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Fig. 1.

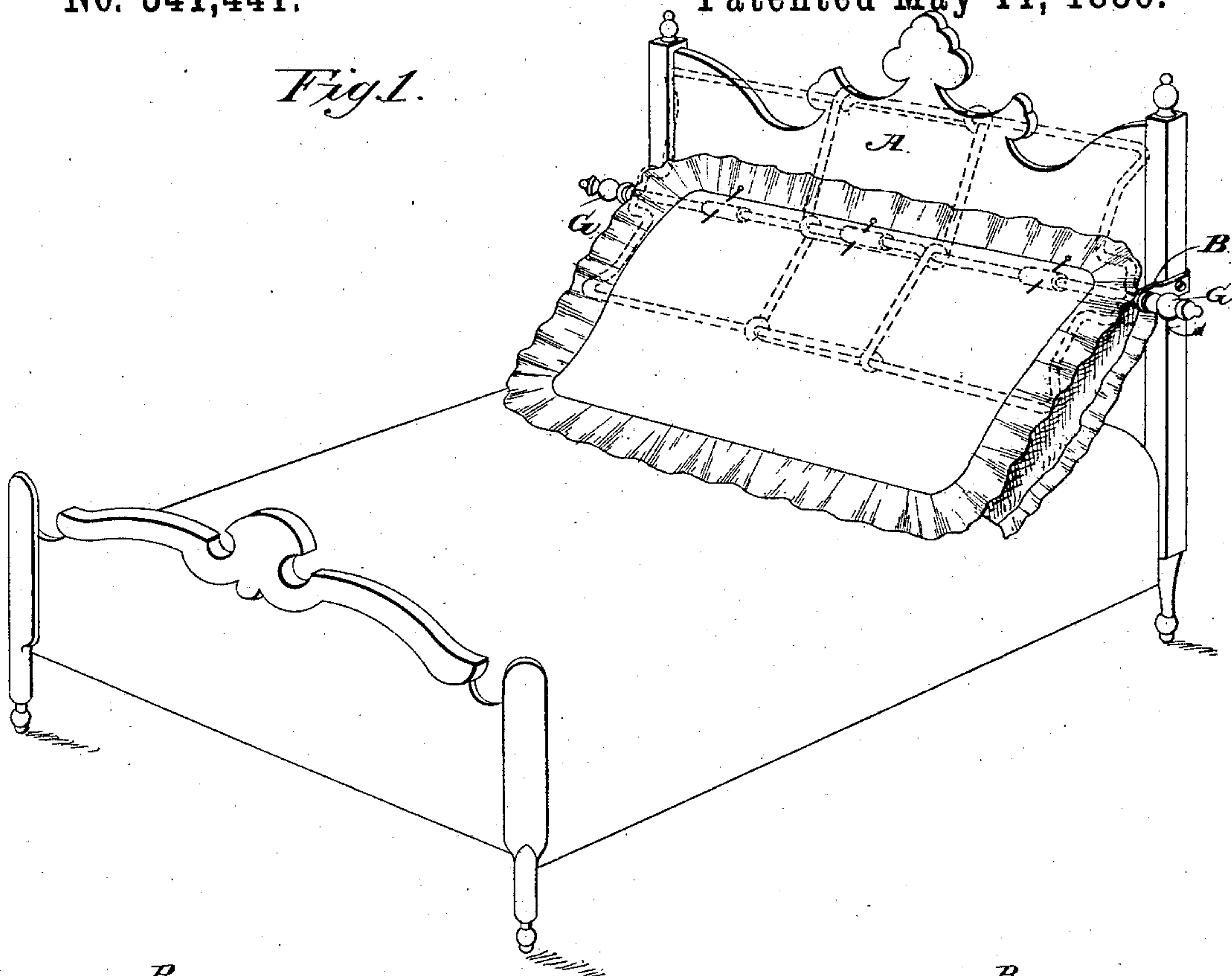


Fig. 2.

