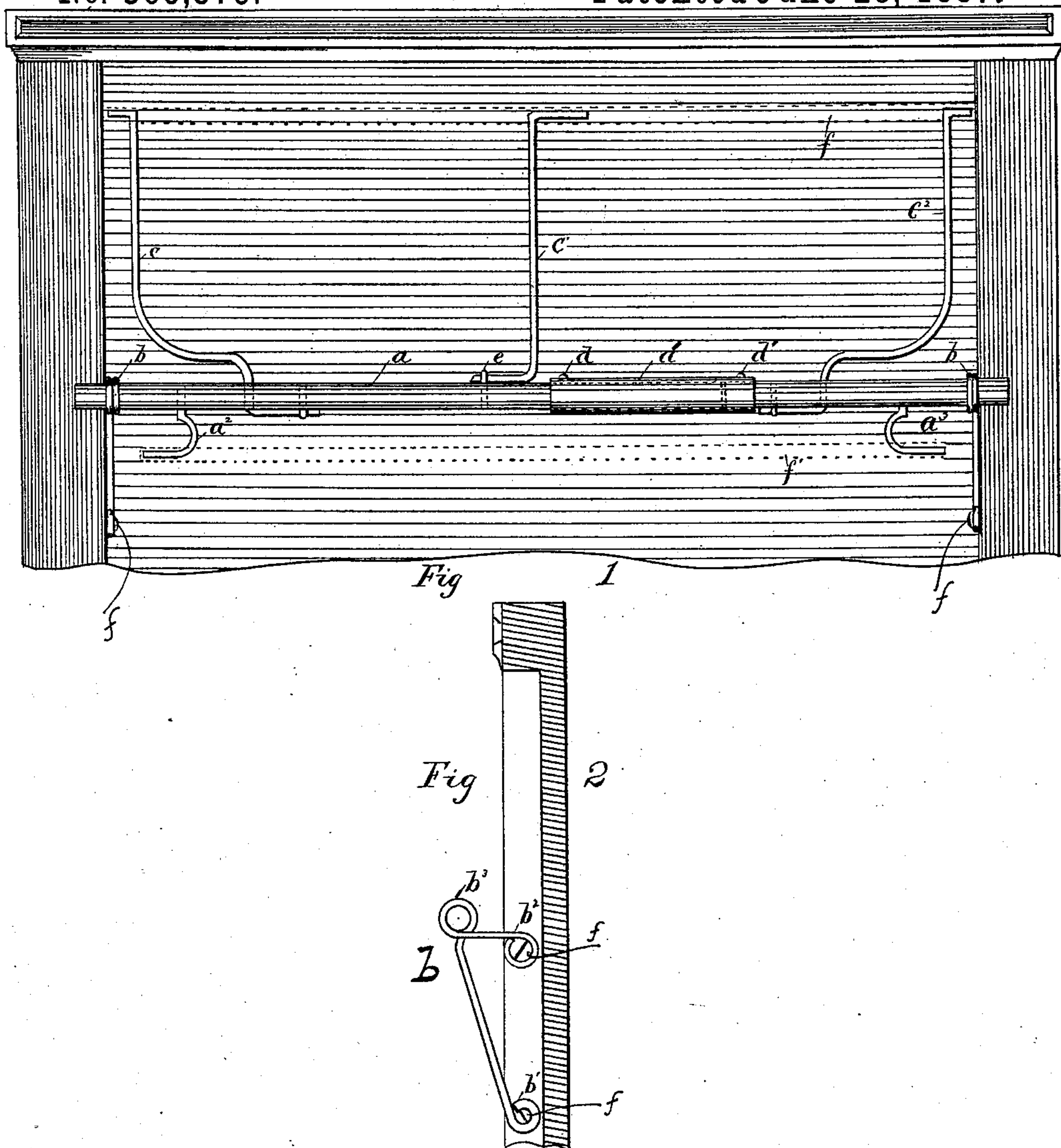


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. EASTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved bearing for the shaft of a pillow-sham holder; and it consists as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings referred to, Figure 1 is a back view of the sham-holder in position on the bedstead as holding the shams while the bed is in use. Fig. 2 is a side view of the spring grip-bearing.

