

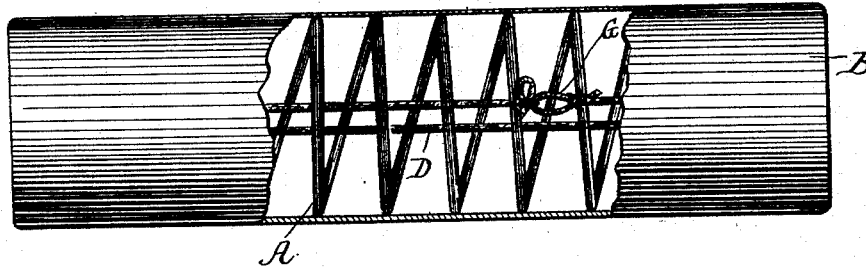
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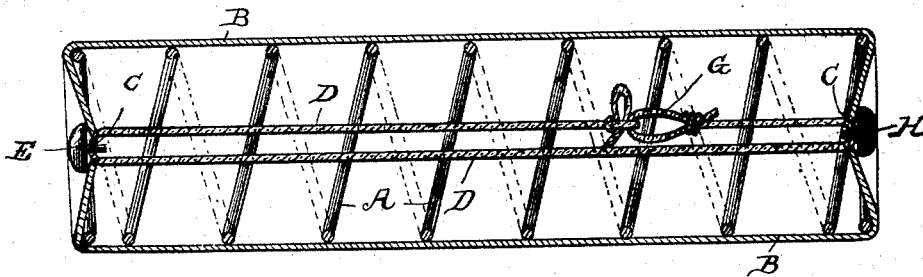
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## SHAM BOLSTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORRIN A. HANFORD, of Bloomington, in the county of McLean and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Sham Bolster; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in sham bolsters, the object of the same being to provide an article by the use of which bolsters and pillows may be dispensed with when the bed is not needed for use, and at the same time a substitute in appearance will be furnished by very economical and effective means.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the certain features of construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the sham, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof.

A represents a coil-wire spring adapted to fit within an adjustable cover B. The ends of the cover are partially closed, leaving small apertures C, through which pass the double cord D, to one end of which is attached a button E. The string passes through the spring A and out through the opposite end of the cover. The cords D at the free ends are provided with a knotted loop G, by means of which the same may be lengthened or short-

ened, as desired. Button H is attached to this end of the cord for the purpose of holding the bolster in fixed position. When it is desired to shorten the length of the bolster, the cord is shortened, thereby compressing the spring. In order to lengthen the bolster, the cord is loosened, and the tension of the spring will effect the object.

The apertures C are just large enough to permit the cord to slip through, consequently being so small as to prevent the passage of the buttons. Ordinarily the loop of the cord is within the cover, so as to be hidden from sight. When it is desired to adjust the bolster, the cord is drawn through one of the apertures until the loop is exposed. The length of the cord is then adjusted, after which it is again shifted, so as to hide the loop within the cover.

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

An adjustable sham bolster consisting of a coiled spring, a fabric cover inclosing the same, a looped cord passing axially through the spring and projecting through but not secured to the ends of the cover, and buttons on the ends of the cord, bearing against the ends of the cover, as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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