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Bed Clothes Retainers.

No. 116,013.

Fig. 1

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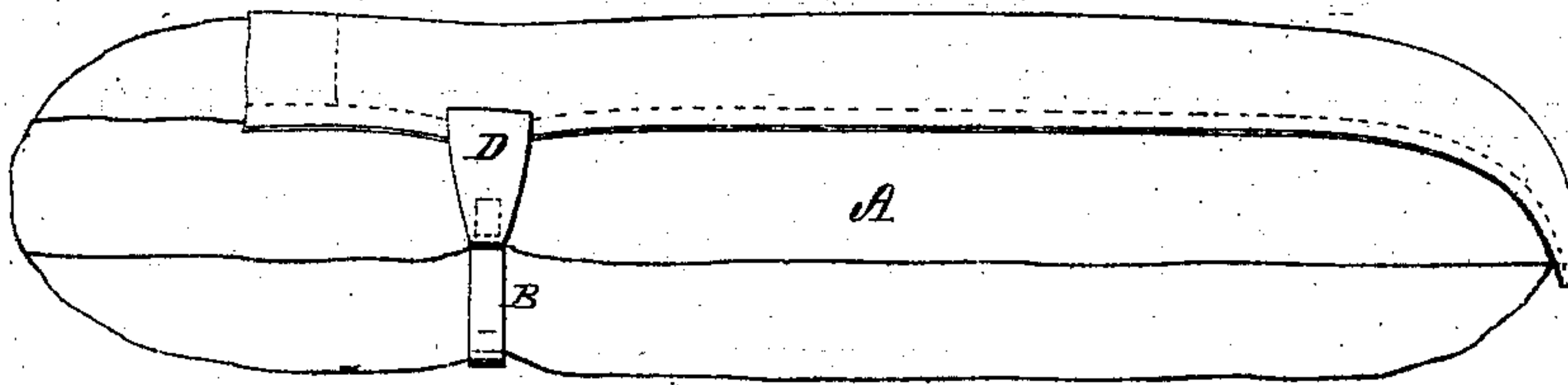


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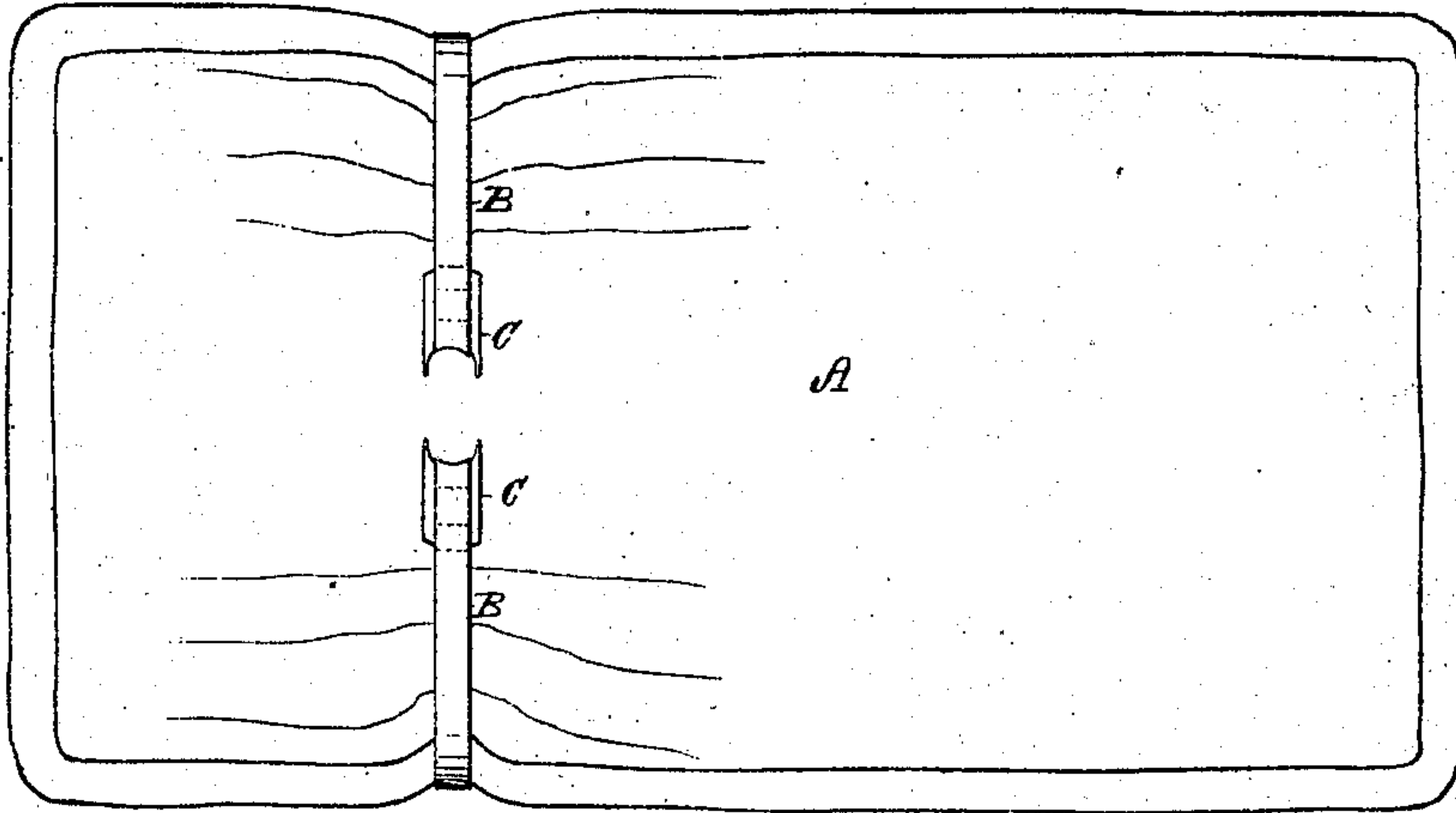


