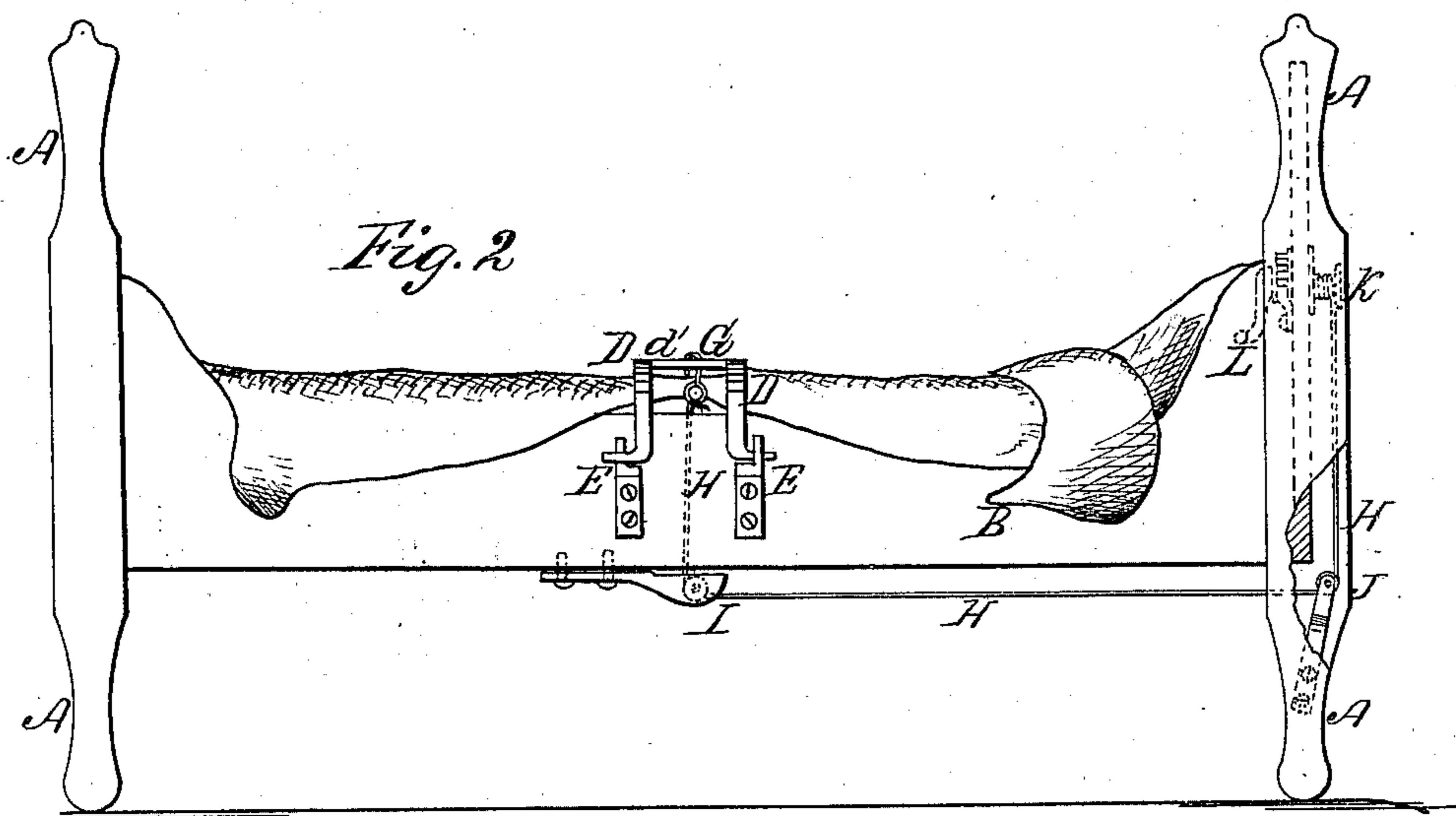
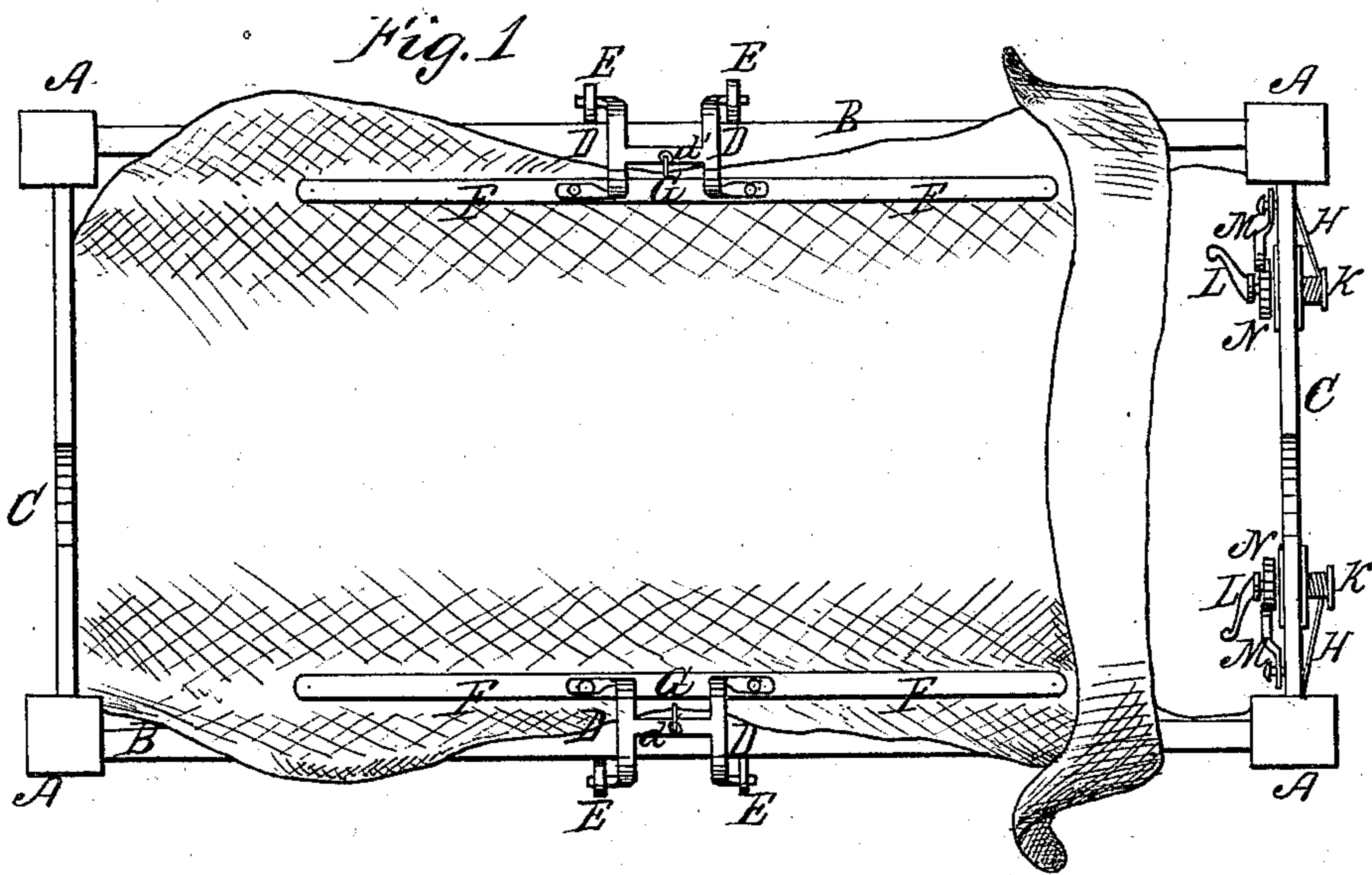


