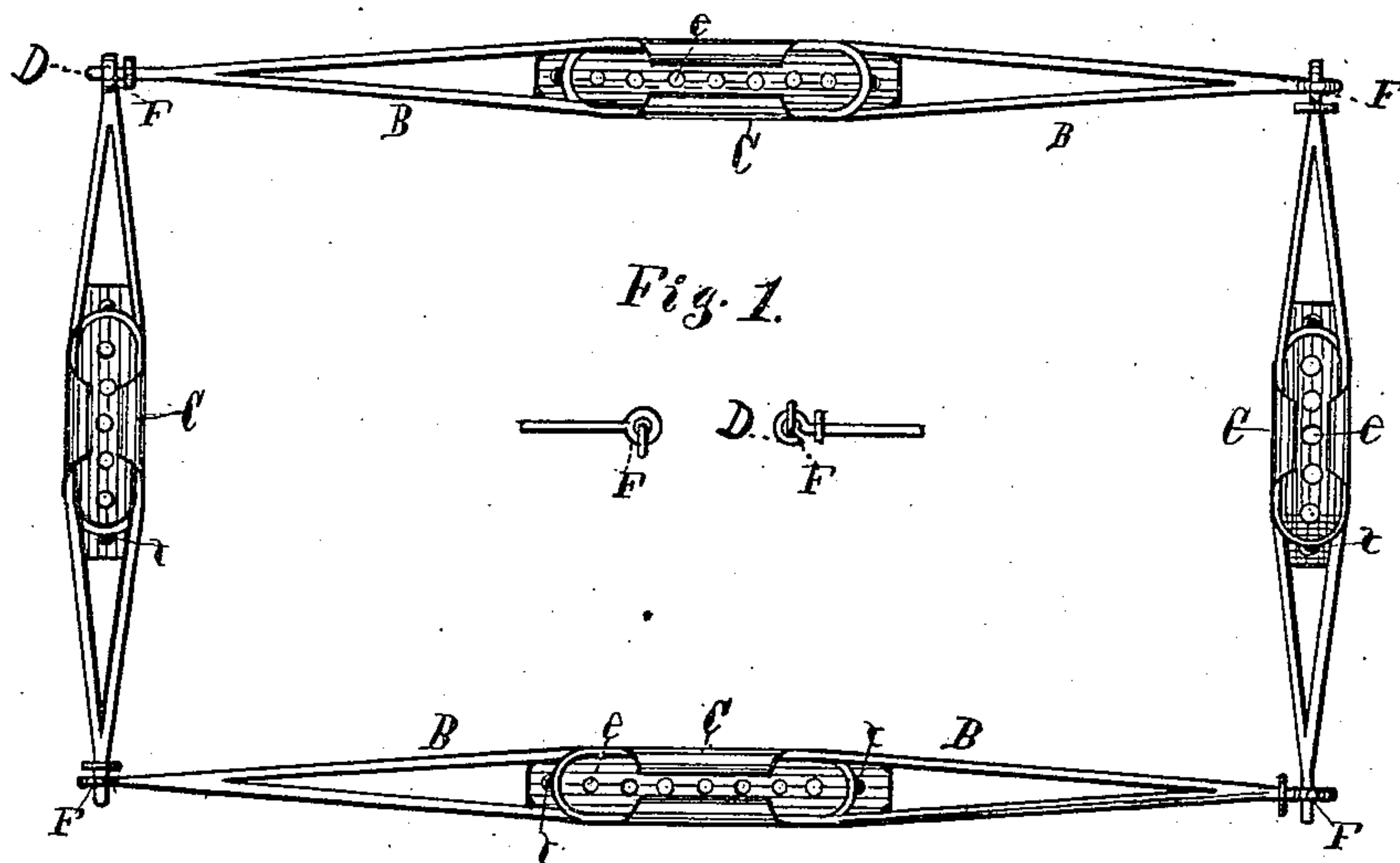
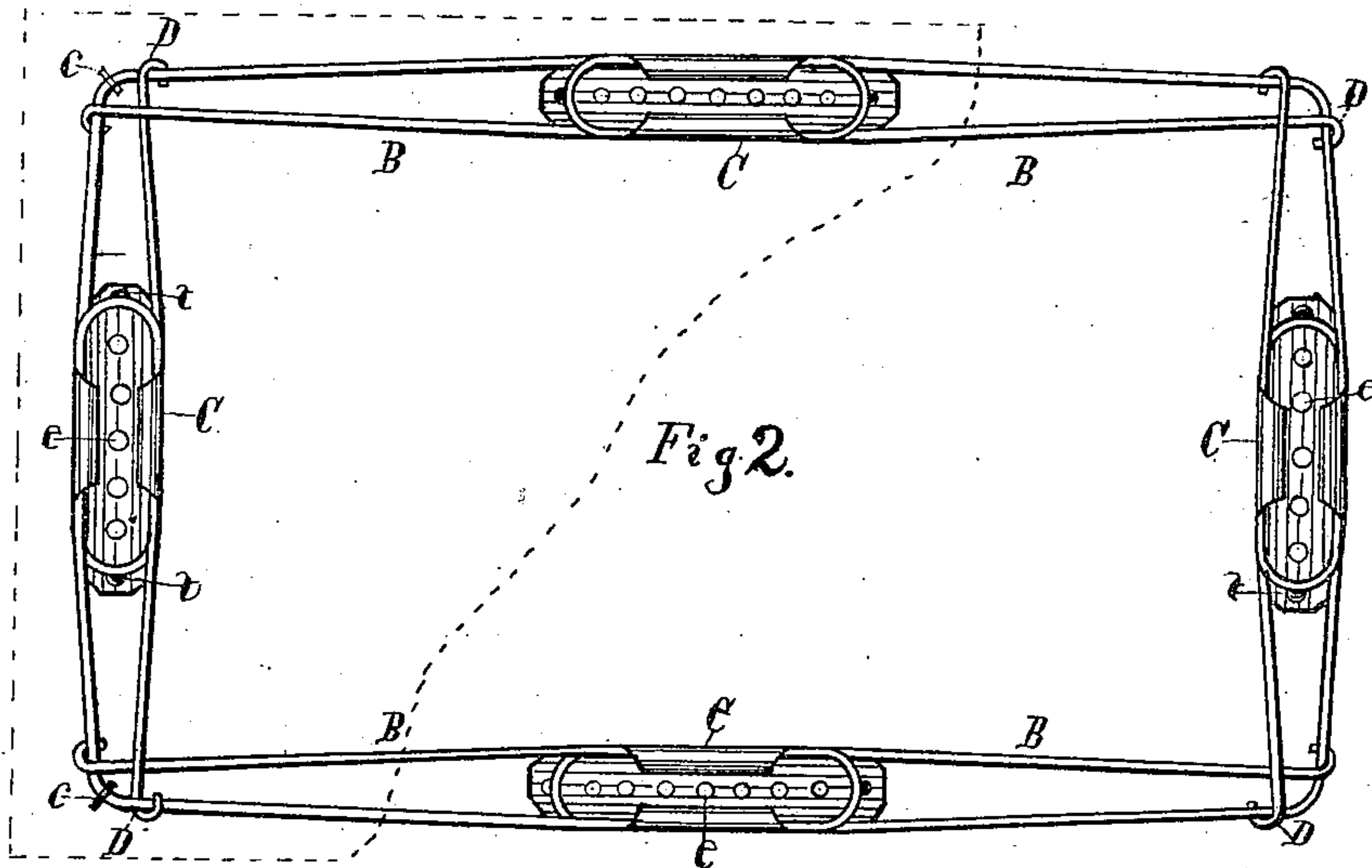


