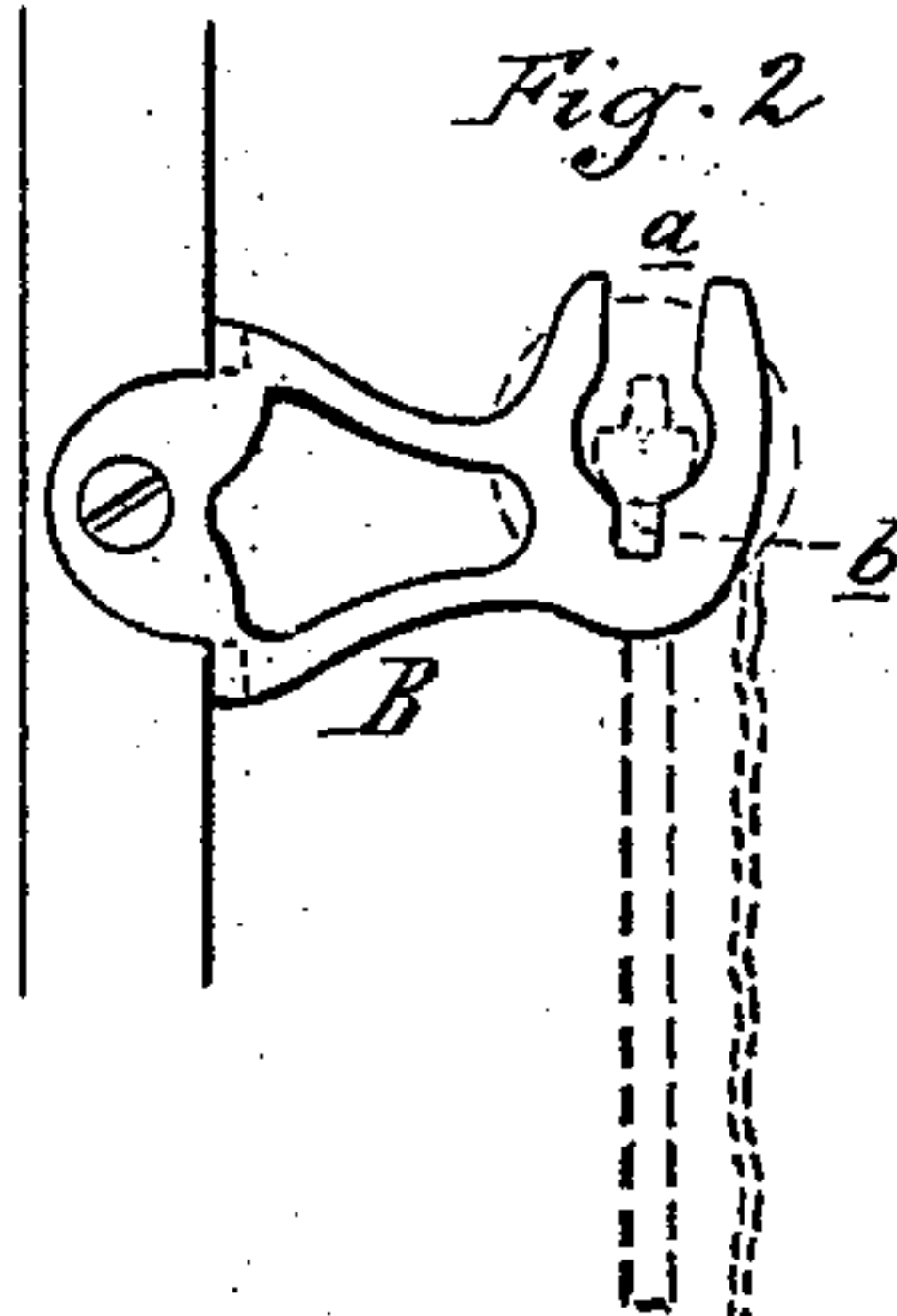
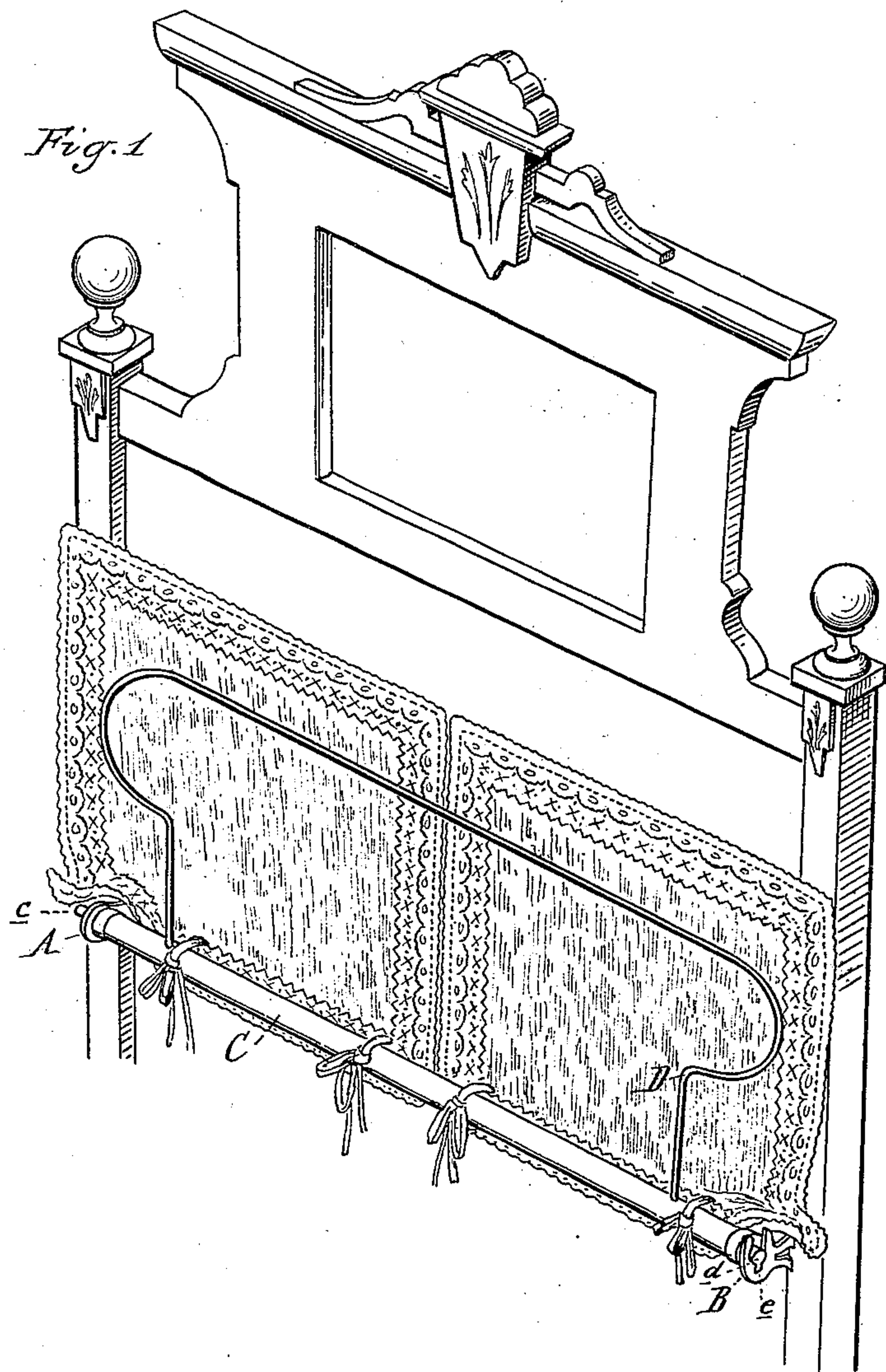


