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Fig. 1.

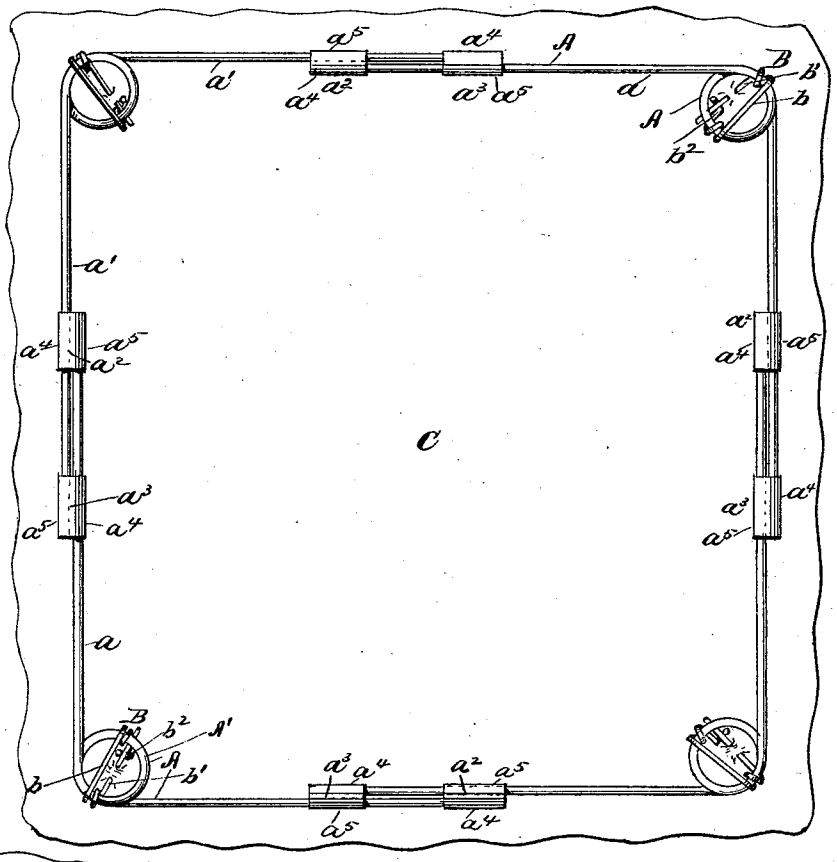


Fig. 2.

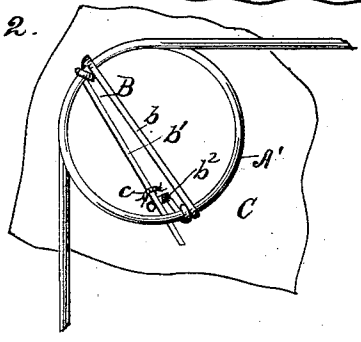
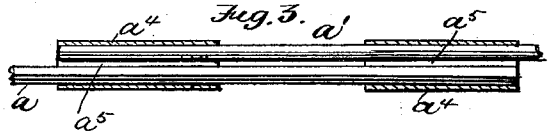


Fig. 3.



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PILLOW-SHAM HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZA A. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Breedsville, in the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan, 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 the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents my improved pillow-sham supporter in place upon and holding a pillow-sham extended. Fig. 2 represents a detached view of one of the curved corners provided with means for securing the supporter to the sham. Fig. 3 is a detached view, in section, of one of the adjusting-slides, whereby the supporter is increased or decreased in size.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures indicate the same parts.

The object of the present invention is to provide means whereby a pillow-sham may be kept extended and in position upon a bed at all times, even if the pillow be removed from said bed. The advantages of such a supporter will be readily understood by housekeepers, or by parties who are obliged to make a single room answer the double purpose of a sleeping and sitting room or parlor, inasmuch as a pillow-sham provided with my supporter will hold its position and be neat in appearance a greater length of time than a pillow-sham not provided with such a support.

To the accomplishment of the above ends the invention consists in a frame of suitable material, preferably wire, provided with means whereby to increase or diminish said frame in size, and further provided with means whereby to secure said support to a pillow-sham, substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the support, constructed in four sections, $a\ a'$, each of said sections being bent at right angles, as shown, and secured each to the other by means of clasps $a^2\ a^3$. The said clasps $a^2\ a^3$ are rigidly attached at a^4 to the outer ends of each of the sections $a\ a'$, and are provided upon their opposite sides a^5 with suitable recesses, through which the portions of the sections $a\ a'$ lying between the outer or free ends and the apex of the angle slide, as will be readily understood from the drawings.

A′ represents rings formed by turning the wire (of which each section is made) upon itself at each of the four corners or angles of the support. To the rings A′ are secured, by soldering or in any other suitable manner, pins B, the upper portions, b, of said pins extending from side to side of the rings A′, upon the upper surfaces thereof. The wire composing the pins is wound once or twice around the sides of the rings, as shown, and thence extends inward toward the center of the ring, one end, b', forming a pin, which passes through a portion of the pillow-sham C, as shown in Fig. 1, or through a loop, c, formed upon said sham, as shown in Fig. 2, the outer end of the pin b' being held by a loop, b^2, formed by the wire b at the opposite side of the ring.

The operation of my improved supporter will be readily understood from the foregoing description.

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

1. A pillow-sham supporter, A, having the adjustable sections $a\ a'$, and provided with rings A′ and means whereby to secure said supporter to a pillow-sham, substantially as described.

2. In a pillow-sham supporter, A, the sections $a\ a'$, provided at each of their outer or free ends with clasps $a^2\ a^3$, one side of each of which clasps is rigidly secured to each of the outer ends of the sections $a\ a'$, while the opposite sides of the clasps are provided with suitable recesses, through which the main portion of said sections slide, in combination with spring-rings A′, whereby the parts $a\ a'$ are sprung or pressed outward to produce a grasp

or cross-line of the clasps a^2 a^3 upon the parts a a', whereby their constant tension is secured, substantially as described.

3. In a pillow-sham supporter, the sections a a', each of said sections being bent at right angles and provided with a ring, A', at each of the apexes of said angles, whereby to secure a pin, B, having the upper fixed portion, b, and lower pin portion, b', normally resting within the loop b^2, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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