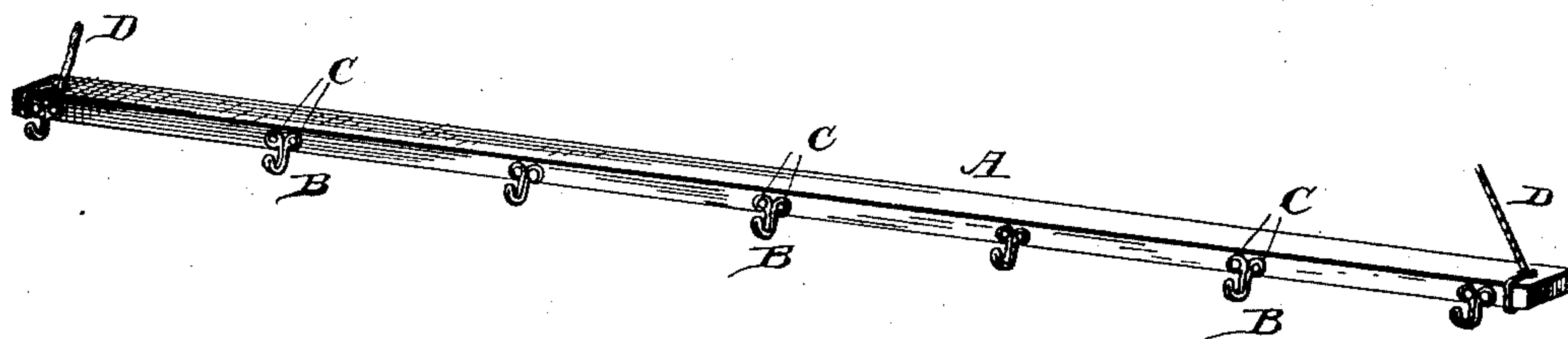
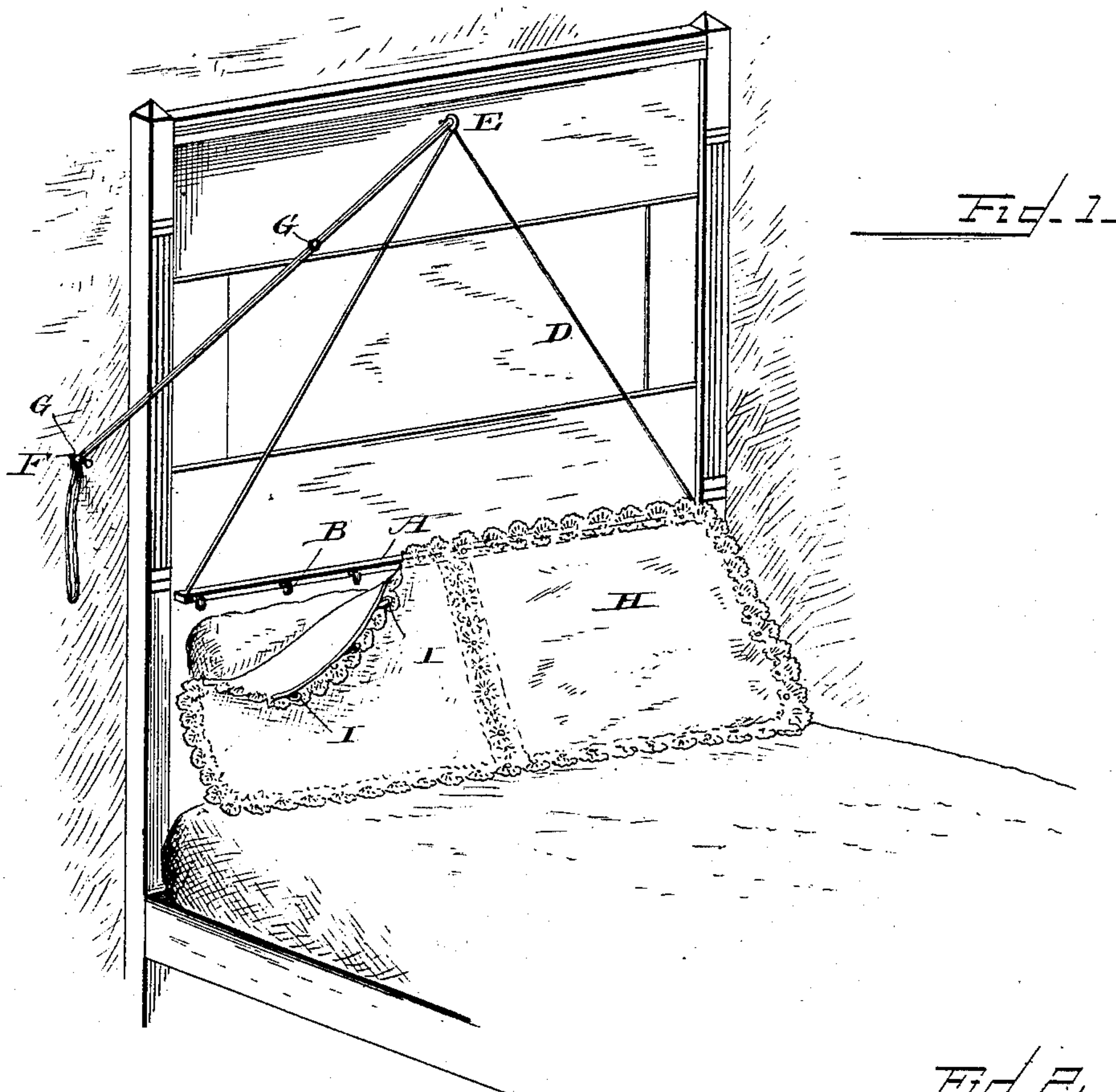


