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Fig. 1.

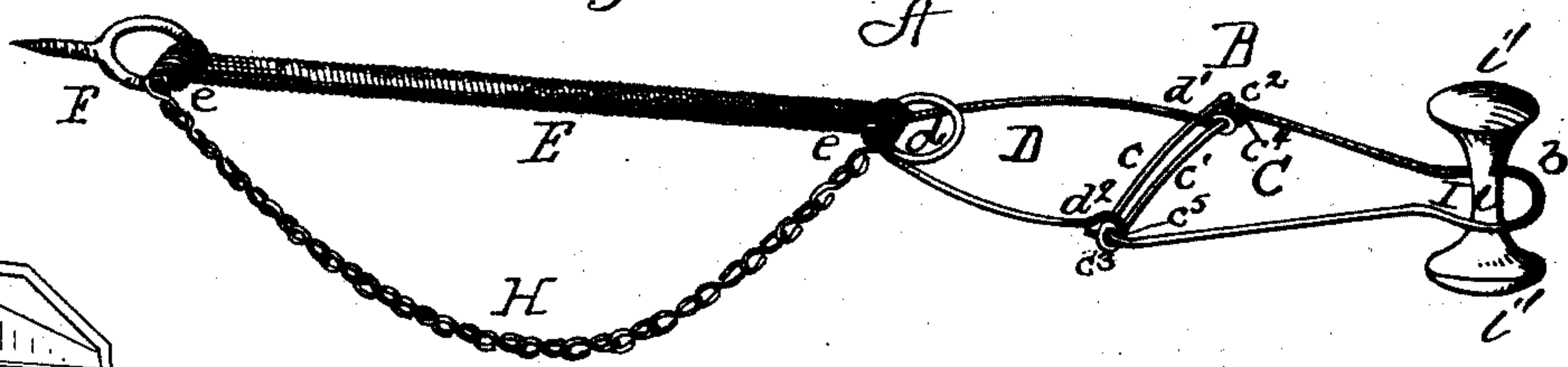
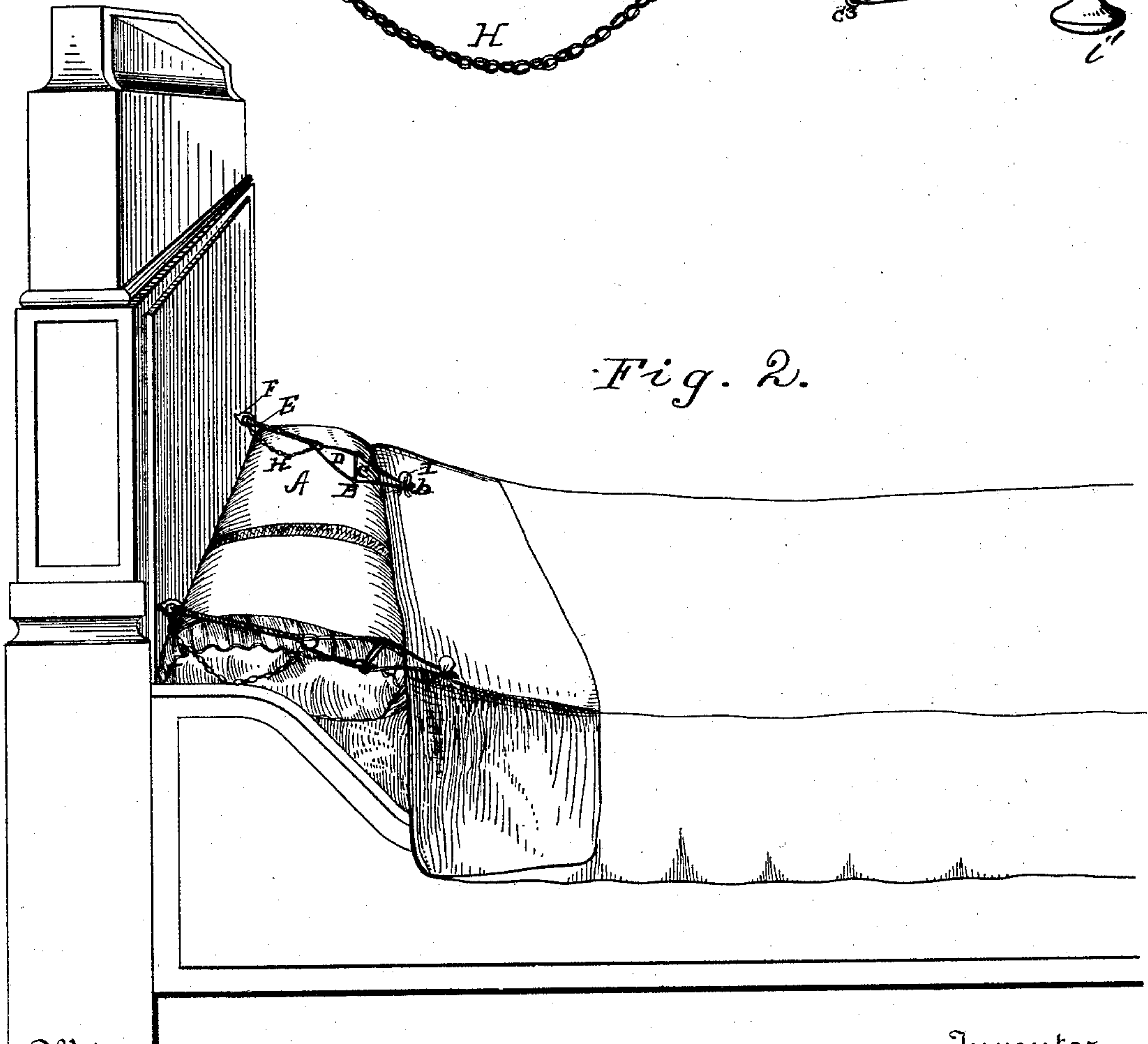