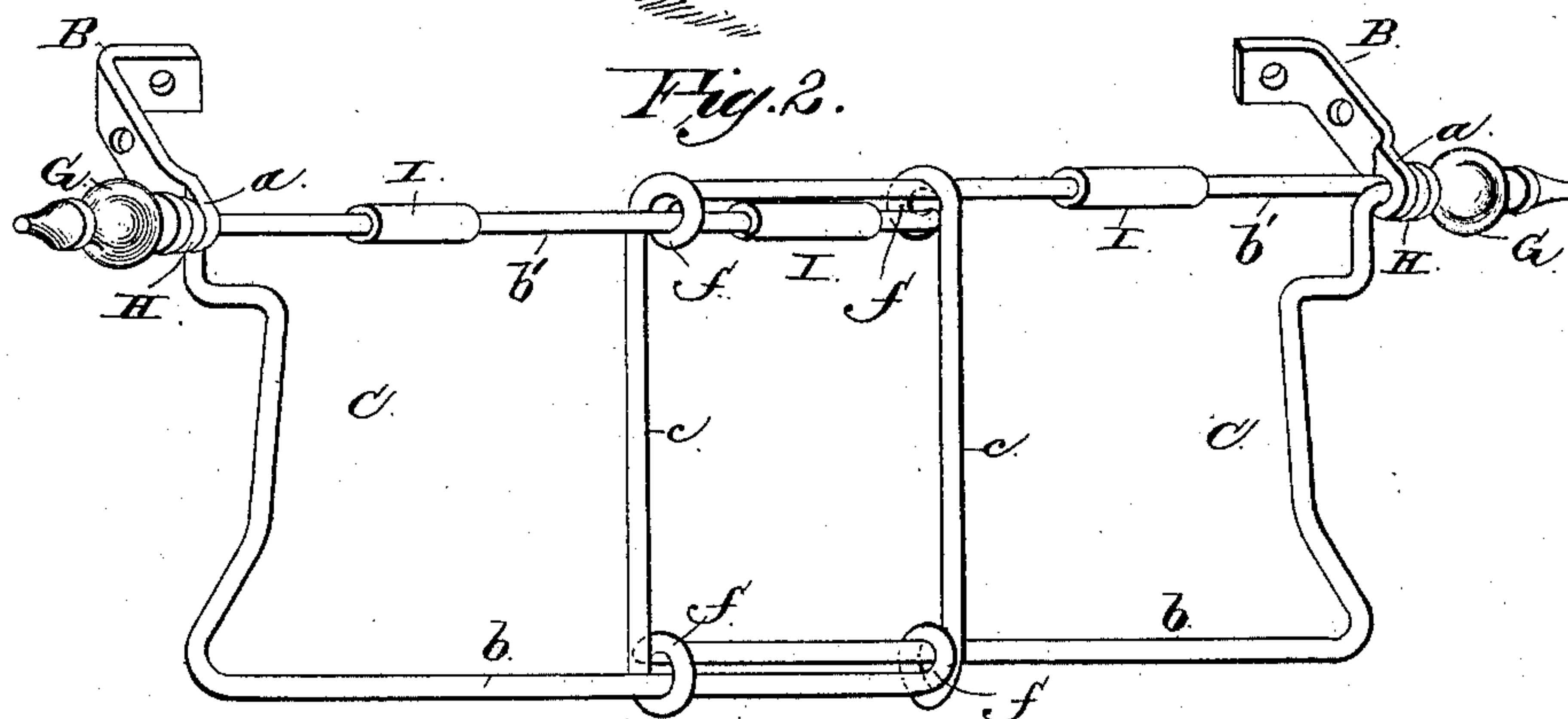
