

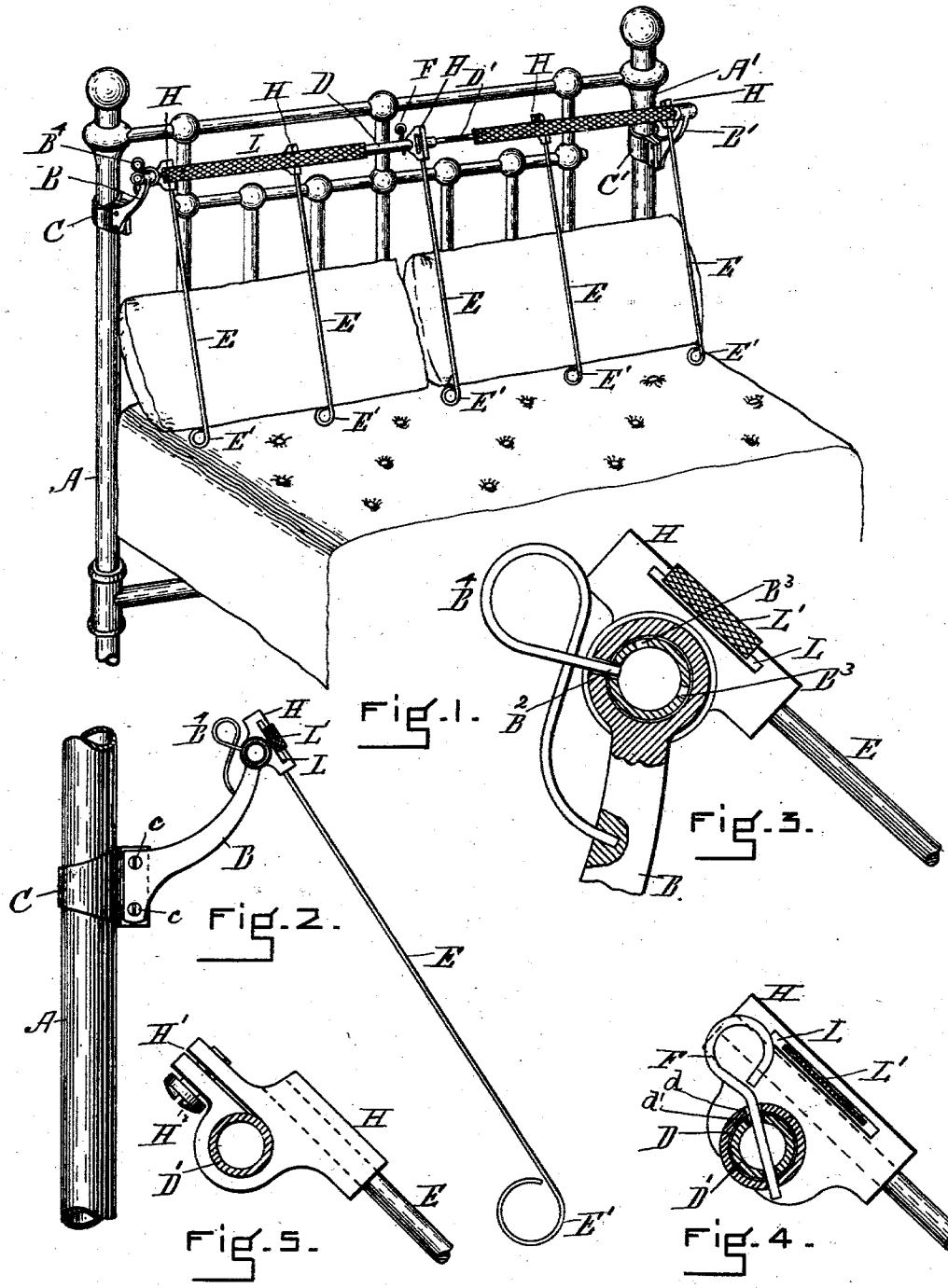
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. WILLIAMS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention relates to the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts of a pillow-sham holder, the object being to make a simple, convenient, and easily-adjustable device. This object I attain by means of the mechanism shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

15 Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing a part of a bed having one of my pillow-sham holders attached. Fig. 2 shows the holder in end elevation. Fig. 3 is a view, partly in elevation and partly in vertical section, illustrating the method of holding the device at the desired angle; Figs. 4 and 5, details.

In the drawings, Fig. 1, A and A' represent the parts of a bed, and B and B' brackets adapted to hold the pillow-sham holder.

25 These brackets are fastened to the posts by clamps C and C' or in any convenient manner, depending upon the kind of bedstead to which the device is to be attached. The central rod or rocker-shaft D and D', to which 30 the other parts of the holder are connected, is made of two tubes D and D', one of which, D', slides within the other, D. The two are shown in section in Fig. 4. To hold the two tubes together, I have a pin F, which passes 35 through holes d d', Fig. 4, made in the said tubes. By having a series of these holes made in the tubes the length of the shaft D D' may be changed to suit any width of bed.

The shaft D D' may be rotated in the 40 brackets to any position desired and held by the spring-pin B² B⁴. (See Fig. 5.) The spring-pin B² B⁴ passes through a hole made in the head of the bracket B and into one of the holes B³ B³, made in the tube D' of the 45 shaft D D'. A number of socket-pieces H H are attached permanently to the shaft D D'. (See Fig. 1, and also Figs. 3 and 4.) Each of these socket-pieces supports a rib-wire E. Each of the wires E is curved so as to form a 50 ring E' at its end. The end socket-piece and the middle one have a slot L for convenience in attaching the tape or ribbon L', to which

the pillow-sham is stitched or otherwise connected.

For convenience in adjusting for the different widths of beds one or more of the socket-pieces may be made as shown in Fig. 5. This one has a kerf H' and a clamping-screw H² and is not permanently attached to the tube D', but may be placed at any convenient point and then clamped by the screw H². This arrangement admits of sliding the tube D' into the tube D in the act of adjustment.

The rib-wires E may be inserted into the 65 socket-pieces H from either side, so that the holder may be reversed—that is, the rocker-shaft may be turned end for end and the brackets B B' changed so that one takes the 70 place of the other to fit the ends of the rocker-shaft.

The brackets B are made fast to the post by means of a metal clamp C. This metal surrounds the post, and the ends are bent, as indicated, so as to be brought together by the 75 same screw c c that fastens the bracket to the clamp. Thus one operation fastens the bracket to the clamp and the clamp to the post.

I claim—

In a pillow-sham holder, brackets attached to the bed-posts, and adapted to support an adjustable rocker-shaft; pins in said brackets engaging with and holding said rocker-shaft; two tubes, one sliding within the other, both 85 provided with holes, through which a pin (as F) passes and adjustably locks the tubes together as described, thereby forming the above adjustable rocker-shaft; bracket-pieces (as H) attached to the said shaft, and 90 having arms for supporting the sham, and provided with slots for receiving a tape; and said tape, adapted to be attached to the said sham; substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 17th day of November, A. D. 1898.

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