

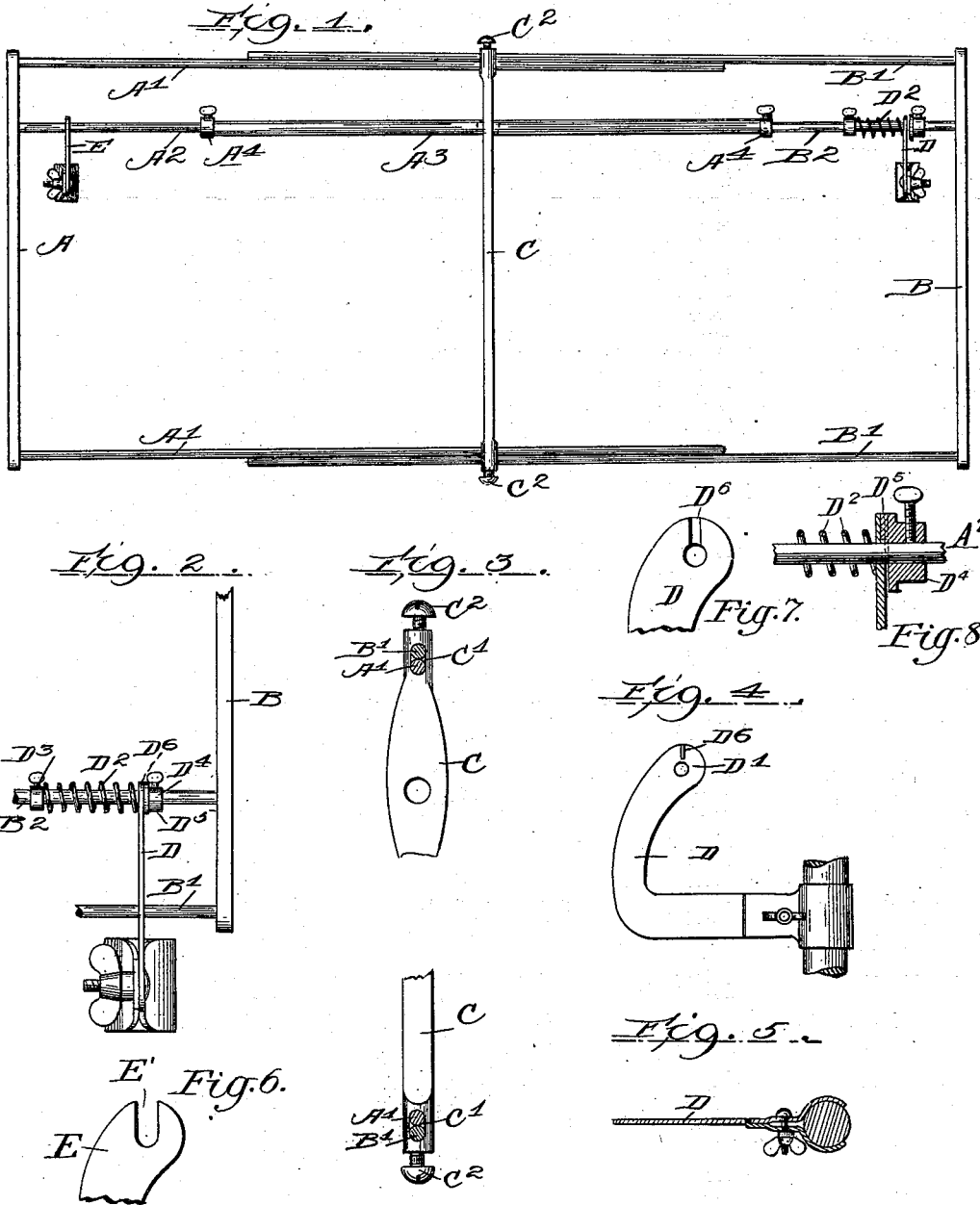
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE M. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a light rigid support for pillow-shams, especially adaptable to metallic bedsteads, made adjustable to fit beds of different widths.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the pillow-sham holder. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the supporting-bracket and device for locking the sham-holder in an elevated position. Fig. 3 is a side view of the middle cross-bar of the sham-holder frame, a portion of the length of said bar being broken away. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the supporting-bracket shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a transverse section through said bracket. Figs. 6 and 7 are enlarged views of the outer ends of the two supporting-brackets. Fig. 8 is a longitudinal central section representing the device for locking the sham-holder in an elevated position.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the construction of this pillow-sham holder I provide end bars A and B, having side bars A' and B', rigidly secured to said end bars, constituting a rectangular framework, also providing the rods A² and B², extending inward from said end bars A and B, respectively. The said rods A² and B² lie within the sleeve A³ and are held in position therein by the clamps A⁴ at each end of said sleeve. The side bars A' and B' overlap, lying side by side in the eyes C' of the middle cross-bar C, and are held rigidly in said eyes by means of the screws C², threaded in opposite ends of the said middle cross-bar C. This cross-bar also has an opening C³ for the reception of the sleeve A³.

