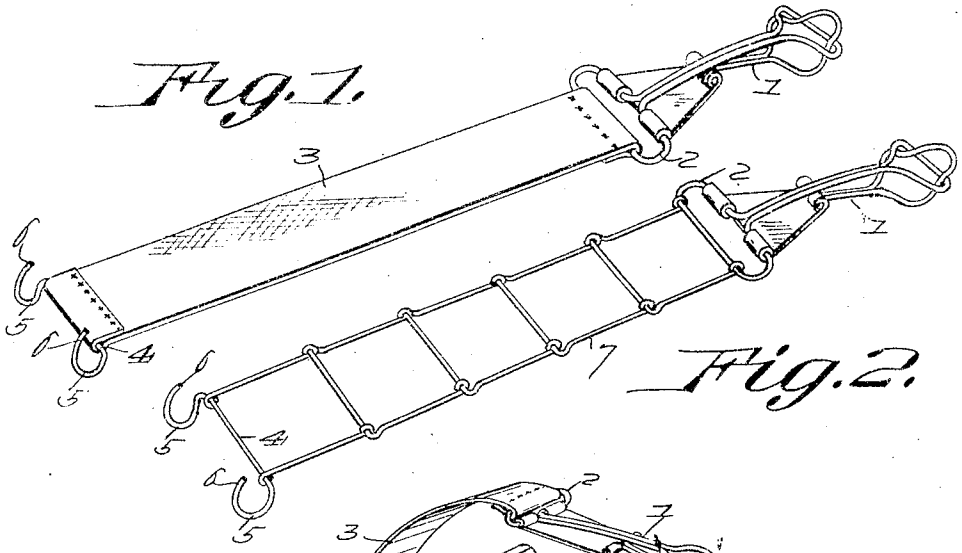


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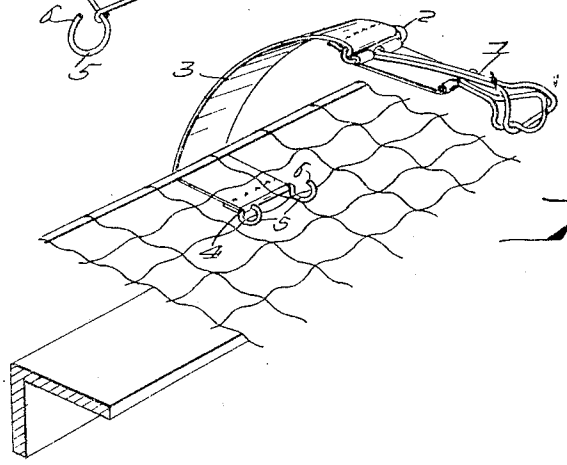


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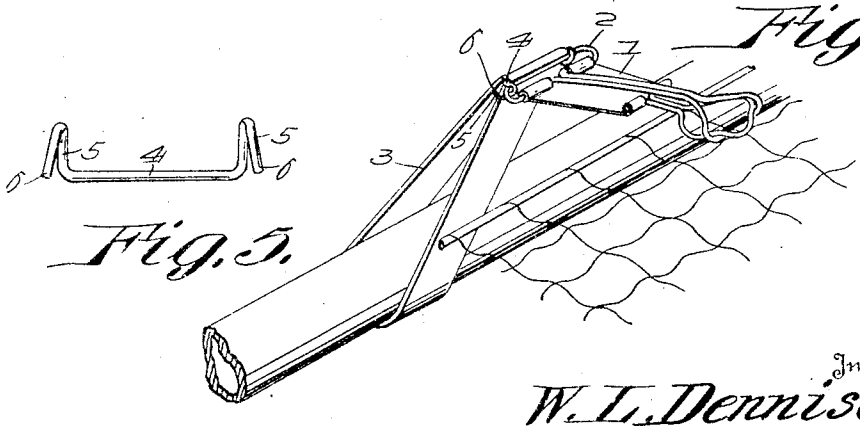


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. DENNISON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders for Bed-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

As an improved device to hold bed clothes, the invention seeks to provide, as its principal object, a device of this kind comprising a flexible member having a clasp at one end by means of which bed covers may be conveniently attached to the flexible member, the same having at the other end a device for engaging in the wire of a spring mattress, whereby the bed clothes are assured of being kept in place on the bed to prevent them being thrown off by sick or restless persons or babies.

A still further object is to provide a device connecting to that end of the flexible member remote from the clasp, whereby the flexible member may be made to surround the side rail of a bed, the device appropriately connecting with the clasp to hold the flexible member in the said surrounding relation and to thereby secure the bed clothes in position when the clasp is connected to them.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction, durable and effective in operation and inexpensive to manufacture and place on the market.

Other and further objects will be made to appear as the invention is set forth in detail in the following description.

To the exact construction in which it is shown and described, the invention is not to be restricted. Continued use in practice may make manifest certain desirable changes or alterations and the right is claimed to make any which do not deviate from the scope of the annexed claim.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, showing the flexible member as a strap.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the flexible member as a chain.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the flexible member attached to a mattress of a bed.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the flexible member attached to a side rail of a bed.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the attaching member carried at that end of the flexible member remote from the clasp.

Referring to the drawings, the invention is shown as comprising a clasp 1 which may be of an conventional form appropriate for engaging and firmly gripping the bed clothes. The clasp carries at one end an oval link 2 to which there is appropriately connected one end of a strap 3. The remaining end of the strap surrounds a transverse portion 4 of a member designed to engage in the wire of a spring mattress of a bed. This member comprises two hook portions 5 which are integral parts of the transverse portion 4 and stand in a plane at right angles to the plane of the transverse portion. The free legs 6 of the two hook portions 5 are bent at slight angles from the plane in which the hook portions lie, so that the legs of the two hook members will stand in divergent relation.

In the application of the device, the clasp 1 is attached to the bed clothes, whereupon the strap is drawn around the side of the bed and the attaching device (having two hook members 5) connected to the bed spring by means of the two hook members, as shown in Fig. 3. The bed spring thus provides the necessary resiliency for keeping the two hook members always in engagement with it.

In the event that it is desired to attach the holder to the side rail of the bed, the strap member 3 is led around the side rail, after which the two hook members 5 are made to engage the oval link 2 adjacent either end thereof, the free legs 6 of the hook members having enough resiliency to permit them to be pressed toward each other to allow the hook members to effect engagement with the link. The resiliency of the free legs after such attachment retains the hook members in engagement with the link, because the two free legs diverge and the hook members can not be detached except by pressure exerted on their free legs to press them toward each other.

In Fig. 2, there is shown a chain 7 which takes the place of the strap in this modification of the invention, the link 8 connecting the clasp with one end of the chain and the attaching member (similar to the one

conjoined with the strap) being appropriately attached to the other end of the chain.

In the use of this modification embodying the chain, the hooks 5 on the attaching member of the latter may be made to engage the spring mattress, or to engage the link 8, as in the case of the attaching member used with the strap 3.

The invention having been described what is claimed as new and useful is:

A new article of manufacture comprising a clasp, a flexible member, an oval link connecting one end of the flexible member to the clasp, and an attaching device carried at the free end of the flexible member, said attaching device consisting of a transverse portion and a hook member formed at each end thereof, the two hook members being right angularly disposed with reference to the said transverse portion and having their free legs diverging, whereby the attaching device may be made to engage a wire mattress or to engage the said link in the manner and for the purpose herein specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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