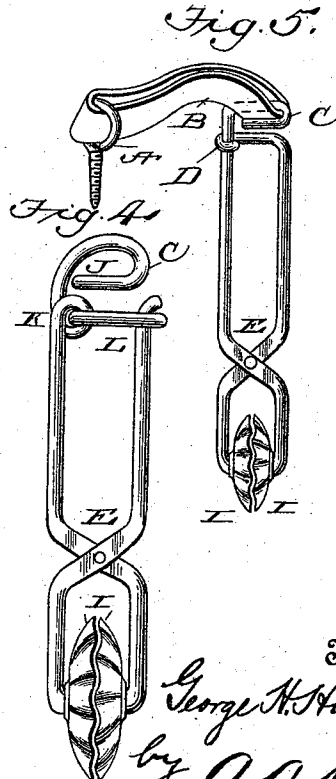
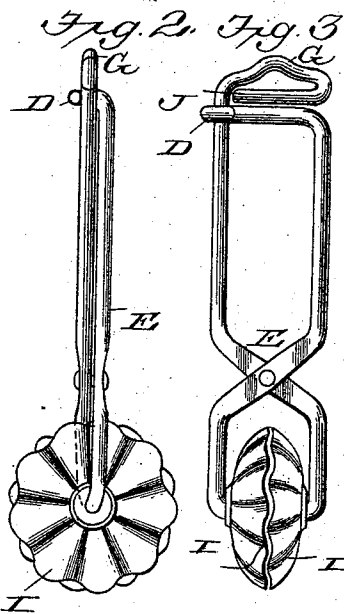
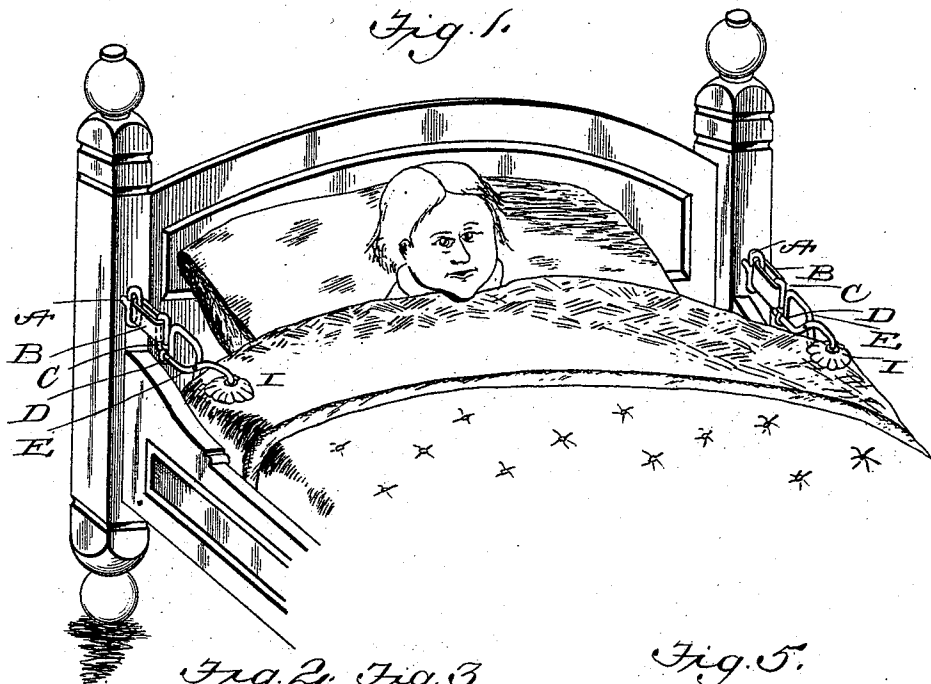


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. HOLLIDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tacoma, in the county of Pierce and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device by the use of which bed clothing will be effectually held in place. This object is accomplished by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings and the invention consists in certain novel features of the same as will be hereinafter fully pointed out.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device applied for use. Figs. 2 and 3 are edge and side views, respectively, of a slightly modified form of the device. Fig. 4 is a side view of another modification and Fig. 5 is a side view of the complete device.

The holder proper consists of two arms or members, E E, which are pivoted together and are provided at their lower ends with gripping jaws or cups, I I, as shown. In the preferred form of the device, one of the arms is carried beyond the other and is formed into an open loop or ring, C, which is adapted to receive and retain the end of an elastic band, strap or spring, B, the free end of which carries a screw eye, A, or similar device adapted to be secured in the bedstead and thereby hold the device in its proper operative position. The shorter arm E is formed into a crossbar at its end which has a hook D at its extremity adapted to engage the longer arm and thereby hold the gripping jaws together, as clearly shown. The ring or loop, C, has an opening at J to facilitate the removal and insertion of the elastic band or strap.

Instead of forming the shorter arm with the crossbar and hook D, the longer arm may be provided with eye, K, carrying a loop, L, adapted to swing over and hold the end of the shorter arm as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

In practice, the screw eyes or other fastening devices, A, are secured in the bedstead. The edge of the bed clothing is then inserted between the gripping jaws and the arms, E E, fastened so that the jaws obtain a firm grip on the clothing. The bed clothing will thus be held in place notwithstanding the restless movements of children or invalids and, at the same time, the elastic bands or straps will permit the clothing to yield freely to such movements without displacement. The device will for the same reasons be found very advantageous in holding robes in sleighs and carriages.

The device can be readily adapted for use as a towel holder for bars, offices and other public places. Such adaptation is effected by dispensing with the elastic band and attaching the arms directly to the screw-eye. In the form shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the open loop is retained but is provided with a notch or offset G to receive and retain the screw-eye or other fastening device.

The device is obviously cheap and simple in its construction and efficient in operation. Detailed mention of its advantages is therefore deemed unnecessary.

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

The combination of a pair of pivoted arms provided with gripping jaws at their lower ends, one of said arms being extended past the upper end of the opposing arm and twisted into an open ring or loop, means for locking the arms together, an endless elastic band passed into the open ring or loop through the opening therein, and a fastening device carried by said endless band.

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