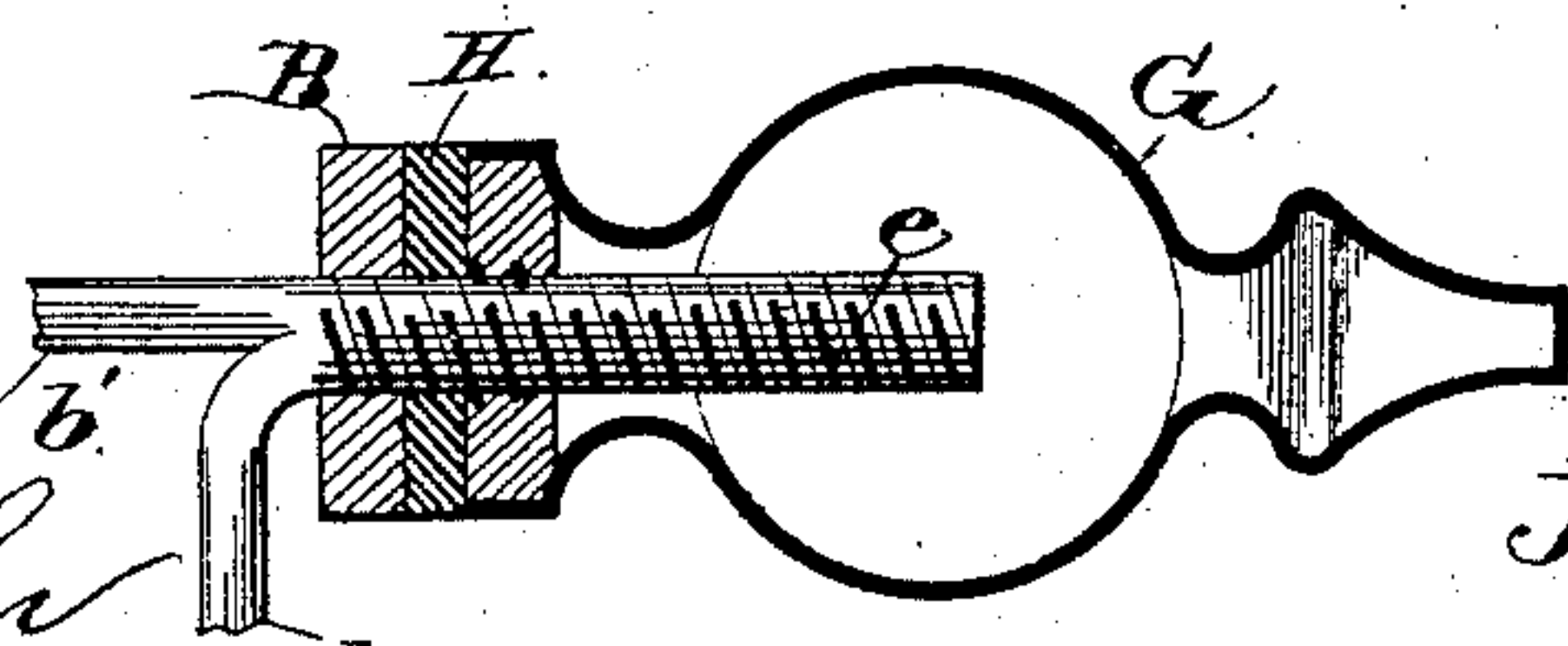