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## PILLOW-SHAM HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. WANLESS, of Toledo, Lucas county, Ohio, have invented an Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of devices by means of which what are ordinarily termed "pillow-shams" are secured and held in the varying positions required—that is to say, they will allow such shams to cover the pillows and sustain them in position when the pillows are not in use, and will enable the said shams to be removed and secured to the head of the bed, out of the way of the occupants when the bed is in use.

Figure 1 is a perspective, and Fig. 2 an end elevation.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction of parts and their combination, as more fully hereinafter described, and set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents an eye-fastening, designed to be attached in any convenient way to a bedstead, at or near one side of the head thereof; B, another fastening, to be similarly secured to the opposite side of the head of the bed in a similar manner, and differs from the fastening A in the following principles: A slot, *a*, leads into the eye of the fastening B, and in the bottom of the eye, opposite the slot, there is cut a notch, *b*.

C is a rod of suitable length, to which the shams are to be secured by tying with suitable tapes sewed thereon or otherwise. This rod at one end is provided with a round journal, *c*, which is designed to engage with the eye-fastening A. Another journal, *d*, is secured to the opposite end of the rod. This latter-named journal, however, is only round for a portion of its periphery, and the balance of the periphery is filed to present a sharpened and flattened bearing, *e*, which is designed at

suitable times, in the partial rotation of the shaft, to drop into the notch cut in the lower side of the eye, and by this means the rod is rigidly held in position, when the sham is turned up out of the way, so strongly that there is no danger of accidental displacement.

A wire frame, D, is secured to the rod when the shams are in place, hiding the pillows beneath. This wire frame, which may be of any suitable shape, rests upon the pulleys. When it is desired to remove the shams from the pillows the operator, taking hold of any portion of the wire frame and raising the same radially, rotates the rod until the sharpened point of the bearing hereinbefore described falls into the notch in the eye, which occurs when the wire frame has been brought to a vertical position, or so as to rest against the head of the bedstead. In raising this wire frame the free ends of the sham will fold over it, and the shams will be held in this position until the operator releases the bearing from its engagement with the notch, when the overhanging shams will cause a partial rotation of the shaft and allow the shams to resume their original position upon the pillows.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A pillow-sham holder consisting of a frame, D, a rod, C, and means, substantially as described, for locking the rod and frame in position when partially rotated, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, in a pillow-sham holder, of the fastenings A B, the rod C, and the frame D, said rod being provided with the bearings and said fastenings being constructed and the parts arranged and operating as and for the purposes set forth.

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