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN W. AMES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of De Ruyter, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved pillow-sham holder in position holding the shams; and Fig. 2 is a view of the holder with the shams removed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

My invention has relation to pillow-sham holders; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of a holder, consisting of a rod having hooks for the attachment of the shams and supported at the ends by a cord which passes through an eye or over a pulley secured to the wall, and which may be held by a nail or screw in the wall, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates a rod or bar, one side of which is provided with a series of small hooks, B, and which rod may be of any desired material and design, and have the hooks attached to its side in any desired manner, although I prefer to secure the hooks in the manner shown in the drawings, in which the hooks are common dress-hooks, secured to the rod by nails or tacks C, inserted through the eyes of the hooks. The ends of a cord, D, are attached to the ends of the rod, and the doubled end of this cord is passed through a screw-eye, E, or over a small pulley, which is attached to the wall at a sufficient height above the head end of the bed, or to the head-board of the bed, if the board is sufficiently tall.

A nail, knob, or screw, F, is secured in the wall at a sufficient distance from the eye to hold the shams in their proper position over the pillows, when a knot, G, upon the doubled end of the cord bears against the nail, the said

cord being placed over the nail with the knot serving as a stop for the same.

The shams H are provided upon the inner or wrong side of their upper edges with small loops I, which may be hooked upon the hooks of the rod, and the rod may thus be supported at the desired distance above the pillows to allow the shams to cover the pillows.

When the shams are to be moved at night, the cord is disengaged from the nail, and by drawing upon the doubled portion of the cord the rod may be raised, drawing the shams above the pillows and supporting them there, the doubled end of the cord being wrapped around the nail or otherwise secured to the same.

A stop of another construction may be substituted for the nail—as, for instance, a clamp or similar stop—by means of which the cord may be held at any point, so that the shams may be raised or lowered to any height; but the nail and the knot upon the cord are the simplest and most effective means for securing the cord at the proper place, the knot at the same time serving to keep the cord properly doubled, so that in drawing the cord one end of the rod will not be drawn up before the other.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A pillow-sham holder consisting of a rod provided with hooks upon one side, a doubled cord having its ends attached to the ends of the rod and having a knot upon its doubled portion, and an eye and a nail or hook for passing the cord through and for holding the cord, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

2. In combination with pillow-shams having loops upon the inner sides of their upper edges, a holder composed of a rod having hooks secured by tacks through the eyes for the reception of the loops, an eye secured to the wall above the rod, a cord secured at its ends to the rod and passed with its doubled end through the eye, having a knot upon its doubled portion, and a nail or hook for securing the knotted cord upon, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

3. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination
of a rod, hooks secured by tacks through their
eyes to the side of the rod, an eye, a cord se-
cured at its ends to the ends of the rod, and
5 having a knot upon its doubled portion and
passing through the eye, and a nail or similar
stop for the knotted portion of the cord, as
and for the purpose shown and set forth.

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

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