Fig. 2.



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## FABRIC-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDGAR J. CRANDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fabric-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 ap-

15 Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the device itself; Fig. 2, a perspective of the device in use.

This invention relates to a device which is designed for holding in place various kinds of fabrics. In the drawings it is represented as employed for holding bedclothes in place. A device of this kind is very advantageous, as it is well known how almost impossible it is for persons, well or sick, old or young, to have the bedclothes stay in their proper position.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A indicates the holder, whose clasp B is made in any convenient way, so as to have a loop, *b*. As shown in the drawings, the clasp B consists of two parts, C and D. The ends *c c'* of the part C pass each other, and the eyes *c² c³* surround the ends at the curves or bends *c⁴ c⁵*. The part D has the loop *d* at its middle, and its ends *d' d²* clasp the ends *c c'*, as shown. A spring, E, is secured to the loop *d* by its end *e*, and has at its other end, *e'*, a proper fastener, F. This spring E also has a limiting or check chain, H, as shown. In the loop *b* is placed a spool, I, which has shank *i* and ends *i' i'*, said spool being separable from the frame of the clasp.

To use this device as a bedclothes-holder, one is placed on each side at the head; or, if there be two occupants, a third may be placed

in the middle of the head of the bed. The fastener F is secured to the bedstead in any suitable way. A bight or pucker is made in the clothes, the spool I being placed therein, and then the spool and the puckered place in the clothes are jammed into the loop *d*, the clothes being caught between the spool and the wire of the loop. This holds the clothes perfectly secure. The more strain there may be exerted the tighter will the clothes be held. The spring E eases the strain on the holder and allows, as in the case of a sick person, some movement of the clothes without danger of fretting the patient. For towels or window-curtains the device can readily be used by securing it in the proper place and position.

I am aware that a fabric-holder consisting of two jaws between which is held a separable pear-shaped block is old; also, that a fabric-holder consisting of a frame and a hinged tongue having a ball on its end is old, and that fabric-holders have been made with springs and fasteners.

Having described my invention, what I claim, is—

1. The spring-clasp having the loop *b* and provided with the separable spool I, consisting of the ends *i' i'* and shank *i*, said spool passing through the clasp, and the shank *i* resting in the loop *b*, as set forth.

2. The fabric-holder A, consisting of the fastener F, for securing it in place, the clasp B, having the loop *b*, the separable spool I, consisting of the ends *i' i'* and shank *i*, said spool passing through the clasp, and the shank *i* resting in the loop *b*, the spring E, and chain H, connecting the fastener with the clasp, as set forth.

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

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