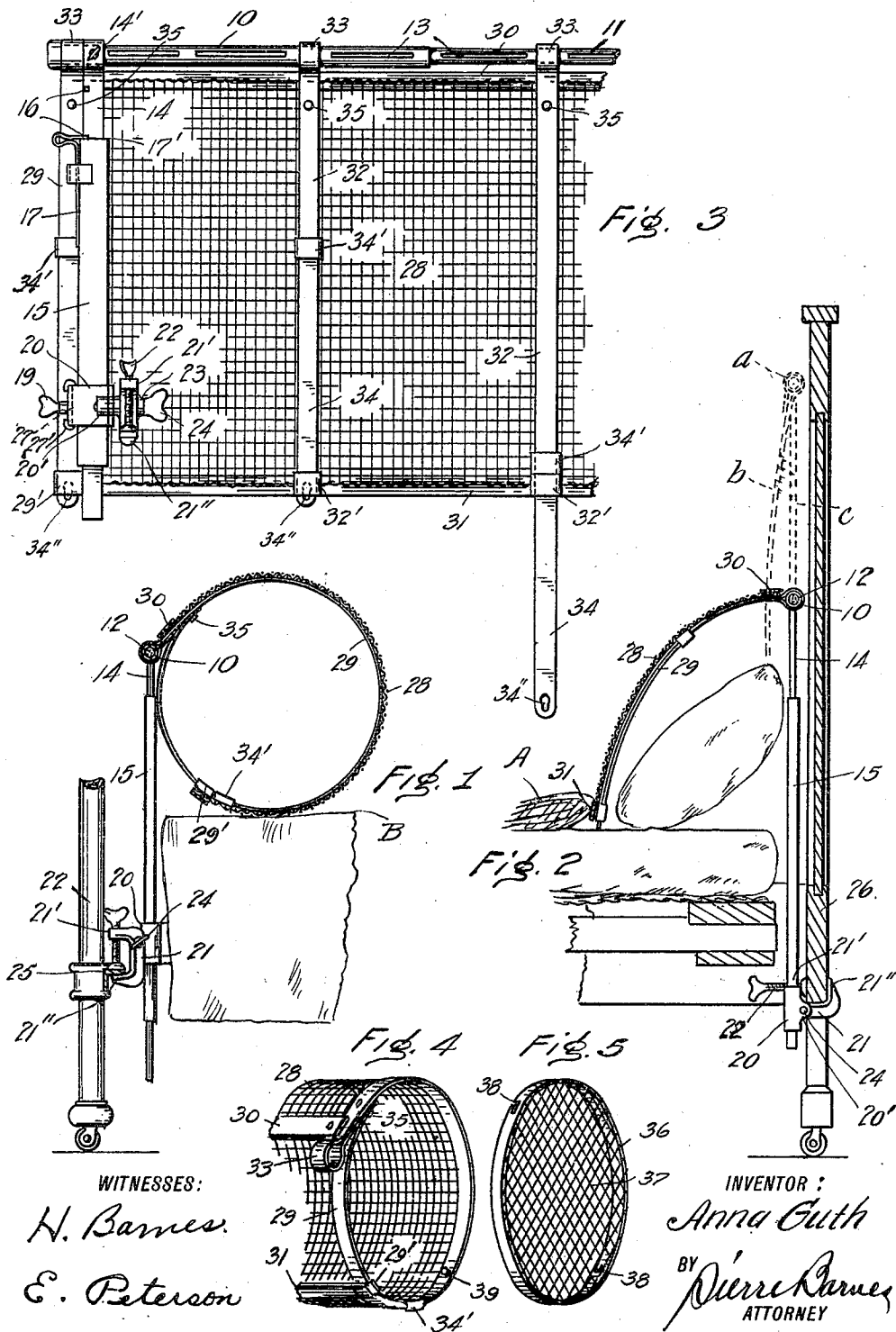


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA GUTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Pillow-Sham Holders and Bolster-Rolls, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pillow-sham holders and, more particularly, to improvements in devices of this class which were illustrated and described in U. S. Patent No. 794,619, issued to me July 11, 1905.

