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Fig. 1.

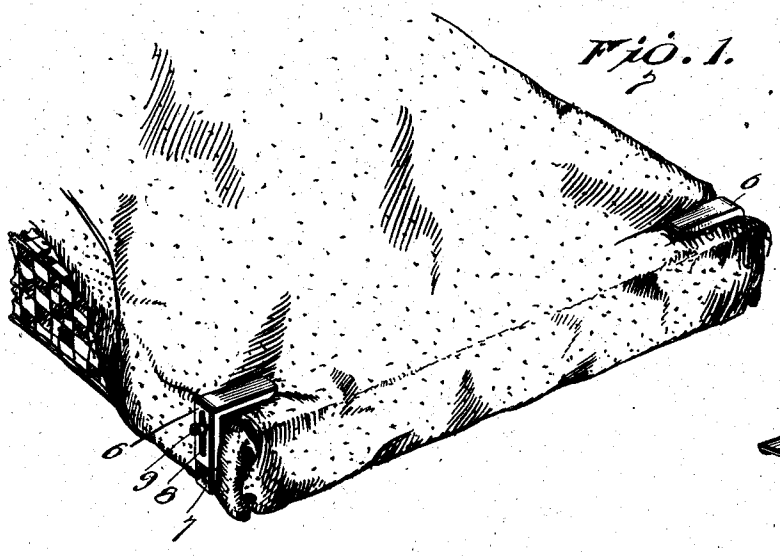


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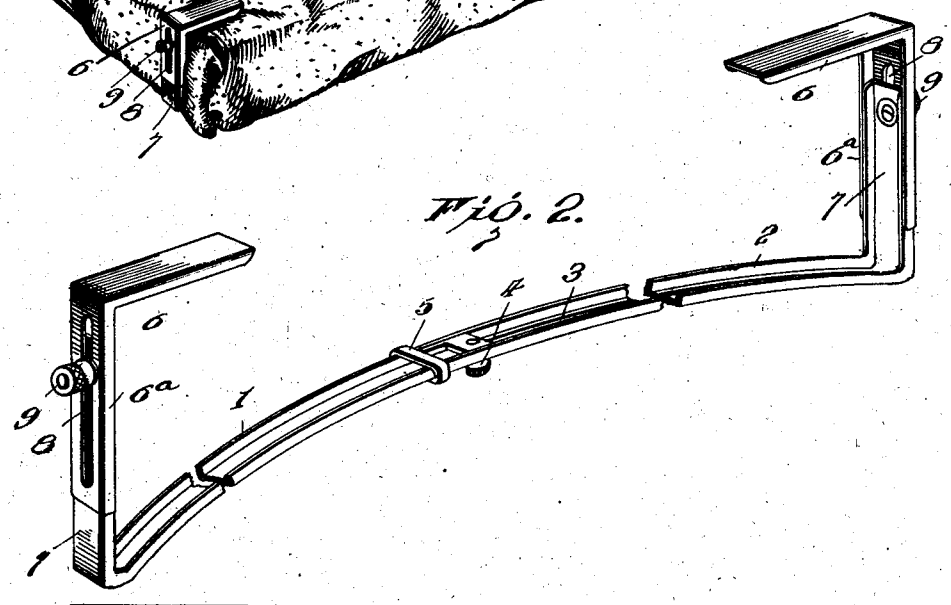
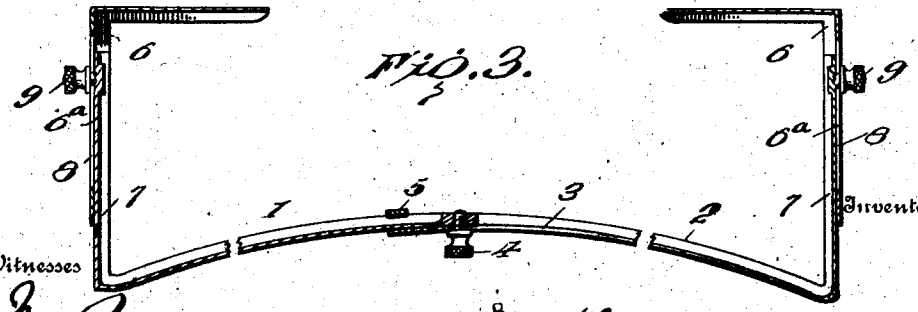


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA B. NICKLES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salina, in the county of Saline and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Clamps, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists of a simple clamp device adapted to be attached to beds to prevent accidental displacement of the bed clothes or covers therefrom.

