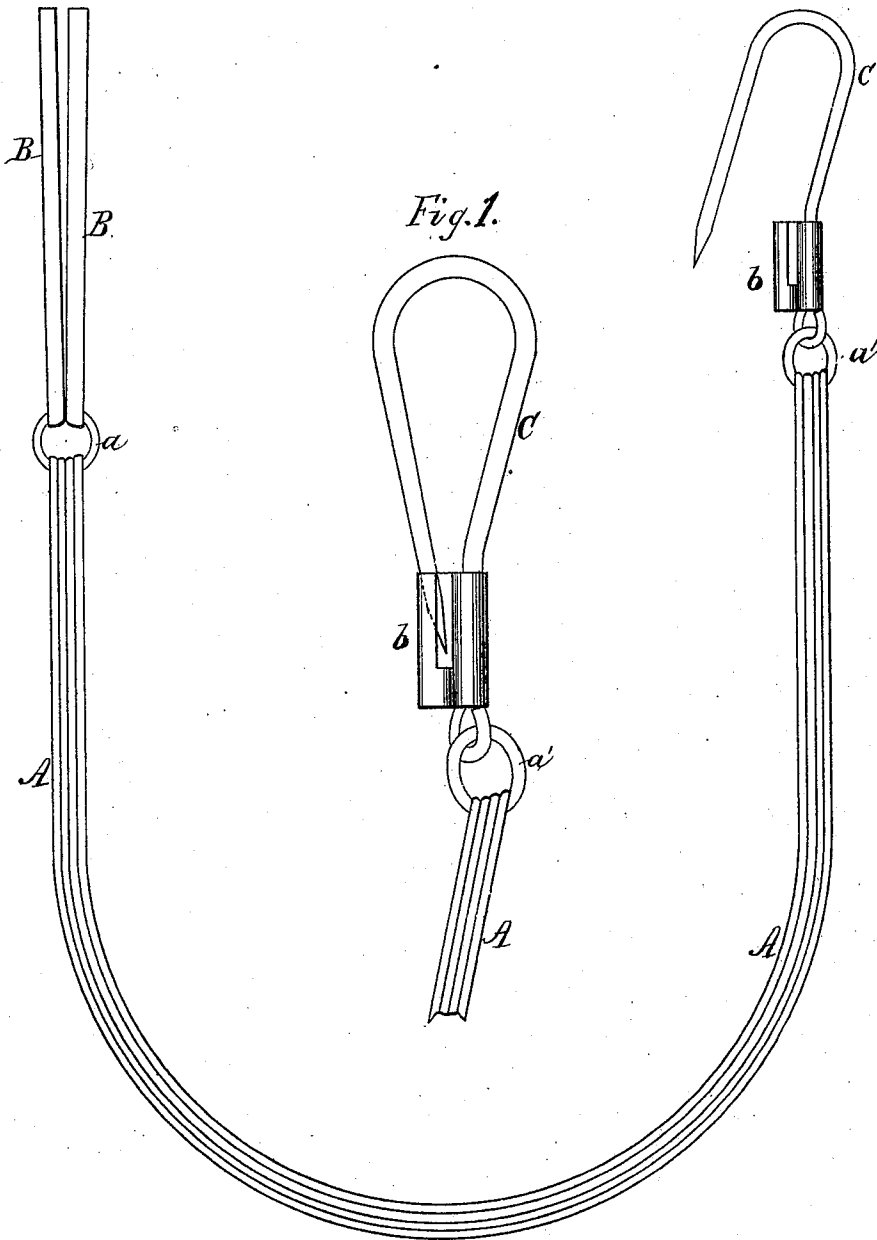


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BED-CLOTHES HOLDER.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CLOTHES HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES LESH, of the city and county of Warren, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Clothes-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention is an improved device for holding bed clothes or coverings properly stretched, and preventing their being thrown or pushed off in consequence of the restive movements of children while asleep. It is also applicable for holding lap-ropes when riding. The same consists of an elastic band having a sheath or guard-hook attached at one end, and tape or cords attached to the other, whereby it is adapted for use, in the manner hereinafter described.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents a side view of the guard-hook, and Fig. 2 represents the device complete.

The band or strap A is made of elastic material—as rubber—and its ends are connected to small rings *a a'*. Tapes or cords B are also attached to ring *a*, and the spring-hook C to ring *a'*. Said hook has a slotted sheath or guard, *b*, attached to its shank, as shown.

The device is applied as follows: The hook is

inserted through the upper edge of the bed-coverings, or, preferably, at a point near the head of the bed-post, and the end of the hook sprung into the sheath *b*. The tapes or cords B are then tied to the post, or to some other part of the bedstead. If found more convenient and desirable, the band A may be put around the neck of the child, and the tapes or cords tied to ring *a'*.

Thus secured, the device prevents displacement of the bed-coverings around the upper portion of the body of the child, however violent may be its movements, and the elasticity of the band allows that certain degree of freedom which is desirable and necessary.

Another object for which the device is particularly applicable is for holding robes or blankets close over the limbs or around the body when riding. In such case the elastic quality of the band is still more important.

What I claim is—

The improved device hereinbefore described, consisting of the elastic band A, rings *a a'*, tapes or cords B, and spring-guard hook C, said parts being connected for use in the manner set forth.

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