The object of my improvements is to provide a more rigid support for a sham-holder and which is adjustable as to height without disturbing its connection with the bedstead.

The invention further aims to provide a fabric or screen holder for a pillow-sham and adapted to be employed in front of a pillow, or which may be connected into a substantially cylindrical shape, or bolster-roll.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter specifically described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of a portion of a metal bedstead with my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view with a wooden bedstead. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary rear elevational view of the sham-holder and one of the supports therefor. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a part of the sham-holder in roll form. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of an end attachment for the sham-holder.

The reference numerals 10 and 11 designate sections of a hollow bar which sections telescope as is well-known to the art. The inner section is filled with cork 12, or other suitable material, for receiving the ends of pins which are inserted therein through elongated slots 13 provided in the bar all as illustrated and more fully explained in the aforementioned patent. According to the present invention, said bar is supported from each of its ends by an upright rod formed in two parts 14 and 15, whereof the former is provided at its top with an eye 14' to receive the bar, and extends below into the other part 15 which, for the purpose, is made tubular or hollow. The bar parts 14

are provided with spaced notches 16 for engagement with latches severally formed with a spring portion 17 secured from its lowest end to the respective rod-part 15 and an inwardly directed upper extremity or bill, 17' disposed to overlay the top of the latter and enter a selected one of the aforesaid notches. In practice these notches are correspondingly designated upon a pair of bar parts 14 by index marks so as to facilitate an equal vertical adjustment to both.

The rod parts 15 are adjustably secured by binding screws 19 in sleeve-attachments 20 of clamping devices which are removably secured to the bed. Said clamping devices are each comprised of web 21 integral with two spaced arms 21' and 21'' whereof the former, 21', is bored and tapped for a clamp-screw 22. On the web 21 is a boss 23 which is bored to accommodate a thumb-screw 24 which engages in a screw-hole provided in a lug 20' of the respective sleeve attachment.

In attaching a clamping device to a metal bed, it is arranged vertically as shown in Fig. 1, to engage between its arm 21'' and clamp screw 22, the horizontal flange of the transverse angle-rail 25 afforded upon the bed end. With a wooden bed which is unprovided with such a rail, the clamping devices are turned to occupy horizontal positions, as shown in Fig. 2, and engage the lower board 26 of the bed end from near its under edge and between the arms 21'' and the clamp-screws 22. In either case, however, the sleeve-attachments 20 are adjusted to hold said rods vertical, or nearly so, and are thus secured through the instrumentality of thumb screws 24. To prevent the end of a binding screw 19 from marring the surface of a rod, a plate 27 is interposed between such screw and the rod and may be retained in place by bending the ends, as 27', of the plate over the edges of the sleeve.

28 represents a rectangular piece of wire-gauze of a width approximating that of the bed with which it is to be used and constitutes the sham-holder. This holder is mounted upon a flexible metallic frame comprised of end strips 29, top and bottom strips 30 and 31, and spaced strips 32 intermediate said end strips and connected with both the top and bottom ones.

Provided upon the upper ends of the frame strips 29 and 32 are loops 33 and through which the bar 10—11 is passed for securing the sham holder from its upper

edge to the bar. Each of the strips 29 and 32 has a supplemental strip 34 connected thereto by having loops 29' and 32' upon the lower ends of the strips 29 and 32 and through which the strips 34 are inserted, and providing loops 34' upon the inner ends of strips 34 to accommodate the strips 29 and 32. By such connections between the strips, the supplementary ones, 34, are free to be drawn out, as shown to the right of Fig. 3, or they may be thrust into the positions as indicated by the other of such strips in the view. The purpose of these extensible strips is to provide means to form a coil, see Figs. 1 and 4, of greater diameter than obtainable by the gauze-holder 28 alone. Adjacent to the outer ends of each of the strips 34 is a hole 34'' which may be caught over a stud 35 provided therefor upon the respective strip, 29 or 32, and in proximity to the loop 33 thereof.

