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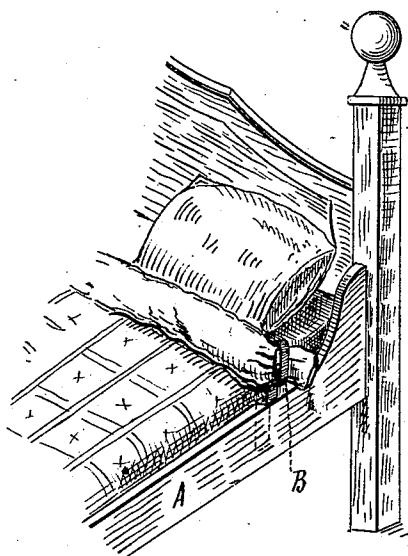


Fig 1

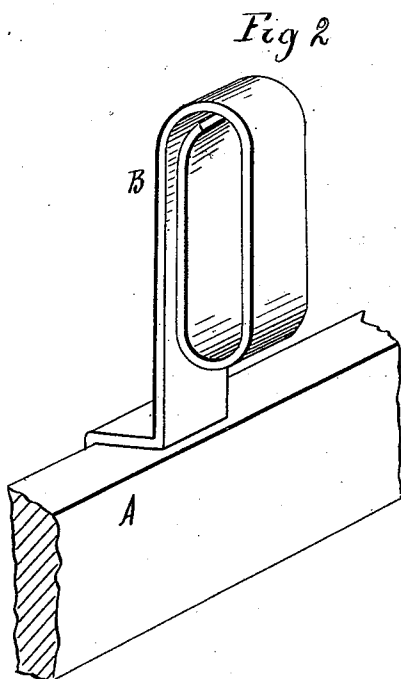


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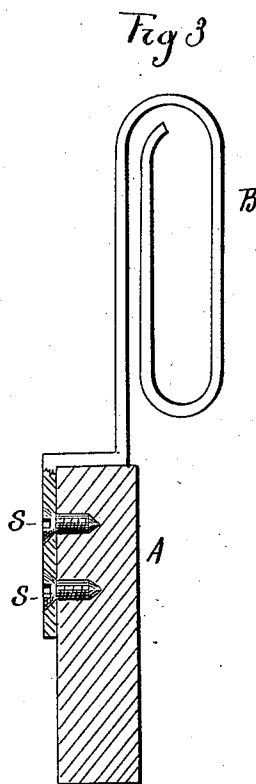


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK P. SARGENT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Clothes Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has for its object to retain in position the cover of a bed, and to prevent its liability to displacement by movements of the occupant of the bed; and it consists in a single piece or strip of spring metal coiled at one end and attached by its other end to the side rail or frame of a bedstead, adapted to hold a corner of the bed-clothes between the opposing surfaces of the outer and inner parts or turns of the coil.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents in perspective a portion of a bed provided with my invention, showing a corner of the bed-cover inserted in the holder. Figs. 2 and 3 represent in perspective and in transverse section the holder as attached to a side rail of a bedstead.

In the drawings, A represents the side rail of a bedstead, to which the spring-holder B is attached. This holder is made of spring metal in the form of a flattened coil coiled in a vertical plane at right angles to said side rail and vertically elongated, and consists of about one and one-half complete turn, the inner part of which extends upward near the outer and terminates at or near the top of the coil, leaving a narrow space open at the bottom between these two parts or turns of the coil, which is elevated above the side rail to which it is attached, and is turned outwardly from the bed. The outer end of the spring of which the coil is formed extends downward

and terminates in a shank, which is rigidly secured to the inner surface of the side rail by screws *s s*, and is bent above said side rail for the purpose of carrying the coil outward, so that the open space between its outer and inner parts will be about even with the outer surface of said side rail, to facilitate the insertion of the bed-cover therein.

This device is made effective by drawing the corner of the bed-cover up into the coil between the opposing surfaces of its outer and inner parts, (see Fig. 1,) which yield and separate to admit the cover and forcibly hold it compressed between their surfaces by the action of the spring in its tendency to regain its normal position.

It will be observed that the surfaces of the coiled spring-holder between which the bed-cover is held are practically at right angles to the general direction of the top or folded edge of the cover, so that said cover is drawn around a corner of the outer part of the coil, which adds to the effectiveness of the device with a given spring-pressure.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described bed-clothes holder, consisting of a single piece of spring metal coiled at one end adapted to hold the clothes between the opposing surfaces of the outer and inner parts of the coil, and provided with means for attaching to a bedstead, substantially as described.

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

FRANK P. SARGENT.

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