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Fig. 2.

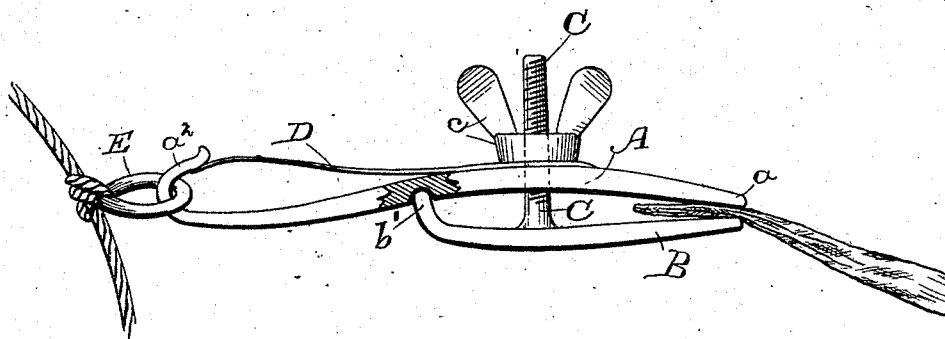
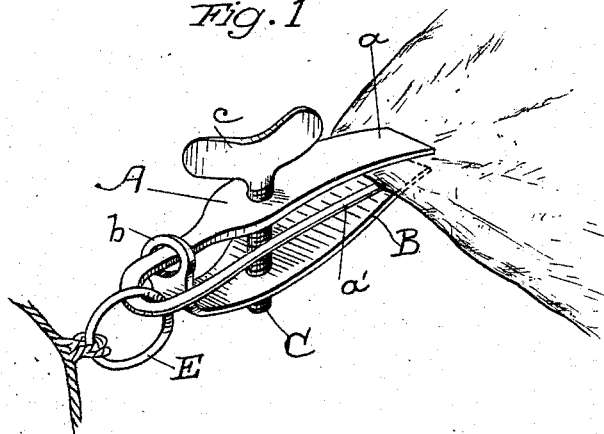


Fig. 1



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY LORENTZ JESSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watsonville, Santa Cruz county, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Bedclothes Clamps; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device for retaining bed clothes in position.

It consists in certain details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device showing its attachment. Fig. 2 is a side view showing a modification of the device.

The object of this invention is to provide a means for retaining bed clothes in their proper position during the night, so that children or those who are very restless will not be able to disarrange the clothes and throw them off and expose themselves to the danger of catching cold.

A is the main stock of the device having at one end a jaw *a* and the opposite end is extended and turned over so as to form a hook *a'*.

B is the second plate which forms a jaw opposing the jaw *a* of the plate A at one end, and at the opposite end it is up-turned as shown at *b* in Fig. 1, or at *b'* in Fig. 2. This up-turned end forms a loose connection by a loop or socket in the side of the plate A, and this forms a support for this end of the plate B. From or through the plate B, at a point intermediate between this up-turned end and the jaw at the opposite end, a screw shank C extends at right angles with the plate and passes through a hole made in the plate A. Above the plate A, is a wing or thumb nut *c*, which turns upon the screw-threaded portion of the shank C. When this nut is turned back, the jaws *a* and B may be separated by the jaw B turning about its fulcrum point *b* until a sufficient space is produced to admit the edge of the bed clothes as shown in the illustration. By turning the nut the jaws are now closed together to clamp the edge of the bed clothes and hold them securely. The hook *a'* is intended to engage with a loop, cord or other device E, which is suitably at-

tached to the crib bedstead or other stationary point by which the whole device is retained in position.

D D Fig. 2, is a spring tongue which is fastened to the plate A at one end, and the opposite end engages the point of the hook *a'* so as to prevent the loop from being disengaged therefrom, or, if preferred, the end of the hook *a'* in Fig. 1 itself, may be made elastic, or so turned that the bed-clothing will be crowded into the opening to form the stop. The hook may be turned in any direction found most convenient.

As many of these clamps may be employed as may be necessary to hold the bed clothes at different points and retain them in place, while allowing the occupant of the bed or crib to move about freely beneath them, without being able to throw them off.

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

1. A clamp for bed clothes consisting of opposing plates the forward ends of which form jaws for receiving the bed clothes, one of said plates having its rear end upturned and fulcrumed upon the opposing plate, and the other plate being extended beyond said fulcrum point of the plates and provided with means for detachably engaging a holding loop, and a means engaging both plates and interposed between the fulcrum point of the plates and the jaws thereof for adjusting the jaws and clamping the bed clothes between them.

2. A bed clothes clamp consisting of two jaws, one of which has an up-turned end adapted to form a loose connection with the other, and a screw-threaded shank extending through holes in the plates with a nut whereby the jaws are closed to clamp the clothes, an extension of the main jaw beyond the fulcrum point of the two jaws, having the end formed into a hook adapted to engage a holding loop, and means for closing the point of the hook.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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