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. BEATTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to pillow-sham holders, the object being to provide a device of this character which will allow the pillow-sham to be thrown up against the head-board at night out of the way of the occupant of the bed, and which will also enable the sham to be adjusted over the pillow during the day in the manner well known.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pillow-sham holder which may be readily manipulated, and which is adapted to be applied to the bedstead without disfiguring the same, which is the main objection raised against this class of devices.

With these ends in view the said invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my invention applied in position, and illustrating in dotted lines the position of the parts when the sham is thrown back against the head-board of the bedstead. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view showing the manner in which the sections of the holder are coupled together.

Like letters are used to indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the head-board of the bedstead provided with supporting-brackets B on each side, which brackets have eyes *a* at their outer ends.

My improved sham-holder consists of two sections, C C, coupled together and sliding upon each other, so as to be made adjustable to the width of the bedstead. As the sections C are identical in construction, it will be necessary to append a description of one of the sections only. The section C is made of one piece of wire of any suitable thickness, and comprises longitudinal arms *b b'*, which are

connected together at their inner ends by a transverse arm, *c*, the arm *b* extending transversely across at its outer end toward the arm *b'*, and connected to the same by solder. At the point of junction of the arms *b b'* is provided a screw-threaded extension, *e*, which passes through the eyes *a* of the brackets B, so as to journal the section C to said brackets. An interiorly screw-threaded knob, G, works over the threaded extension *e* against a rubber gasket, H, and causes said gasket to bind against the outer face of the bracket B. At the point of connection of the arm *c* with the arms *b b'* of each section C are provided eyes or loops *f*, which depend below the plane of said arms, so as to allow the two sections C to be coupled together. It will be observed that the arms *b b'* of one section C extend through the eyes *f* of the other section, and in turn have their eyes *f* encircling the arms *b b'* of said section, this peculiar coupling allowing the sections to be readily adjusted in applying the sham-holder to the bedstead. It will be observed that the sections C can be extended until the transverse bars *c* abut against each other, and in this manner I provide a variety of adjustments, such as no other device of this character possesses. Tapes I encircle bars *b'* of the two sections, and have their ends sewed together, so as to retain them on said bars, this arrangement enabling the tapes to be pushed along the length thereof. To these tapes are pinned the pillow-shams in the usual manner.

In applying pillow-sham holders to the bedstead the brackets B are secured in position and the sections C are adjusted to suit the width of the bedstead, and when this is done the threaded extensions *e* are passed through the eyes *a* of the brackets D. The rubber gasket H is then placed around the threaded extension, and the knobs G are screwed over the latter to bind the gasket against the outer face of the bracket, this action causing the sections to be held in any position to which they are adjusted. The knobs G perform the function of an ordinary nut; but in this respect their uses are far superior, inasmuch as the knobs provide a more convenient method of adjusting the sham-holder than a nut, since they are more readily turned, and do not require a wrench for this purpose; and, furthermore, the knobs

are ornamental as well as useful, presenting a decidedly neat appearance when applied in position.

It will be observed that the pressure of the knobs against the rubber gasket serves to effectually hold the pillow-sham holder in any position to which it may be adjusted, either up against the head-board or down in position over the pillow. When the sham-holder is thrown back, as indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 1, it presses the sham against the head-board, and holds it in that position, so as to avoid soiling or rumpling the shams. In a similar manner, when the holder is thrown down, it supports the sham in an easy position over the pillow.

My improvement is susceptible of various changes in the form and construction of parts without departing from the scope of the invention.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The herein-described pillow-sham holder, comprising a rectangular sectional adjustable frame, the bars of which are provided with encircling tapes, the ends of which are sewed together, so that said tapes may be slid along the bars to any suitable point, as set forth.

2. The combination, with the pillow-sham-holder frames having threaded extensions, of brackets attached to the bedstead, and through which the extensions are passed, and interiorly-threaded knobs working over the extensions

against the brackets, for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the brackets attached to the bedstead and provided with eyes at their ends, of a sham-holder frame having threaded extensions passed through the eyes, rubber gaskets fitted around the extensions against the brackets, and interiorly-threaded knobs to work over the extensions against the gaskets, as set forth.

4. The combination, with the frame of a pillow-sham holder, of the sliding tapes fitted to the bars, and to which tapes the shams are pinned or otherwise attached, as set forth.

5. The herein-described pillow-sham holder, comprising two frames, each of which consists of side bars, *b b'*, end bars, *c c*, loops or eyes *f* at the inner junction of the side bars with the end bars, and a threaded extension, *e*, at the outer junction of the end bars with the bar *b'*, in combination with brackets attached to the bedstead, and threaded knobs or the like to screw over the threaded extensions against the brackets, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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