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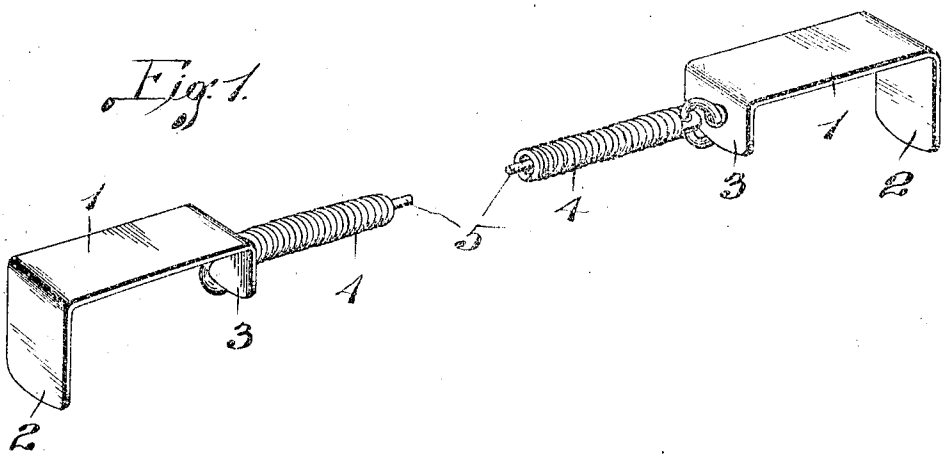


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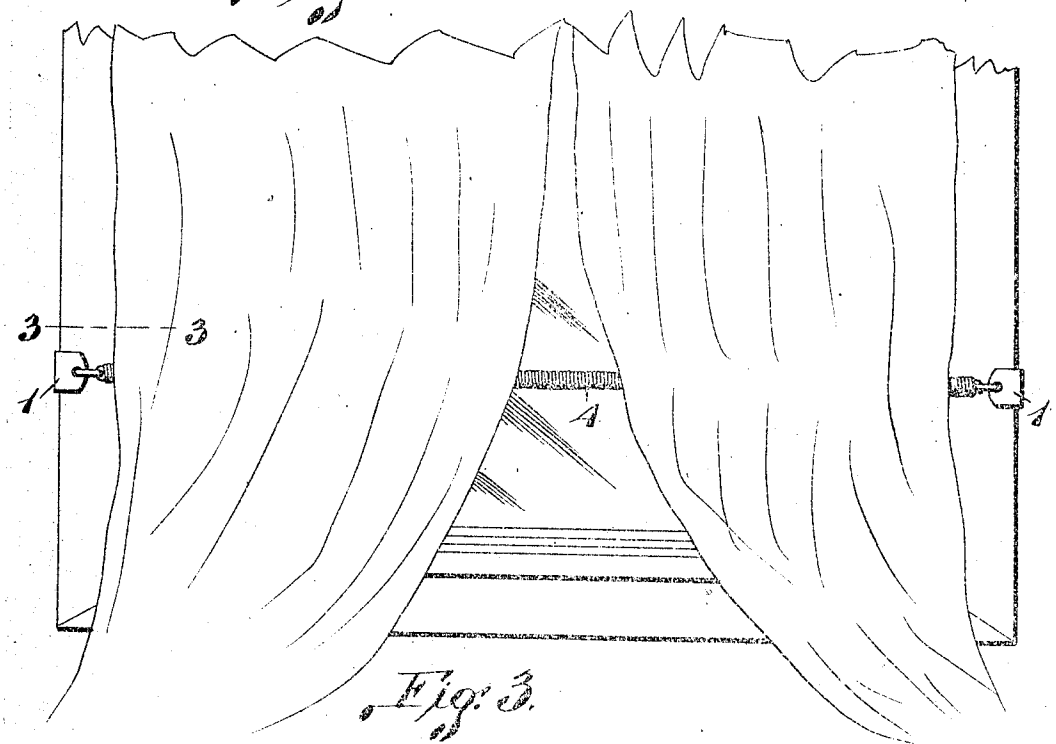
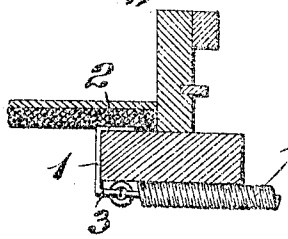


Fig. 3.



