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BED-CLOTHES HOLDER.

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fig 1.

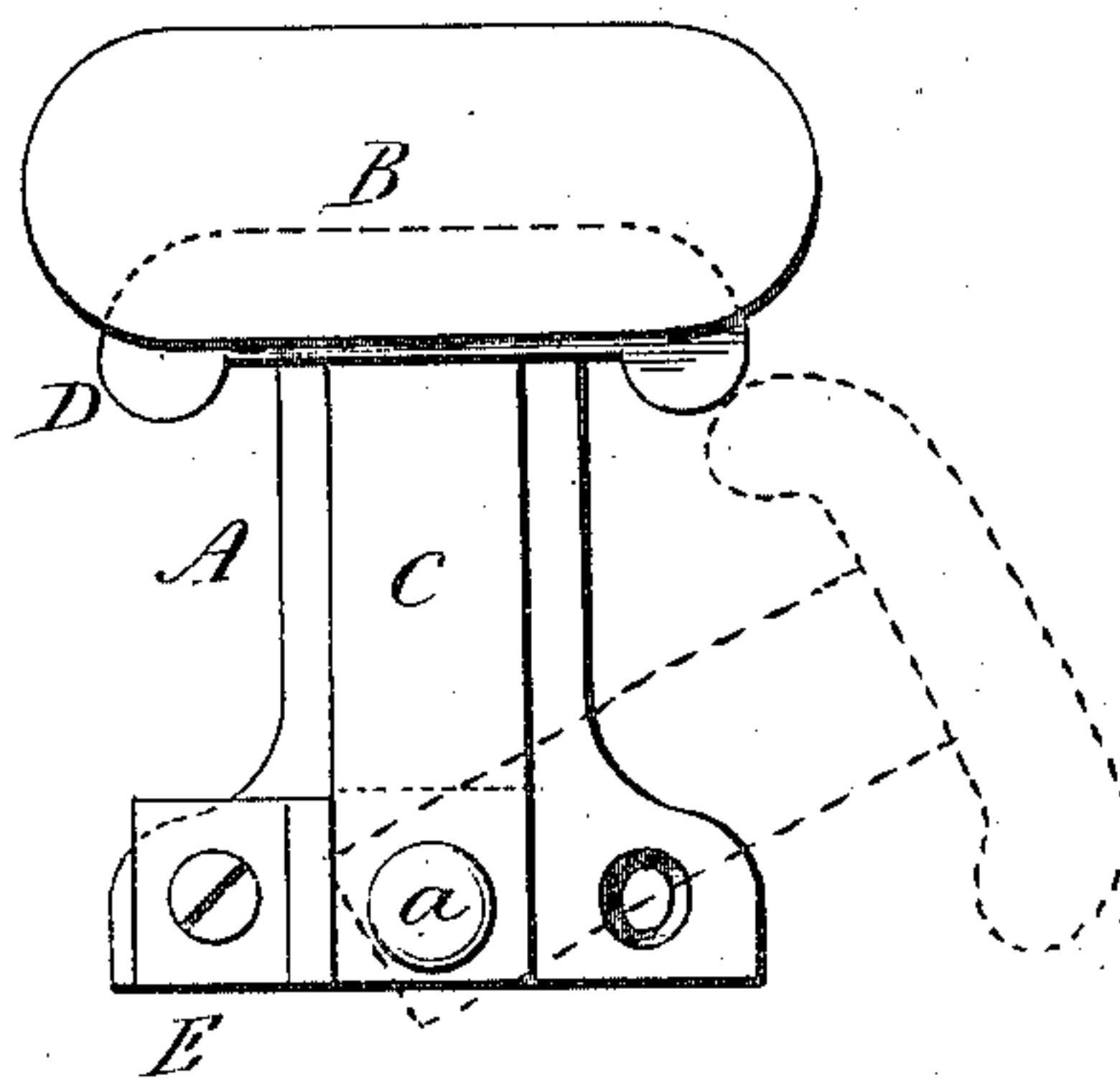
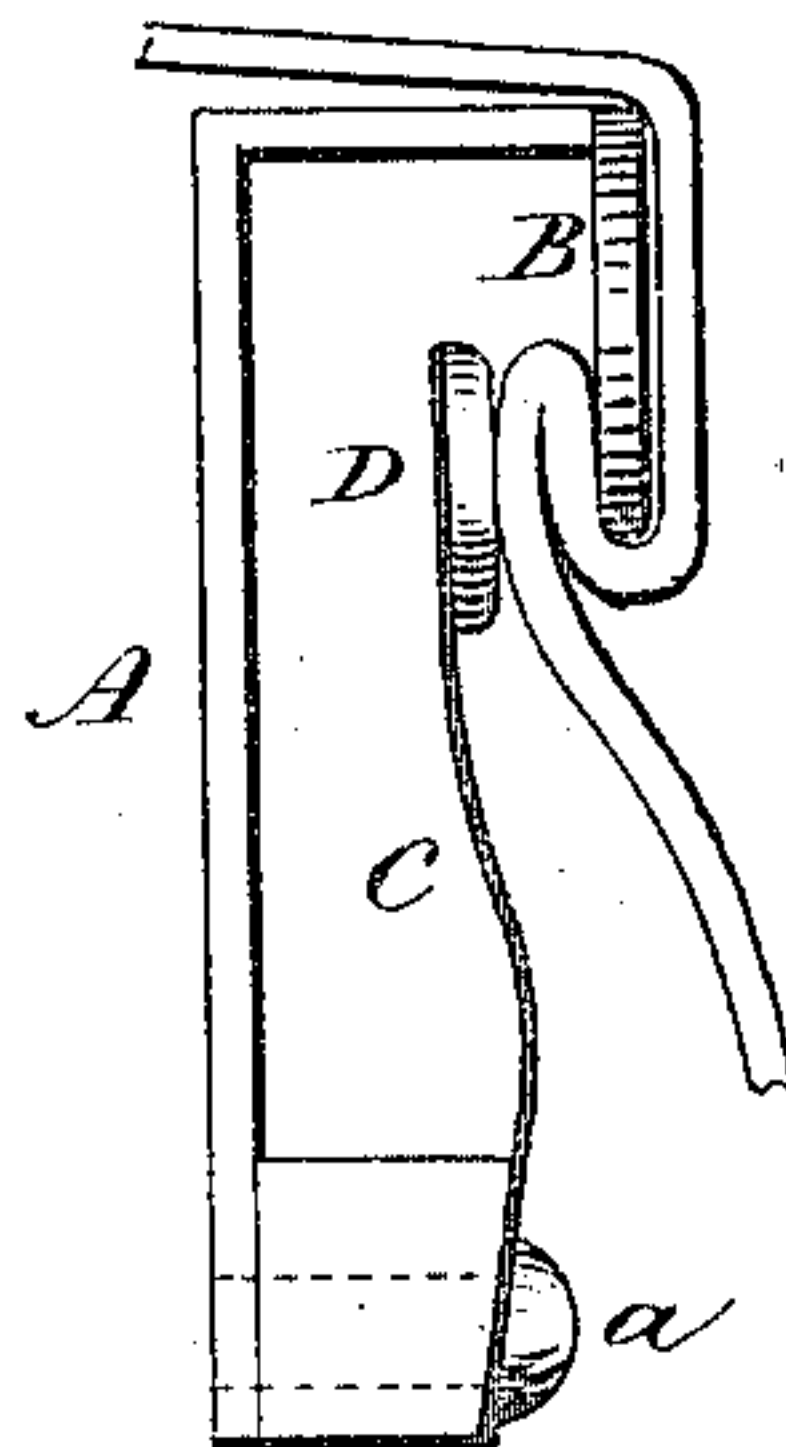


fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CLOTHES HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI S. WEED, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Bed-Clothes Holder; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, front view; Fig. 2, side view, showing the manner of securing the clothes.

This invention relates to a device for securing the bed-clothes over children, so as to prevent their being thrown off; and it consists of a spring turn-button arranged in connection with a fixed jaw, and between which the clothes are so firmly grasped as to be very difficult of accidental removal.

A is the base, by which the device is secured to the cradle or crib, and constructed with an overhanging jaw, B. On the base a flat or suitable spring, C, is pivoted, as at *a*, so as to turn freely on the pivot. The other end is provided with a pad, D, the tendency of the spring being to force the pad against the overhanging or fixed jaw B, and with considerable power.

Thus constructed, the device is fixed to the sides of the cradle or crib, either outside or inside, the pad turned to one side, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 1, the clothes folded up in rear of the jaw B, and the pad returned, as indicated in Fig. 2. The spring produces sufficient friction to hold the clothing within the grasp of the pad.

To prevent the button turning to release the clothes, a stop, E, is arranged on the side toward which the strain comes, and so that the button cannot be turned in that direction. The stop is made in a separate piece, to be applied with the holder, so that the same stop may be used either for the head or foot.

I do not broadly claim a device for securing bed-clothing, as such, I am aware, is not new; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described bed-clothes holder, consisting of the combination of the base A, the overhanging jaw B, and the pivoted spring-pad C D, and stop E, substantially as described.

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