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## IMPROVED BED-CLOTHES HOLDER.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. MUNSON, of Bailey Hollow, in the county of Luzerne, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Bed-Clothes Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a top view of a bed to which my improved device has been attached.

Figure 2 is a side view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved device for securing the bed-clothes in place upon the bed, so as to prevent them from being thrown out of place by the restlessness of the sleeper; and it consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the device, as hereinafter more fully described.

A are the posts, B are the side rails, and C are the head and foot-boards of the bedstead. D are two arms connected to each other by a cross-bar, *d'*. The arms D are curved, as shown in the drawings, and their outer ends have straight hooks formed upon them, by means of which they are hinged to ears, E, attached to the side rails, B, of the bedstead. To the inner ends of the arms D are securely attached long bars F, which, when the arms D are turned down towards the bed, lie along the inner sides of the side rails B, securely clamping the bed-clothes in place. The ears E upon one or both sides of the bedstead should be so formed, that by turning the arms D back, the said arms may be readily detached for convenience in making up the bed.

G is a hook, hooking into a hole in the cross-bar *d'* of the arms D, and to which is attached one end of the cord H, which passes around a guide-pulley, I, attached to the lower part of the side rails B, and around a guide-pulley, J, attached to the lower edge of the head-board C, or to the posts A at or near the said lower edge of the said head-board, and its other end is secured to the outwardly-projecting end of the short shaft K, which passes through the upper part of the head-board C, and to the inner end of which is attached a small crank, L, by means of which the said shaft K is operated to wind up the cord H, and draw the arms D and bars F down upon the bed-clothes to secure them in place, the said cranks being so placed that they may be conveniently operated by a person lying in the bed to clamp the clothes about himself.

The shaft K is held in place in any position to which it may be revolved by a pawl, M, pivoted to the head-board, and taking hold of the teeth of a small ratchet-wheel, N, attached to said shaft, as shown in the drawings. By this device the bed-clothes are held securely in place, and, at the same time, by said bed-clothes being held securely at the sides of the bed, the sleeper will be comfortable with a much lighter supply of bed-clothes than he could be were they not thus held at the sides of the bed.

Another advantage of this device is, that the bed-clothes, being secured in place after the person or persons are in bed, will be sufficiently loose to permit them to turn comfortably when they wish to.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In combination with the cross-bar F, secured to arms D *d'*, which are hinged to staples E, fixed in the rail B, the cord H, pulley J, drum K, crank L, ratchet-wheel N, and pawl M, all arranged to operate as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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