

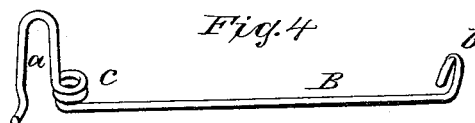
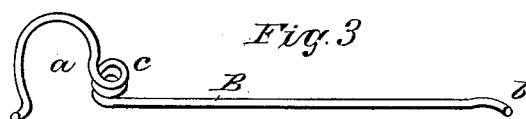
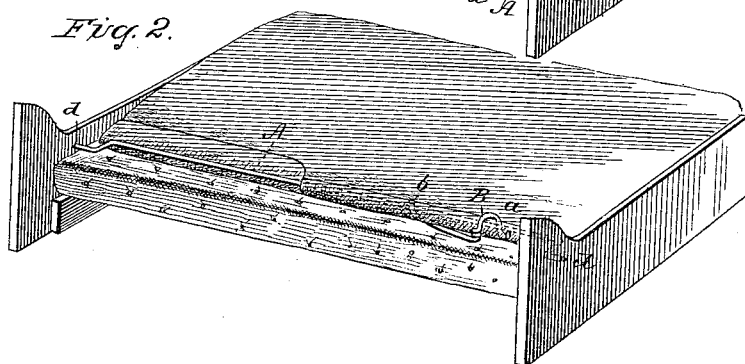
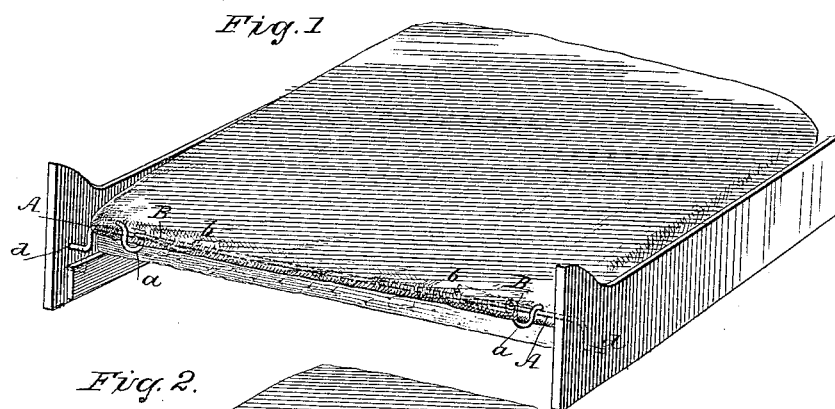
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## BEDCLOTHES-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY O. THOMAS, of Fremont, in the county of Dodge and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Bedclothes-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a view of the invention applied to the foot of the bed. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing it in process of adjustment to  
10 place. Fig. 3 is a detail view, in perspective, of the clamp. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modification.

The object of my invention is to provide a means for securing the bedclothes of a bed  
15 either at the foot or sides of a bed or crib, to prevent the bedclothes from being kicked off by sleeping children or by sick persons, which tendency to kick off the covering while asleep is a fruitful source of the production or ag-  
20 gravation of disease.

My invention consists in peculiar clamping devices for securing the covers and a bail for holding them down firmly and without mutilating or tearing the same, which I will now  
25 proceed to describe.

In the drawings, A represents the bail, and B the clamps. The bail is made of a double-crank shape, and extends the full length of the foot or the greater part of the length  
30 of the side of the bed to which it is to be attached, and is made of stout wire strong enough to hold the clothes and yet elastic enough to have a slight spring when adjusting it to place. The clamps B are made of small  
35 spring-wire, and are bent into the shape shown with a downward hook, *a*, at one end big enough to grasp the clothes when wrapped around the bail, and with a hook, *b*, at the other end to be caught around the bail under  
40 the clothes, and near the hook *a* are one or two spiral convolutions or twists, *c*, which serve to give a greater elasticity to the clamp in binding laterally against the bedclothes as wrapped around the bail.

In adjusting the holder to place at the foot of the bed the bedclothes are first turned back from the foot of the bed about ten inches or so, and the straight middle portion of the  
45 bail is laid on this turned-back portion about its middle, as in Fig. 2, on the left. The edge

of the bedclothes is then folded over the bail so as to wrap it in the fold, as on the right of Fig. 2. Over the wrap of the bedclothes, at each end of the bail, and also along the middle parts, are then fitted the clamps B, something  
55 after the manner of a clothes-pin, as follows: The large hook, *a*, is slipped over the fold of the clothes around the bail in about right angular position, and the other end, *b*, of the clamp is then swung around into nearly parallel po-  
60 sition with the bail, and the hook *b* is then inserted beneath the clothes and caught around the bare bail, so as to lock the clamp in position, in which the large hook *a* embraces the clothes on the bail and binds laterally against the same  
65 with sufficient tension to tightly hold the clothes on the bail. The bail is then taken and its cranked ends *d d* are inserted into screw-eyes or sockets in the bedstead or mattress-frame. These screw-eyes may be on the foot-board,  
70 the last slat, or the cross-bar of a spring-bed bottom, or, instead of screw-eyes, there may be holes bored in the inner sides of the side-boards at the foot. Into one of these screw-eyes or sockets one end *d* of the bail is in-  
75 serted, and the bail is then slightly bent to permit the other end *d* to spring into its screw-eye or socket. The clamp B may have sufficient elasticity in its length to dispense with the spiral convolutions *c*, and its end *b*,  
80 instead of being simply an upward bend to engage with the bail, may be a downwardly-curving hook, as in Fig. 4, to slip down over the cover and bail after the manner of hook *a*, and in this form this clamp makes a good  
85 clothes-pin to fasten clothes upon a clothes-line, and for which I propose to use it.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The clamp B, made of spring-wire, with a  
90 hook, *a*, at one end of large size, adapted to embrace and clamp the clothes, and another, *b*, at the other, adapted to engage with the bail or clothes-holder, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of a bail, A, with  
95 clamp-hooks B, having at one end the large hook *a*, adapted to embrace and clamp the clothes, and at the other end the small hook *b*, adapted to engage with the bail or clothes-  
100

holder, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The clamp B, having a hook, *a*, at one end, a hook, *b*, at the other, and a spiral twist  
5 at *c*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. The clamp B, having a hook, *a*, at one

end, a hook, *b*, at the other end, and a spiral twist at *c*, in combination with the bail A, as and for the purpose described.

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