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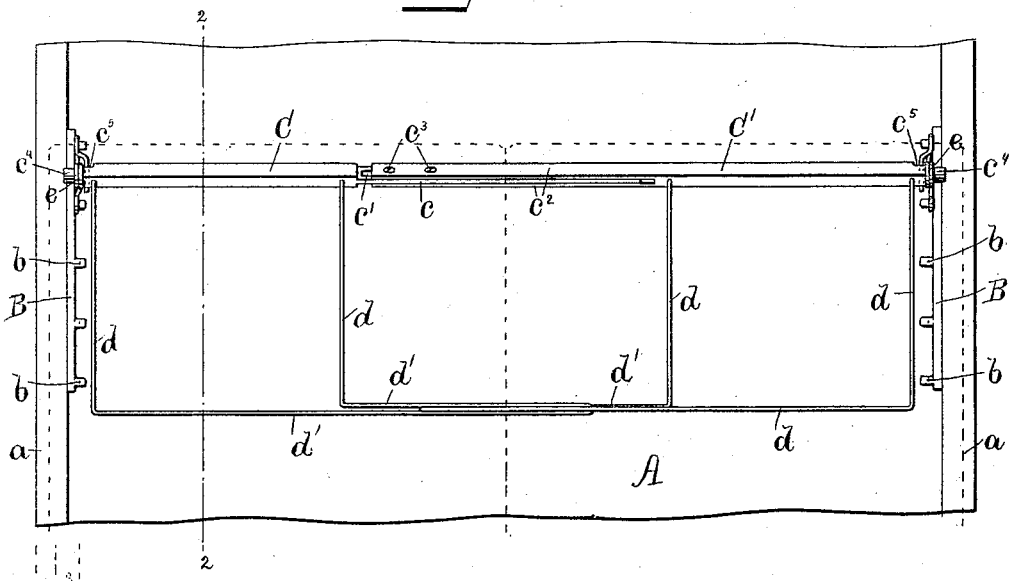
Fig. 1.



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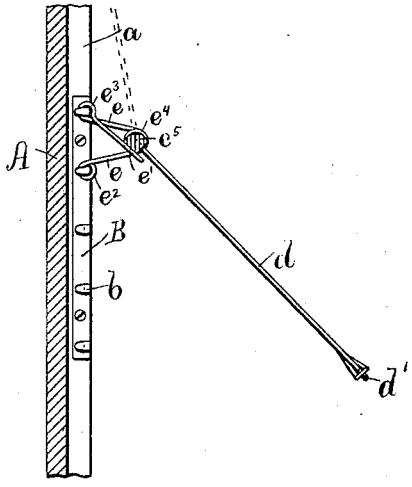

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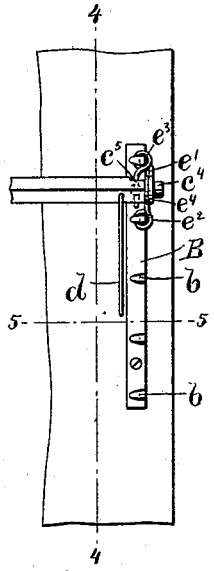

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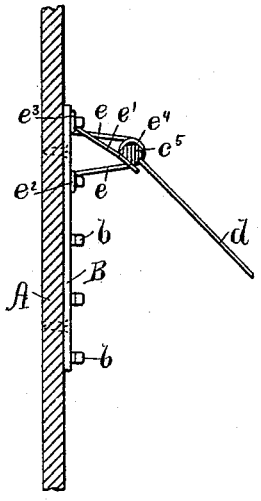

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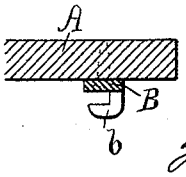

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK L. VALETTE and CHARLES D. CADY, of the city and county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to devices attached to the head-boards of bedsteads and designed to hold the pillow-shams either down over the pillows or up above them when the bed is being used.

The object of our invention is to produce a pillow-sham holder which may be readily fitted to various sizes and styles of bedsteads, and which shall be simple and durable in construction.

To the above purposes our invention consists in certain peculiar and novel features of construction and arrangement relating to the support for the frame-brackets, also to the brackets themselves, and, finally, to the frame, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that our invention may be fully understood, we will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the head-board of a bedstead with our improvement applied. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of a bedstead-head, showing a modified application of the sham-holder. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the same on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the same on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

In the said drawings, A designates the head-board of a bedstead.

B designates two metallic strips, each of which carries a series of hooks, *b*, and is suitably secured to the head-board, preferably by screws, as shown. When the head-board is formed with side posts, *a*, as is frequently the case, the strips B should be secured upon the inner sides of such posts, (see Figs. 1 and 2;) but where the head-board has no posts the strips B are secured directly upon the front of the board, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5.

C C′ designate the main pieces of the supporting-frame. The piece C is formed with an elongated tongue, *c*, having a longitudinal slot, *c′*, while the piece C′ is formed with two parallel tongues, c^2, which embrace the tongue *c*, and carry one or more screws, c^3, passing through tongues c^2, and also through the slot *c′* in tongue *c*. Each piece C C′ is also formed with a cylindrical shank, c^4, and also with a square or angular portion, c^5, said parts c^4 c^5 being of less size than the pieces C C′, and being at the outer ends of the same. Upon the pieces C C′ are secured wires *d d′*, which form a two-part frame for the shams. Thus it will be seen that the supporting-frame C C′ *d d′* may be readily extended or contracted in length, so as to fit various widths of bedsteads, while the hooks *b* upon the strips B admit of the frame being set higher up or lower down upon the head-board.

e designates the wire brackets by means of which the pieces C C′ are secured to the head-board. Each of these brackets *e* is practially of V shape, one end being bent to form an eye, e^2, to embrace one of the hooks *b*, and the opposite end being likewise bent to form an eye, e^3, for another hook. One of the ends of the bracket is extended to form an arm, *e′*, resting against the angular portion c^5, so as to hold the frame either raised or depressed. At the angle each bracket is bent to form an eye, e^4, to receive the cylindrical shank c^4.

It will be evident that by attaching the brackets *e* to the hooks *b* (the material of the brackets being of resilient wire) and extending the pieces C C′ slightly beyond the distance between the strips B, the brackets will remain fixed upon the hooks *b*, and will firmly support the frame C C′, while the arms *c′* will sustain said frame either in raised or lowered position.

The device is very simple, durable, and neat in appearance, and may be produced very cheaply.

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

1. The combination, with the strips B, having the hooks *b*, of the brackets *e*, provided with the eyes e^4 and the hook-eyes e^2 and e^3, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the extensible

frame C C′, having the angular portions c^5 and the shanks c^4, of the strips B, having the hooks b, and the brackets e, having the arms e' and eyes e^2 e^3 e^4, as specified.

3. The combination, with the strips B, having the hooks b, and the brackets e, having the arms e' and eyes e^2 e^3 e^4, of the frame-piece C, having the tongue c, with its slot c', the frame-piece C′, having the tongues c^2, with their screws c^3, the shanks c^4, and angular portions c^5, and the wires d d', as described.

4. The brackets e, having the arms e' and eyes e^2 e^3 e^4, as specified.

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