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Bed-Clothes Clamp.

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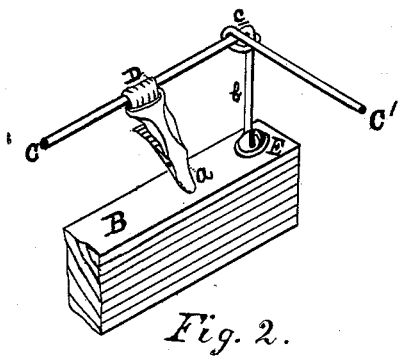


Fig. 2.

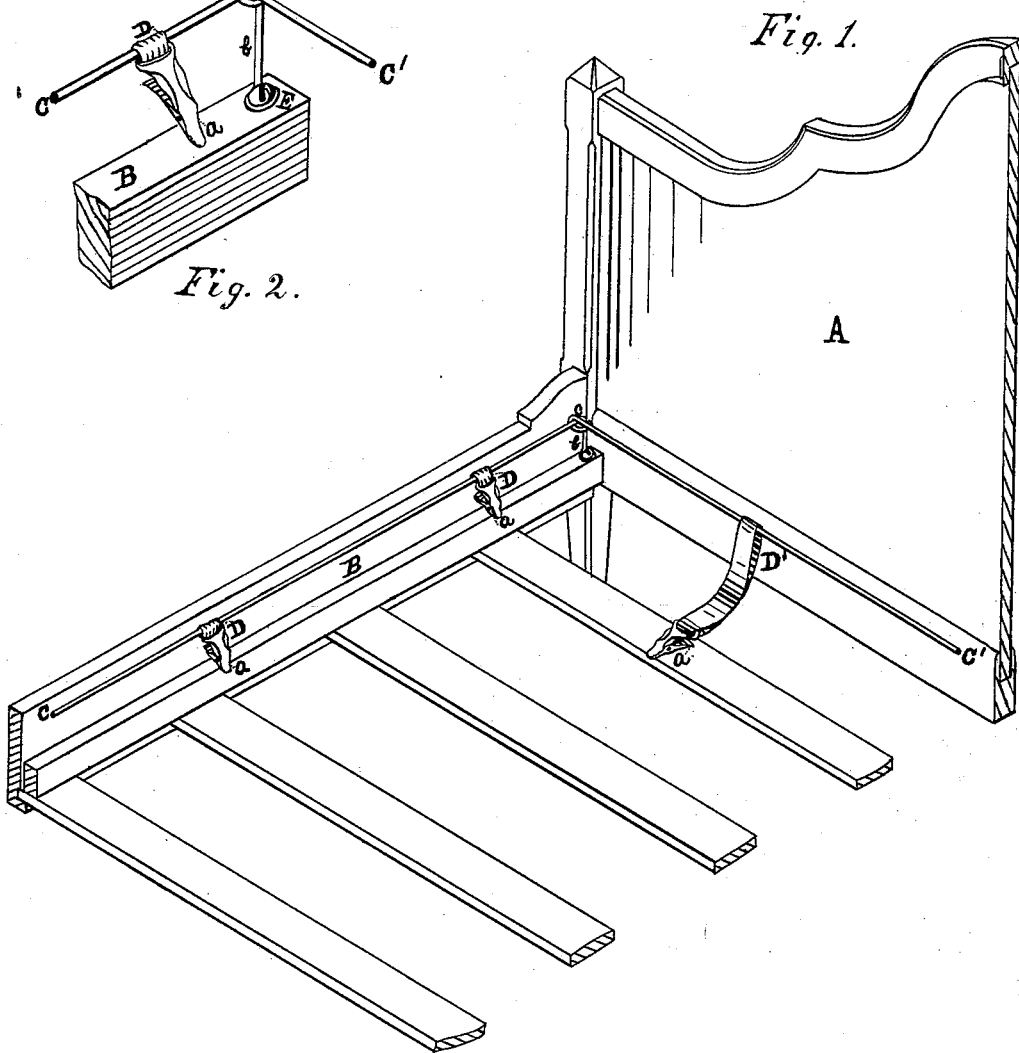


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CLOTHES CLAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. BRYSON, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Device for Retaining Bed-Clothing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to certain improvements in devices for holding bed-clothes over a child or restless person, intended to be attached to any style of bed or cot, so as to be conveniently at hand when needed, and so arranged that more or less of the covering may be held, as desired.

I have constructed my device with a view to cheapness, utility, and strength, and design to so place it as to be out of the way, and out of sight, if necessary, when not in use, but convenient when desired for use.

The care and vexation caused by sleepless and restless children is frequent and troublesome, and it is with a view of overcoming this that my invention is designed.

I construct a rectangular frame, preferably of some firm, strong wire, fitting the shape and size of the bed, and passing necessarily around its four sides. These wires are fastened in the corners of the frame of bedstead by screws or other suitable means. Eyes or wings are attached to the frame at the four corners for this purpose. To the frame are attached, by straps or other suitable contrivances, spring-clips, snap-hooks, or buckles, which may at pleasure be caused to clasp the bed-covering at any part, as the straps allow the buckles to be moved backward and forward upon the frame, as may be desired, or to be placed out of sight between the frame of the bedstead and the bed-covering.

The straps are made of sufficient length to allow them to hold the clothes with not too much tension, and yet to prevent their being drawn off so as to uncover the sleeper, and at the top or head of the bed they should be sufficiently long to pass around the pillow, or to

the shoulders of the sleeper, so as not to draw the clothes over the head.

The spring-clip or snap-hook used may be made of any suitable form or design, and can be ornamented to suit the taste.

It is evident that instead of the spring-clip or snap-hook shown, a buckle, or indeed any fastening device, may be used without departing from the spirit of my invention.

This device may be made extremely light, and can quickly be attached in the manner described, and, from the peculiar construction of the joints at the four corners, may be contracted in size to fit a smaller bed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a section of a bed, showing my improvement attached. Fig. 2 is a similar section in larger proportion.

In Fig. 1, A is the head-board of a bedstead. B is one of the sides of frame of bed. C C' show the manner of constructing and placing the wire frame, with the tie in the wire *c*, and upright support *b*. D are the straps or sides, movable upon the wire C, and *a* the buckles or snap-hooks for clasping and holding the bed-covering, the one at the top, D', being longer than the others.

Like letters of reference show similar parts in Fig. 2, E being the screw by which the device is attached to the frame of bed B.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a bedstead, of a wire rail, straps adjustable upon such rail, and spring-clips or equivalent devices, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a device for securing or holding covering upon a bed, the combination of the frame C C', straps D D', buckles *a*, and upright *b*, with tie *c*, constructed as and for the purposes described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 20th day of October, 1877.

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