In Fig. 5, I show an end member for the holder for use when the latter is in its rolled shape, as represented in Figs. 1 and 4, such a member being formed of a hoop 36 across which is stretched a membrane 37 of gauze or other suitable material. Said hoop is of a size to be inserted within the end of the rolled sham-holder and is detachably connected therewith by the provision of angular shaped notches 38 in the hoop to make bayonet-joint connection with said holder by studs 35 and 39 provided on the respective strips 29.

When the device is to be employed as a bolster-like roll, see Fig. 1, the strips 29 and 34 of the holder are withdrawn to their full extent and the notches 34'' thereof engaged upon the studs 35. The rod parts 15 and the parts 14 which carry the holder by supporting the bar 10—11 is then adjusted to cause the roll to rest from below upon the bedding B, as in Fig. 1. The bed pillows may be placed within the roll and, finally, the roll-ends, shown in Fig. 5, are attached to the holder by the bayonet-joint connections as above explained. When the bed is to be occupied, the roll-ends are detached for the removal of the pillows and the holder in its rolled condition elevated out of the way for the bed occupants by raising the rods 14 and securing them by means of the latches which may be placed in any notch 16 as desired. When the device is to be used simply as a sham-holder, the strips 29 and 34 are generally not protruded beyond the strips 31, or at least to but a small extent, as shown in Fig. 2, and are then employed with the lower portion of the holder frame to rest against the upper edge of the bed clothes, indicated by A in the view. So arranged, by moving the bar 10—11 up or down by regulating the rods 14 and 15 the holder may be adjusted to assume a desired contour, as for example, that in which it is illustrated

in Fig. 2 and affording space therebehind for the reception of the pillows. When the bed is to be occupied, the bars 14 are raised to be in the position indicated by dotted lines C, with a consequent elevation of the bar 10—11 and the depending sham-holder to the dotted line positions which are respectively indicated by *a* and *b*.

In practice, the sham-holder and its ends (Fig. 5) would preferably have sewed thereupon a covering of cloth, or an equivalent, not shown in the drawings and against which the shams would be placed and secured along their upper edges by suitable fastenings to engage in the filling 12 of said bars.

What I claim, is—

1. The combination with a bar, a sham-holder formed of a frame and a piece of gauze secured thereto, adjustable strips connected with said frame and provided with a slot in proximity to their outer ends, studs upon the inner side of the frame for engagement within the respective slots, and circular end members adapted to be detachably connected with said frame when the latter is in its rolled condition, of supports for said bar comprising vertically arranged rods, clamping devices arranged to be secured to a bedstead, and means for adjustably securing said rods to the respective clamping devices.

2. The combination with a hollow bar provided with slots, a sham-holder formed of a frame and a piece of wire gauze secured thereto, adjustable strips connected with said frame and provided with a slot in proximity to their outer ends, studs upon the inner side of the frame for engagement within the respective slots, and circular end members adapted to be detachably connected with said frame when the latter is in its rolled condition, of supports for said bar comprising vertically arranged rods, clamping devices arranged to be secured to a bedstead, and means for adjustably securing said rods to the respective clamping devices.

3. The combination with a sham-holder, of a support for said sham-holder, said support comprising two pairs of clamping devices adapted to be secured to a bedstead, a sleeve connected to each of the clamping devices, a hollow rod extending through each of said sleeves, means for securing said rods in adjusted positions with respect to the sleeves, a pair of rods which respectively make telescope connections with the aforesaid rods, means for securing the last named rods in adjusted positions with respect to the other rods, a bar connected with the upper ends of the second named rods, and means provided on said sham-holder for securing the same to said bar.

4. The combination with a sham-holder, of a support for said sham-holder, said support comprising two pairs of clamping de-

vices adapted to be secured to a bedstead, a sleeve rotatably connected to each of the clamping devices, means for securing said sleeves in various rotary adjustments, a
5 hollow rod extending through each of said sleeves, means for securing said rods in adjusted positions with respect to the sleeves, a pair of rods which respectively make telescope connections with the aforesaid rods,
10 means for securing the last named rods in adjusted positions with respect to the other rods, a bar connected with the upper ends of the second named rods, and means provided on said sham-holder for securing the same to said bar.

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