D is a bracket intended to clamp one of the vertical bars of a bedstead, its outer end having a perforation D' to receive the rod B². A coil-spring D³ surrounds said rod, lying to one side of the bracket D and holding said bracket, under the pressure of the spring, between the two collars D³ and D⁴. The collar D⁴ is provided with a radial lug D⁵ and

the bracket with a corresponding depression D⁶, the relative positions of which lug and depression are such that when the pillow-sham holder is turned upward the lug enters the depression and holds the rectangular framework elevated. The opposite end of the holder is pivotally supported upon the outer end of the bracket E, said bracket being similar in its construction to the bracket D, excepting that it is provided with a slotted opening E' for the reception of the rod A² instead of the perforation D'.

In the application of this pillow-sham holder to a bedstead the brackets D and E are clamped to the vertical bars in the headboard of a metallic bedstead and the holder-framework adjusted to the width of the bed. This adjustment is made by loosening the screws C² and the screws of the clamps A⁴, which permits the framework of the holder to be adjusted in length as desired. When the desired adjustment is obtained, the clamps A⁴ and the screws C² are tightened, making the framework rigid. The rods A² and B² are of such length that in the narrowest beds their ends meet in the center of the sleeve A³, and when extended said ends are separated, still lying within the sleeve A³. When the holder is turned downward, as during the daytime, its weight rests upon the pillows. When elevated, it is held in position by the engagement of the lug D⁵, entering the depression D⁶, being held therein by the spring D³.

Pillow-shams are attached to the framework of the holder by means of tapes or in any other suitable and convenient manner.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a pillow-sham holder, in combination, a rectangular framework comprising end bars and two-part overlapping side bars; a middle cross-bar having openings near its opposite ends for the reception of said side bars, also having an opening intermediate its ends; means for clamping said side bars in said first-mentioned openings; a rod extending inwardly from each of said end bars; a sleeve surrounding the inner ends of each of said rods, which sleeve extends through the last-mentioned opening in said middle cross-bar; clamps at the ends of said sleeve; and supporting-brackets having pivotal connections with said inwardly-extending rods.

2. In a pillow-sham holder, in combination,
a rectangular framework comprising end bars
and two-part overlapping side bars; a middle
cross-bar having openings near its opposite
5 ends for the reception of said side bars, also
having an opening intermediate its ends;
screws for clamping said side bars in said first-
mentioned openings; a rod extending in-
wardly from each of said end bars; a sleeve
10 surrounding the inner ends of each of said
rods, which sleeve extends through the last-
mentioned opening in said middle cross-bar;
clamps at the ends of said sleeve; a support-

ing-bracket perforated to surround one of
said inwardly-extending rods, and having a 15
depression near said perforation; a coil-spring
on said rod; a collar for holding the coil-spring
against said bracket, which collar has a lug
for engaging said depression; and a bracket 20
having a slotted opening in its outer end for
receiving the other inwardly-extending rod.

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