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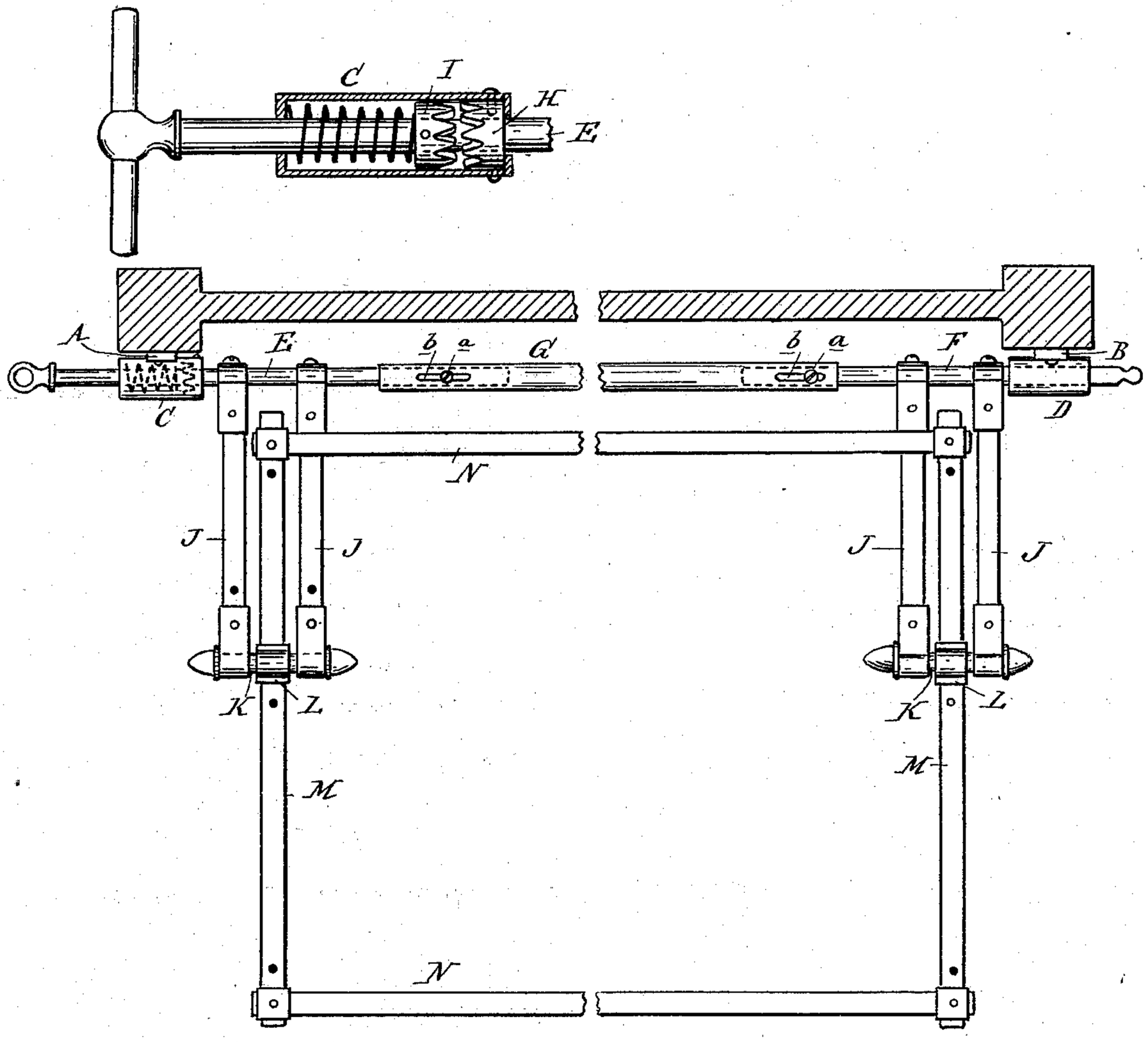

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. FORDON, of Bay City, in the county of Bay and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification..

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of that class of devices commonly called "pillow-sham holders;" and the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and various combinations of the parts, whereby the said frame is susceptible of adjustment to any desired position, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawing my invention is shown in plan as attached to the head-posts of a bedstead.

A B represent two brackets, which are designed to be secured by screws or otherwise to the head-posts of the bed, as shown. These brackets support the ferrules or sleeves C D, through which the rod or shaft which governs the movement of the frame passes, as hereinafter described.

E represents a short shaft, which passes through the axial center of the sleeve C; and F is a similar shaft, which passes in like manner through the sleeve D, the operating ends of these two shafts E F entering a connecting-tube, G, and are secured therein by means of pins *a*, which pass through slots *b* in the tube G, and through the inner ends of said shafts. By this construction the two shafts may be extended or retracted as may be desired, so as to lengthen or shorten the shaft to the corresponding width of the bed to which the device is to be applied. Within the sleeve C, and at the inner end thereof, is rigidly secured one-half of a toothed clutch, H, while the other member, I, of said clutch is rigidly secured upon the shaft E, there being a spring placed around the shaft to compel an engagement of the two parts of the clutch, the sleeve C being cut away in the detail drawing to show the arrangement of the parts. Each of the shafts E F has adjustably secured to it the arms J in any convenient manner, the outer ends of such arms being connected together by a rod, K, and upon these rods K are sleeved the guide-ferrules L, through which are adjustably secured, by means of pins or screws, the side bars, M, the ends of which are connected together by cross-bars N, which are adjustably secured thereto in any convenient manner. The bars M and N at their points of intersection should be secured together in such manner that will admit of a ready adjustment, so as to enlarge or diminish the size of the frame of which they form the members.

In practice the device is constructed as herein described, so that when extended to its extreme limit it will fit the widest bed manufactured by the trade, while at the same time they are capable of such adjustment by the retraction of the parts described as to enable the device to be applied to the narrower and intermediate beds. The brackets being secured to the head-posts and the various parts in place, the pillow-shams are secured by pins, hooks, or by buttoning upon buttons on the upper cross-rail or bar, N, falling down over the frame, which keeps them in their extended position and flat, preventing their being rectangular or falling down. When it is desired to raise them, so as to disclose the pillows, the shaft E is pulled out, so as to disengage the two members of the clutch. At the same time partially rotating the shaft causes the bars or arms J to turn upward into a vertical position against the head-board, or nearly so, while the frame composed of the bars M and N, which carries the pillow-shams, swings upon the arms, so that the shams are kept always straight and smooth, and when in this raised position are entirely out of the way.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. For controlling the position of the pillow-sham holder, constructed substantially as described, the shaft E, provided with a clutch, I, in combination with the sleeve C and clutch H, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. A pillow-sham holder consisting of the brackets A B, sleeves C D, shafts E F, connecting-tube G, clutch H I, arms J, rod K, guide-ferrules L, and bars M N, when constructed, arranged, and operating substantially in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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