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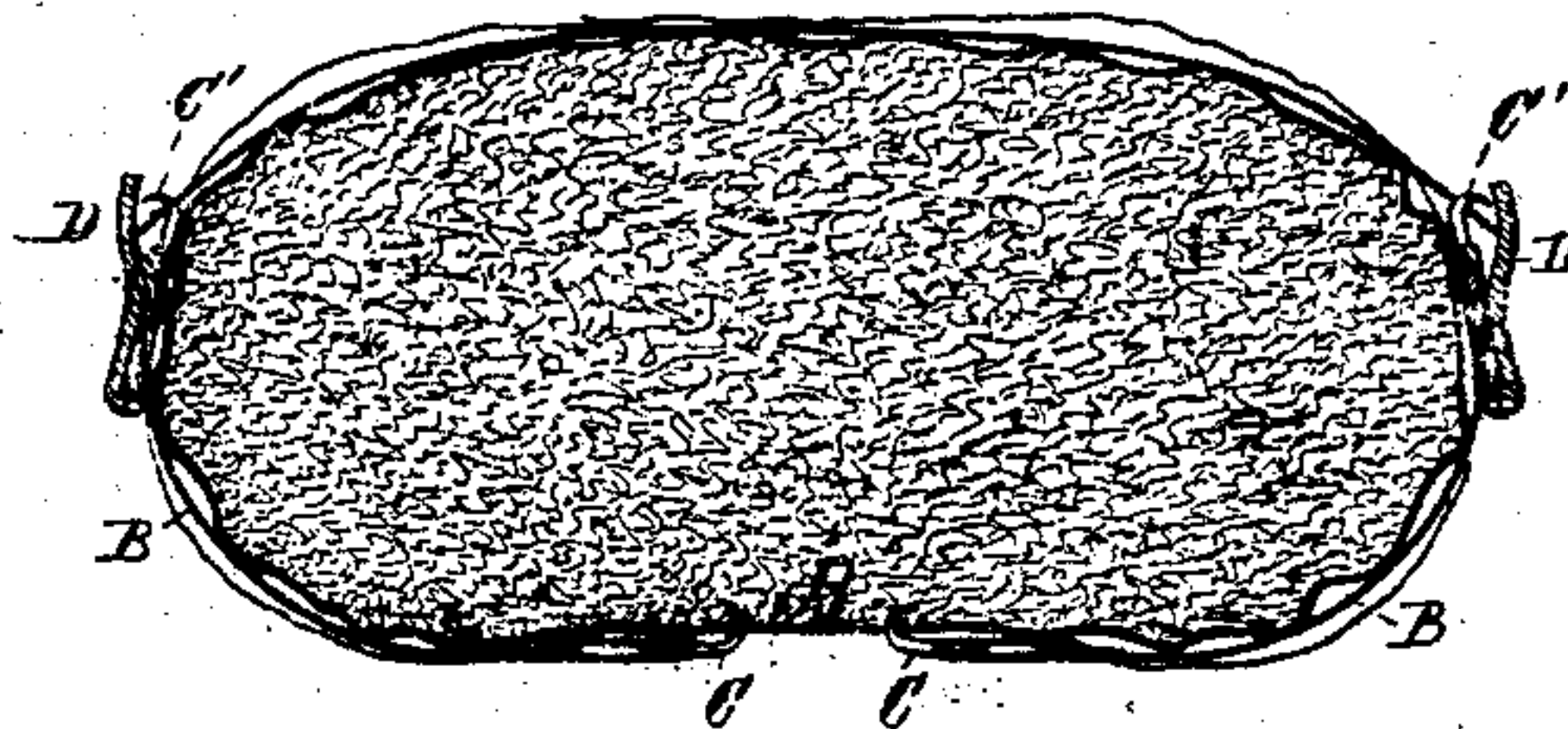


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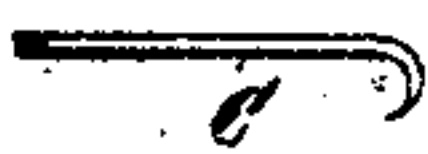


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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CLOTHES RETAINERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BIRKENHEAD, of Canton, of the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have made a new and useful invention having reference to beds; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a bed or mattress and a sheet or article of bed-clothing as provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is an under-side view, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of the same. Fig. 4 is a top view, Fig. 5 a longitudinal section, and Fig. 6 a side or edge view of the sheet or bed-clothing retainer, to be hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to prevent an infant or young child, while asleep in a bed, from throwing off the bed-clothes or becoming uncovered. To this end I combine with the mattress A and the sheet, blanket, coverlet, or bed-clothing two retainers or elastic bands, B B, provided at their ends with hooks C C' to hook into the bed at its bottom and into the sheet or bed-coverlet. To the hooks C' to enter the bed-clothing, or to the band near such hooks, I apply a flap or guard, D, of leather,

to extend over the points of the hook so as to prevent such, when hooked into a sheet or coverlet, from accidentally doing injury to a person or catching in the clothes thereof. The two clothing-retainers, made as described, are to be applied to opposite edges of the bed and to hook into the bed-clothing, all being as represented in the drawing. Each retainer may consist of a single elastic band, a guard, as explained, and a hook for attaching the retainer to the bed-covering, and such retainer may be sewed or fastened directly to the bed or mattress.

The retainers, being elastic, will not interfere with the breathing or comfort of the child. They will allow of his turning in bed and of raising the bed-clothing more or less, although they will prevent him from becoming uncovered during his struggles while asleep or awake.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the bed-clothes retainer, made in manner and for use as described.

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