An essential feature of the invention resides particularly in the simplicity of the construction thereof, whereby the same may be manufactured at a small cost and whereby its desirability is increased.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the clamp alone. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the clamp.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the practical embodiment of the invention a clamp constructed in accordance therewith consists of two sections, (indicated at 1 and 2,) one of the sections being provided with a longitudinal slot 3, through which a set-screw 4 passes, said screw 4 being adapted to screw into the adjacent end of the section 1. The sections 1 and 2 are in longitudinal alinement, and the section 2 is provided with a loop 5 at its inner end, said loop being adapted to receive the body of the section 1, the latter being freely slidable therethrough. The outer end of each of the sections is bent upwardly to form projections 7, which fit against the side of the mattress and are provided with vertically-adjustable clamping members 6. These clamping members 6 comprise two arms arranged at approximately right angles to each other, one of the arms 6^a sliding upon the projections 7 and being provided with a longitudinal slot 8, which coöperates with a set-screw 9 to enable the clamp members to be held rigidly in any desired position. In order to hold the clamping members 6 in a yielding engagement with the bedclothes, the sections 1 and 2 are bent upwardly to form a convex surface, which bears against the bottom of the bed, and owing to the elasticity of the metal acts as a spring and produces the desired result. By the provision of the slot 8 the clamp members 6 may be readily adjusted vertically on the projections 7 to accommodate various conditions of service, such as different-sized beds and different thicknesses of cover for the bed or the like. The horizontal arm of each of the clamp members 6 is adapted to project over the bed-covers from opposite sides of the bed and by frictional engagement therewith to prevent displacement or pulling out of said covers.

The clamp will be arranged transversely across the bed, at the foot thereof, and the sections 1 and 2 being adjustably connected permit of varying the length of the clamp to accommodate beds of different widths. When the device is in position, the same acts like a spring-clip and effectually prevents the bedclothes from being displaced, accomplishing the desired result in a manner which will be obvious. Further, the device may be readily adjusted and may be very quickly placed in position or removed.

It is preferred that the clamp be made of metal or the like, and when metal is used the sections 1 and 2 have flanges at opposite longitudinal edges, said flanges holding the sections in longitudinal alinement and subserving the rigidity of the parts.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A clamp for bedclothes comprising adjustably-connected sections, and clamp members arranged at the outer ends of the sections for the purpose specified, said clamp members comprising angle-pieces adjustably mounted on the sections aforesaid.

2. A clamp for bedclothes comprising adjustably-connected sections, each section having a vertical projection at its outer end and a clamp member consisting of an angle-piece adjustably mounted on each of the vertical extensions.

3. A clamp for bedclothes comprising complementary sections, one of the sections being slotted longitudinally, a set-screw carried by the other section to pass through the slot of the first-mentioned section to admit of adjustable connection of the sections, a vertical projection at the outer end of each section, a clamp member carried by each ver-

tical projection and comprising an angle-piece, the vertical arm of which is slotted, a set-screw on each vertical projection to adjust the position of the clamp member, and means for causing the sections of the clamp to remain in longitudinal alinement.

4. A clamp for bedclothes comprising a spring member extending across the bed and bent inwardly into a yielding engagement therewith, and clamp members arranged at the outer ends of the spring member for the purpose specified.

5. A clamp for bedclothes comprising adjustably-connected spring-sections extending across the bed and bent inwardly into a yielding engagement therewith, and clamp members arranged at the outer ends of the spring-sections for the purpose specified.

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

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