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. MARY A. STEERS, of Kalamazoo, county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is the construction of an adjustable extension-frame, by means of which pillow-shams may be made to retain the smooth and neat appearance they present when coming from the hands of the laundress; and to this end my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of bars, made of wire or other suitable material, having looped and hooked ends or bowed ends lapping past each other and secured adjustably in clips, thus forming a rectangular frame easily adjustable as to length and width, all as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 illustrates my device in the form I usually construct it; and Fig. 2 illustrates an equivalent mode of construction, said figure also showing the adjustment of the frame to the pillow-sham.

B B are the bars, usually made by bending a piece of wire in the form of a hair-pin, the two ends of which I solder or twist together. In the soldered ends of four of the bars I form a hook, D, and in the soldered ends of the other four bars I form a loop, F. The looped end of one bar is inserted over the hooked end of another bar, where it is held from slipping on too far by a shoulder or bend in the wire, all shown at F F in Fig. 1, thus forming an angled corner of the frame.

Hooks D are intended to engage loops e on the sham, or bars B may pass through the loops e, as shown in the drawings.

The lower ends of two of the bars B are lapped past each other and loosely held thus by clip C, said clip having holes e e through its under side, into which hooks or projections t t on the ends of bars B are inserted, in order to hold the frame at a given size; but where clips C wrap the lapped ends of bars B firmly enough so as not to allow them to slip only when extending or contracting the frame, just a plane clip may be used, dispensing with hooks t and holes e.

By this construction the supporter may be adjusted for any size pillow-sham desired by means of extension sides and ends. The only material variation in the equivalent mode of construction is that one wire of two of the bars is continuous around the corner, the ends of the other wires hooking over them, by which construction, the supporter consists of four angled bars, B B, constituting the rectangular frame.

As no further description of its operation is deemed necessary,

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

1. A pillow-sham supporter composed of eight bars, B B, having looped and hooked ends, hooks t t, and clips C, having holes e e, all constructed and arranged substantially as specified and shown, for the purpose set forth.

2. A pillow-sham supporter consisting of a rectangular frame formed of bars, having bowed ends lapping past each other at the sides and ends of the frame, and clips securing together the said lapping ends of the bars, which bars are adjustable in said clips, all substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

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