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Fig. 1

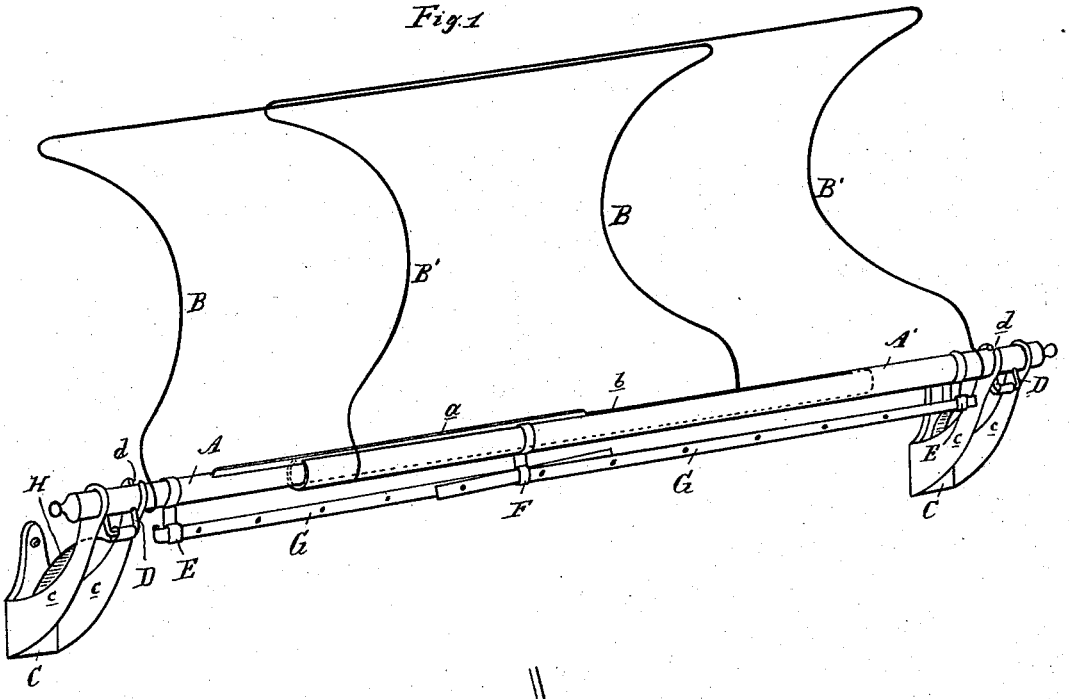
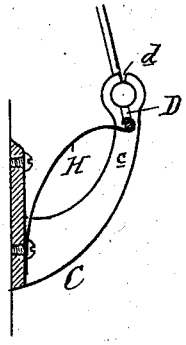


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. DORST, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in pillow-sham holders.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction of the parts whereby the device can be adjusted to beds of different widths, in the peculiar construction and application of means for retaining the holder in its elevated position, and in the construction, arrangement, and combinations of the various parts, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through one of the brackets, showing the application of the spring.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, the main rod of the holder is preferably made of metal tubes A A′, the former sliding within the latter. The tube A is provided with a feather, *a*, designed to engage with a slot, *b*, in the latter or tube A′.

B B′ are wire bows, rigidly secured to the tubes A A′, respectively.

C are brackets, designed to be secured to the bed-posts. These brackets terminate in two upwardly-projecting arms, *c*, in the ends of which are formed eyes for the reception of the ends of the tubes forming the main rod. The eye of the inner arms of the brackets are slotted to admit of the passage of the stops D, secured to such main rod, as hereinafter described.

Arms E project from the tubes A A′ and near their outer ends, and an intermediate arm, F, is secured to the tube A′. To the arms E are secured the outer ends of flat metallic bars G, the inner ends of which overlap each other and slide freely through an eye in the end of the arm F. These bars G should be slotted or perforated at intervals, so as to afford means for securing the pillow-shams in place.

In practice, the bracket C being secured to the bedstead, the tubes forming the main rod are telescoped sufficiently to allow of the insertion of their outer ends through the eyes in the arms of the brackets, the stops D passing through the slots *d*. While this is being done the bows hang vertically downward. By now turning the bows into the position shown in Fig. 1 the stops D will engage with the ends of the springs H, secured to the brackets, and thus retain the holder in such position against accidental displacement. It will be observed, also, that the stops D, being confined between the arms of the brackets, prevent an expansion or contraction of the holder after it has been adjusted to place. The feather upon one tube, engaging with the slot in the companion tube, compels both to turn simultaneously in raising or lowering the bows.

I deem it important that the brackets be formed with two arms, as shown, for by this construction the arms serve to retain the stop in place and prevent expansion or contraction of the holder after it has been once adjusted to the proper length, and the inner arm of each bracket being slotted the main rod can be readily inserted in place, and then lengthened, as may be desired.

What I claim as my invention is--

1. The combination, with the bracket C, having arms *c c*, formed with eyes, as described, the inner one of which is slotted, of the rotatable extensible main bar and the stop D on said main bar, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the bracket C, formed with arms *c c*, having eyes, as shown, the inner one of which is slotted, of the rotatable extensible main bar, the stop D, secured thereto, and the spring H, having one end secured to said bracket, and the other end engaging said stop, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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