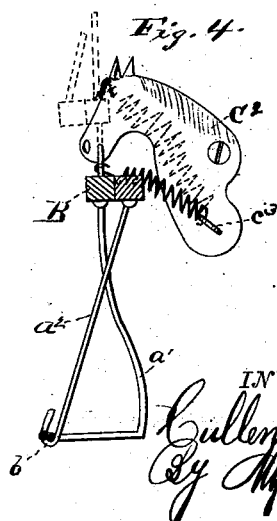
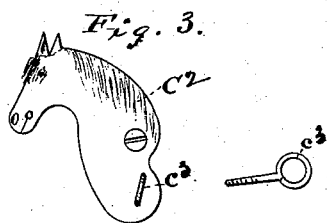
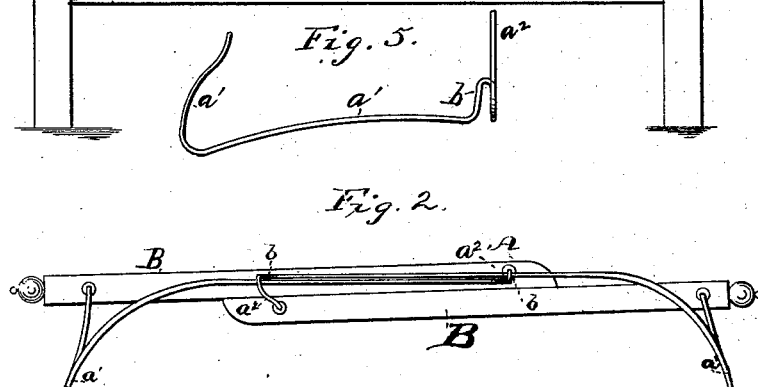
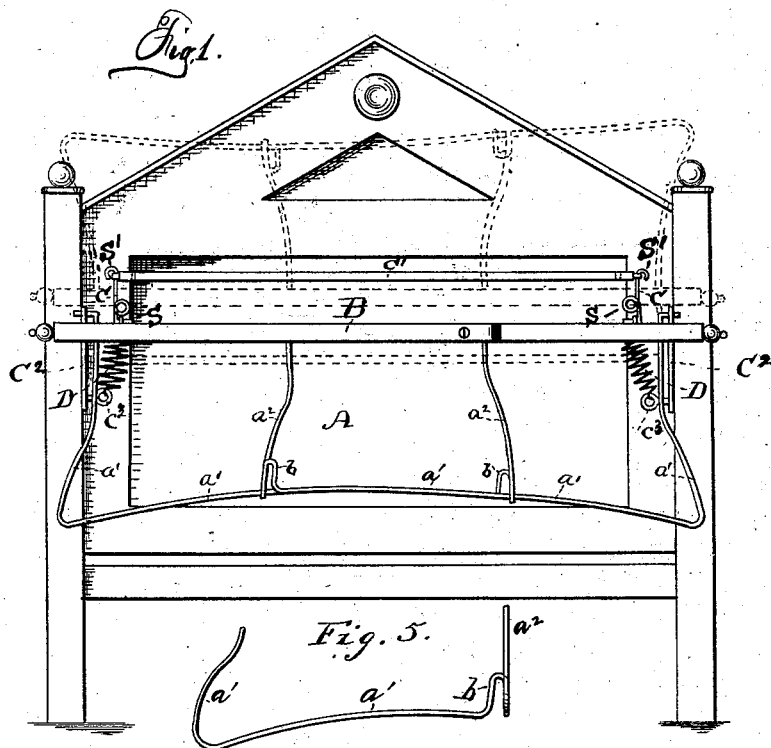


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CULLEN B. CLARK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention pertains to improvements in pillow-sham holders, having for its object to effect the ready adjustment of the holder to the size of the bedstead; to hold the sham in an upright position, and so as to hang smoothly; to adapt it to be readily elevated, and thus retained when the bed is occupied; to prevent the marring or defacement of the bedstead, and to strengthen the same; and it consists of the combination and construction of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved pillow-sham holder, the holder being shown elevated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan thereof. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed view of the spring-bracket, and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views.

In carrying out my invention I employ a frame, A, preferably of stiff wire, and made in two sections, each section consisting of a wire frame, *a'*, secured at both ends to a corresponding bar-section, B. The outer ends of the wires *a'* are respectively curved outwardly and downwardly, and each wire frame is formed into a loop at *b*, for reception of its corresponding wire frame, *a'*, which the loop overlaps, as a means of guiding and securing the wires in position when the cross-bars B are slid to and fro. The purpose of the outward curving of the end bars, *a'*, is to enable the shams to rest thereon and depend therefrom beyond and conceal the ends of the pillows. This construction and arrangement permit the frame-sections to be extended or contracted, whereby the holder is adapted to accommodate pillow-shams of different sizes or lengths. The spring rods or arms C C are secured near the outer ends of bars B, and each comprises a double-coiled spring, *s*, designed to hold the fabric-strip C' continuously tightly stretched, and a hook, *s'*, to which is

attached the fabric-strip. It is designed to retain the sham in an elevated or suitable position, and it may be made of lace, ruffles, or other delicate and highly-ornamental material. The bar-sections B, after they are adjusted to the required length, are fastened together with a single screw at the inner end of each. The bars B are pivoted at their outer ends upon brackets C², Figs. 3 and 4, screwed or otherwise connected to the inner sides of the bedstead-posts, to permit the sham-holder to be swung up out of the way, as shown in Fig. 1 in dotted lines.

To hold or retain the sham-holder in position, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, I employ springs D, which are connected at their inner ends to eyelet-screws *c'*, which serve in part to fasten the brackets in position, and at their opposite ends to the rear under side of the bars B, whereby when the holder is elevated or thrown up the springs will reverse their positions and draw upon the rear side of the holder, effecting the result above set forth. The brackets C², I construct after the configuration of a horse's neck and head, as shown, to render them ornamental and attractive.

To prevent the holder from marring or defacing the head-board of the bedstead, suitable means—as, for instance, an elastic headed stop—is designed to be applied to the sectional bar B, so adapted that it will prevent the contact of the metallic or wire holder frame with the head-board.

The ends of the sectional bar may be highly ornamented by the application thereto of spherical appendages or balls, nickel-plated, silvered, or gold-washed.

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

In a pillow-sham holder, the combination of the bar B, frames *a'*, having loops *b*, springs D, connecting-bars S, brackets C², spring rods or arms C, and strip C', substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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