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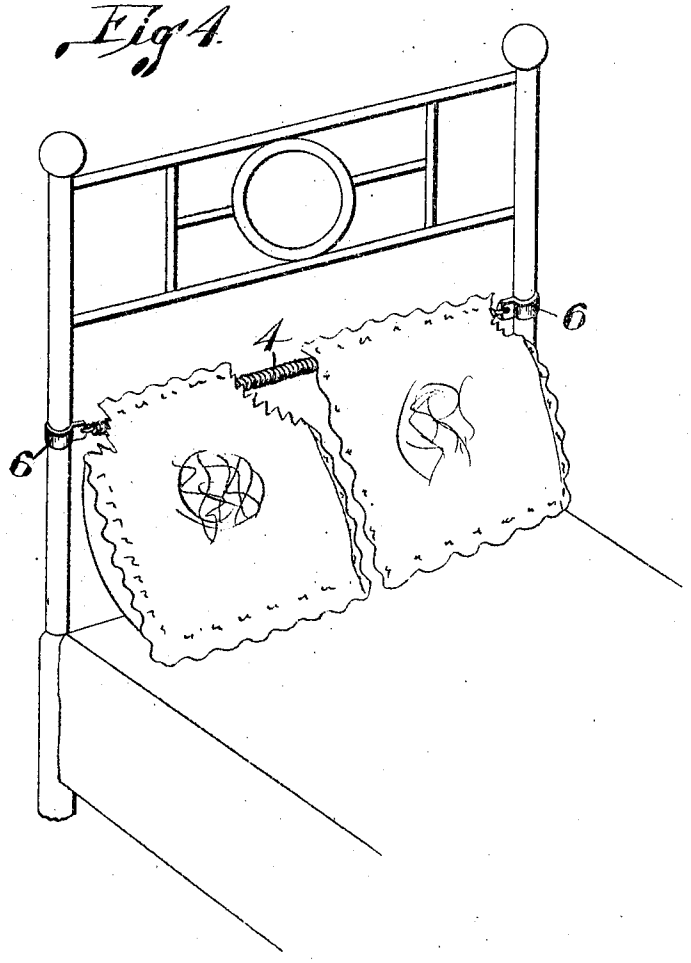
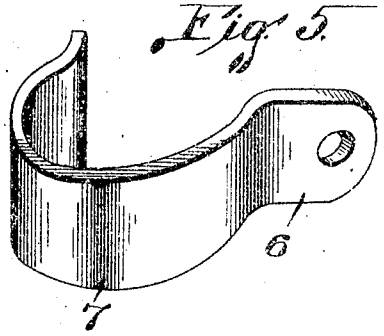


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARION KEITH, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Curtain-Protectors and Sham-Holders, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a combined curtain protector and sham holder, and the object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive device which is detachably positioned upon a window frame, and which, when in position, prevents the lower portions of lace curtains and portières from being blown through the window opening; and which device may be also arranged between the head posts of a bed, thereby performing the function of a pillow sham holder.

My invention consists in a pair of hooks, which are detachably applied to the window frame, or to the head posts of a bed, and which hooks are connected by an elastic member, such as a coil of wire.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device, of the form used as a curtain protector; Fig. 2 is an elevation of the lower portion of a window, with my improved device in position thereon; Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and showing the manner of attaching the hook to the window frame; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the head portion of a bed, and showing the device in use as a sham holder; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the form of hook utilized in the sham holder.

The device as used for a curtain protector comprises a pair of hooks 1, the outer ends 2 of which are bent at right angles to the body portions of the hooks, in order that said ends may be engaged behind the window casing, as shown in Fig. 2, and the opposite ends of said hooks are bent at right angles to the body portions, as designated by 3; and secured to said portions 3 are the ends of a wire coil 4, of such length as that when expanded it will extend entirely across the lower portion of a window frame. Located on the interior of this coil 4, and secured at its ends to the ends 3 of the hooks, is a section of tape, or cord 5, which is drawn taut when the device is in position on a window frame, thus preventing the central portion of the wire coil 4 from sagging.

When the device is applied for use as a sham holder, hooks 6 take the place of the hooks 1, previously described, which hooks 6 are provided with curved portions 7, which engage the corner posts at the head of a bed, and thus the wire coil 4 is expanded between said corner posts and serves as a convenient means for holding and supporting the pillow shams, the upper ends of which may be attached to said coils by pins, or in any suitable manner.

It very frequently happens that when the lower sash of a window is open, the lace curtains and portières are drawn through the window opening by the draft therethrough; and, as a result, said curtains become soiled through contact with the window screen or with the exterior of the wall; and where a device of my improved construction is positioned on the window frame, the curtains are prevented from being drawn through the window or into contact with the window screen.

My improved device is simple, inexpensive, easily applied to windows and the head posts of beds; and, when in use, forms a very effective protector for lace curtains and support for pillow shams.

I claim:—

A device of the class described, comprising a pair of hooks, a coil of wire having its ends secured to said hooks, and a section of tape passing through the coil of wire and having its ends secured to the hooks.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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