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Adjustable Pillow-Sham Holder.

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Fig. 2.

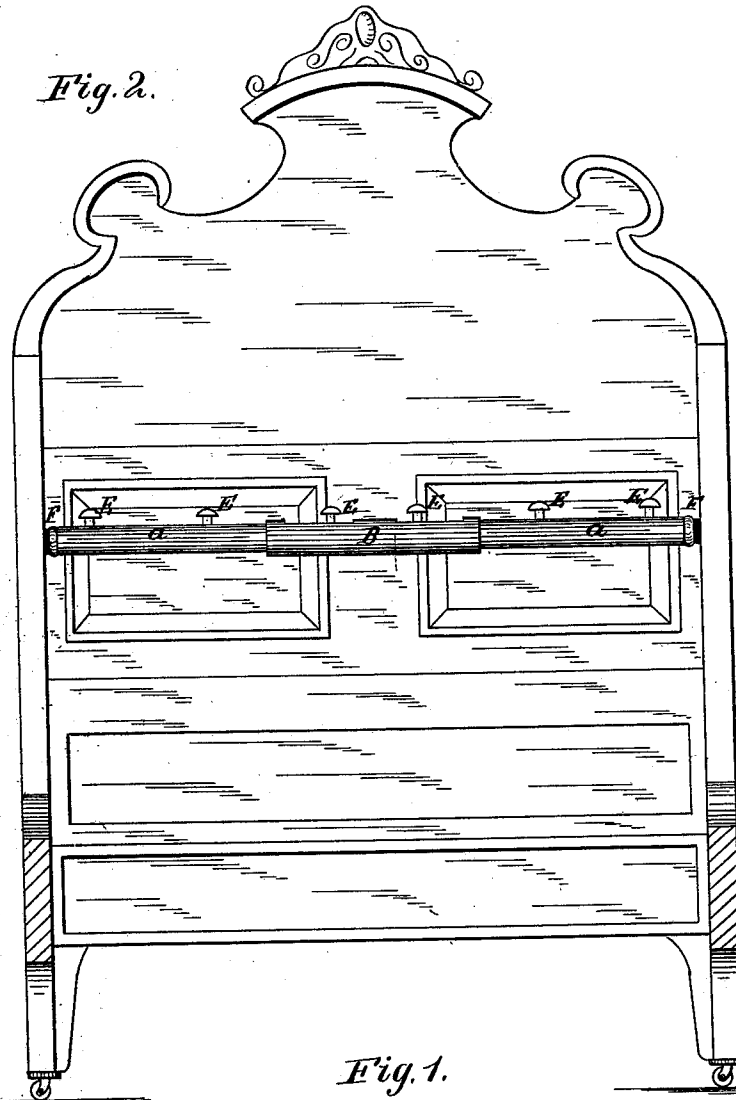


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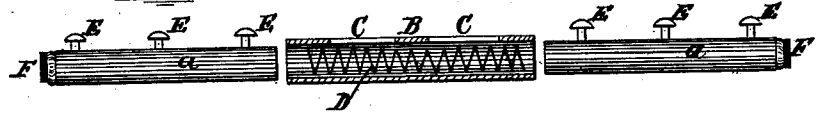
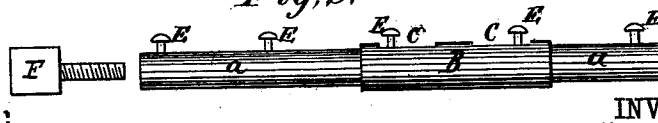


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ADJUSTABLE PILLOW-SHAM HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARY ELLEN SMITH and GEORGE BARRON FAY, both residing in the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 in the annexed drawings represents the different parts of the improvement, as follows:

A A are two rods, five-eighths or three-fourths inch in diameter, or other suitable size, each about two feet to two feet and three inches in length—depending upon the width of the bedstead. B is a metal, paper, or wooden cylinder or tube about twenty inches long (more or less) and five-eighths to three-fourths inch in diameter, or sufficiently large to allow the rods A A to be moved easily therein. C C are two slots or cuts in the top of the cylinder or tube one-eighth inch in width, commencing about three inches from the end and extending three inches (more or less) toward the center, which will leave in the middle of the cylinder about eight inches (more or less) as a body. D is a spiral spring eight or ten inches in length, (or more, if necessary,) and of suitable size—say, a half-inch in diameter—to move easily back and forth in the cylinder or tube B when pressed toward the center by the rods A A, expanding again as the pressure shall be relaxed. E are pins or knobs placed in the rods A A at equal distances apart, on which to hang the pillow-sham by means of loops or button-holes. F F are two pieces of india-rubber or felt, one of which is placed on the outer end of each rod A A, to protect the bedstead from defacement or injury.

Fig. 2 represents the pillow-sham holder with the different parts placed in their respective positions, as follows:

In the center of the cylinder B is placed the spiral spring D, which can be held there by means of a screw or pin passing through the cylinder and spring from side to side at the center, so that it shall not be moved from its position by the pressure of the rods A A. In the absence of one of the rods the spring may be held in position by means of a hook passing through an eye in the inner end of the remaining rod and connecting with the spring. The rods A A are placed in the cylinder or tube B, leaving the felt or rubber end as the outer end. They are held in position in the cylinder by means of pins passing through the openings or slots, one entering each rod about three-fourths of an inch from the inner end. These pins form a part of those on which the pillow-shams are to be hung. When pressed against the spiral spring D the rods A A will be shortened sufficiently to allow the pillow-sham holder to be placed in position between the posts or uprights of the bedstead, and held there by the lateral pressure of the spring, thus making it adjustable to bedsteads of various widths.

Fig. 3 shows the pillow-sham holder with one of the rubber blocks removed and the end of one rod broken off.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved pillow-sham holder consisting of the tube B, provided with the slots C, the spiral spring D, and the rods A, provided with the pins E and the rubber blocks F, in combination with a bedstead, substantially as herein shown and described.

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