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Pillow-Sham Frame and Holder.

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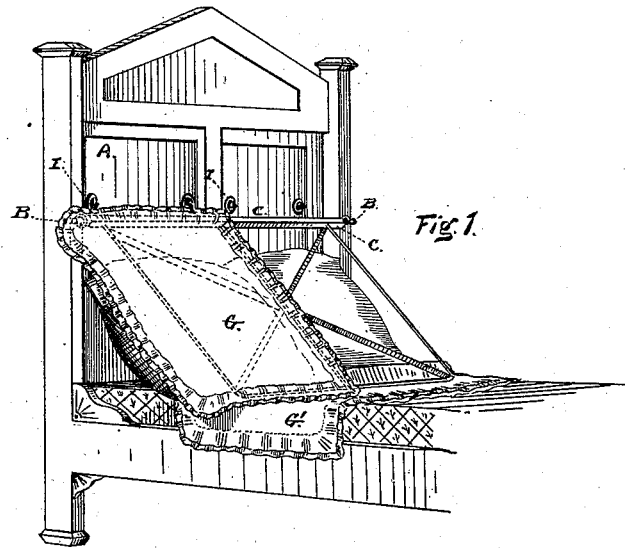


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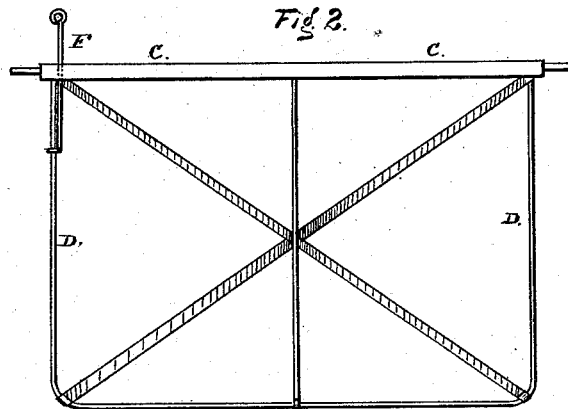


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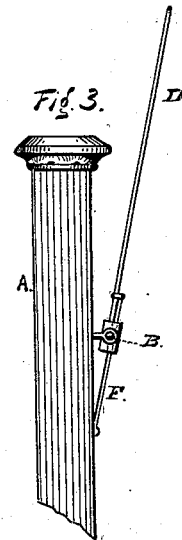


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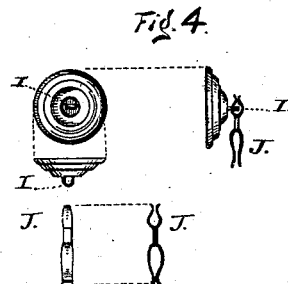


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PILLOW-SHAM FRAME AND HOLDER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **214,800**, dated April 29, 1879; application filed January 15, 1879.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN RESCO ADAMS, of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Frame and Holder, which invention is fully set forth and described in the following specification and its accompanying drawings.

In the furnishing of apartments used both as sleeping and sitting rooms, the employment of false pillows or pillow-shams is now generally resorted to by housekeepers, both for the sake of economy and to render the room attractive and well-furnished in the day-time; and the object of my invention is to provide a means for keeping these pillow covers or shams smooth, unwrinkled, and in a proper slanting position at the head of the bed during the day, and for allowing them to be turned up and out of the way at night, whereby such pillow shams or coverings can be used without pillows, and are rendered serviceable for a much longer time.

To such end and purpose my invention consists of a frame of suitable length and width, made preferably of wire, and hinged or pivoted to the head-board of a bedstead in such manner that it will occupy a slanting position, with one edge resting upon the bedding, and so that it can be turned down in the day-time over the place filled by the pillows, and turned up at night out of the way against the head-board. Upon this frame the pillow-shams or ornamental coverings are laid, and a suitable catch or fastening is provided in connection with it to hold the whole back out of the way when required. In connection with said supporting-frame I employ, when required, a number of rings, eyes, or staples, secured to the head-board above the place occupied by the frame, and provided with a like number of clips or spring-clamps for engagement with the upper edge and corners of the shams, to hold them smoothly in place over and upon the pivoted frame without the use of pins or similar fastenings, the construction and application whereof will be more fully described hereinafter.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the head part of a bedstead

with my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the frame. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the frame as raised from the bedding; and Fig. 4 is a detail view of the catches, clips, or fastenings.

A is the head-board of a bedstead. B B are two eyes or staples secured therein. C is a bar with ends rounded or provided with pintles, to fit and work in the eyes that serve as hinges or pivots on which the bar can be turned. D is a frame made of wire and united to the bar C, so that the two parts together form a rectangular frame. Suitable cross bars or braces are added, if required, to form a support in the center.

F is a sliding rod or catch that comes into play to hold the frame back when it is turned up. G G' are the pillow-shams and sheet-shams.

I I are small eyes, rings, or staples, that are fixed in ornamental escutcheons or rosettes, and by this means are fastened to the head-board of the bedstead without disfiguring it; and J J are double spring clips or clamps, that engage with these eyes, and with the upper edge and corners of the pillow-shams. These rings or eyes and their clips are designed to hold the shams in place upon the slanting support, and to keep them from slipping down or being drawn out of place, and by their use no pins or other fastenings are required. There is, consequently, no liability of the shams being torn or disfigured by a frequent fastening, and they are not wrinkled or soiled.

The frame C D occupies in the day-time a position more or less slanting, and when turned up at night it is held back by the catch F.

The ornamental rosettes, with their eyes I, can be readily and permanently secured to the head-board without detracting from the appearance of the bedstead; and the clips J J are fastened both to the eyes and to the edges of the pillow-shams without difficulty, and without danger of tearing the shams, as the spring-jaws will slip if too strong a pull is given upon the shams through carelessness.

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

The pillow-sham frame C D, with pintles or pivots, and a catch or holding device to support it when turned up, as described, in combination with the staples B B, secured to the head-board of a bedstead, to operate as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December, 1878.

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