a is the main shaft operating in the bearings b . From the shaft a project three arms, c , c' , and c'' , and from the opposite side of the shaft a project the adjustable hooks a^2 and a^3 . The shaft a is composed of two pieces, which are held in line by a ferrule, a' , which is held in position by pins d d' . The arms c and c'' are passed through a hole in shaft a , the ends being bent toward each other and a staple passed over them and driven into shaft a . The other ends of the arms are bent as shown. The arm c' is formed as shown, and held in position by a staple, e . From arms c to c'' is stretched a tape or flexible strap, f .

The sham is fastened by its top to the shaft a , the bottom being fastened to the tape f , (shown in dotted lines.) The adjustable hooks a^2 and a^3 have screw-threads on the ends entering the shaft, and should the shams used be too wide the hooks a^2 and a^3 (which have a tape stretched from one to the other) may be raised or lowered to a proper height, and thus accommodate any width of sham that may be desired. Should the holder be too long for a bed, a piece of the shaft a should be cut off and the tapes shortened, and should it be found too short a pin, d , is removed, the shaft pulled out to the desired length, and the pin replaced.

The tapes should always be left long enough to allow for the widest bed being used.

The spring grip-bearing b is composed of spring-wire formed as shown in Fig. 2, and b , Fig. 1, having two coils which surround and form a bearing for the shaft a . The ends b' and b'' are formed into eyes, into which are placed screws or tacks f , to hold the bearing to the bedstead.

In hanging the holder the end b'' is pressed toward b' , which springs the coil b'' , opening it slightly when the end of the shaft a is introduced. The ends are then released, allowing the spring to grip the shaft a , the friction of the bearing on the shaft being sufficient to hold the shams in any desired position. Should the friction by continued use wear the shaft so that it becomes loose, the end of the bearing b'' may be raised, and by so doing the coil b'' will be tightened around the shaft a and a new grip be obtained.

In packing for shipment, the arms c , c' , and c'' , also the hooks a^2 and a^3 , may be removed, and in this separated condition the holder can be placed in comparatively small compass.

In operating it is merely necessary to raise or lower the arms at either side, and as there are no catches nor other complicated mechanism, the holder can be operated by very inexperienced persons.

I am aware of the patent granted Valette and Cady, May 25, 1886, No. 342,655, in which there is shown and described a pillow-sham holder having a shaft supported and turning in a bearing formed by loops in wire brackets. These brackets, however, are not attached to head-posts of the bed by such means as will enable their arms to be brought together or separated, so as to contract or expand the coils in order that they may bear with such friction on the shaft as will hold the sham-frame in any plane to which it is turned. Valette and Cady attach their brackets to hooks fixed with respect to each other on a bar, and this bar is itself attached to the head-posts.

In order to provide for holding the sham-frame in a few different planes, Valette and Cady provide a spring-arm arranged to bear upon the plane surfaces of a portion of the shaft, which they make angular in cross-section

tion; but it is evident that such a construction will not permit the sham-holder to be held in any plane to which it is turned.

Having now fully described my invention, 5 what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 A pillow-sham holder or frame including a shaft, *a*, substantially as shown and described, combined with bearing-brackets *b*, each consisting of a piece of wire bent to form a spring coil or loop to receive and clamp the ends of the shaft, and two adjustable arms, the separation or bringing together of which will cause the coil to expand or contract and clamp upon

the shaft with greater or less friction, whereby 15 the holder will be held in any plane to which it is turned, and means, substantially as described, whereby the said arms may be secured on the bed-post in the different positions to which they may be adjusted with respect to 20 each other, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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