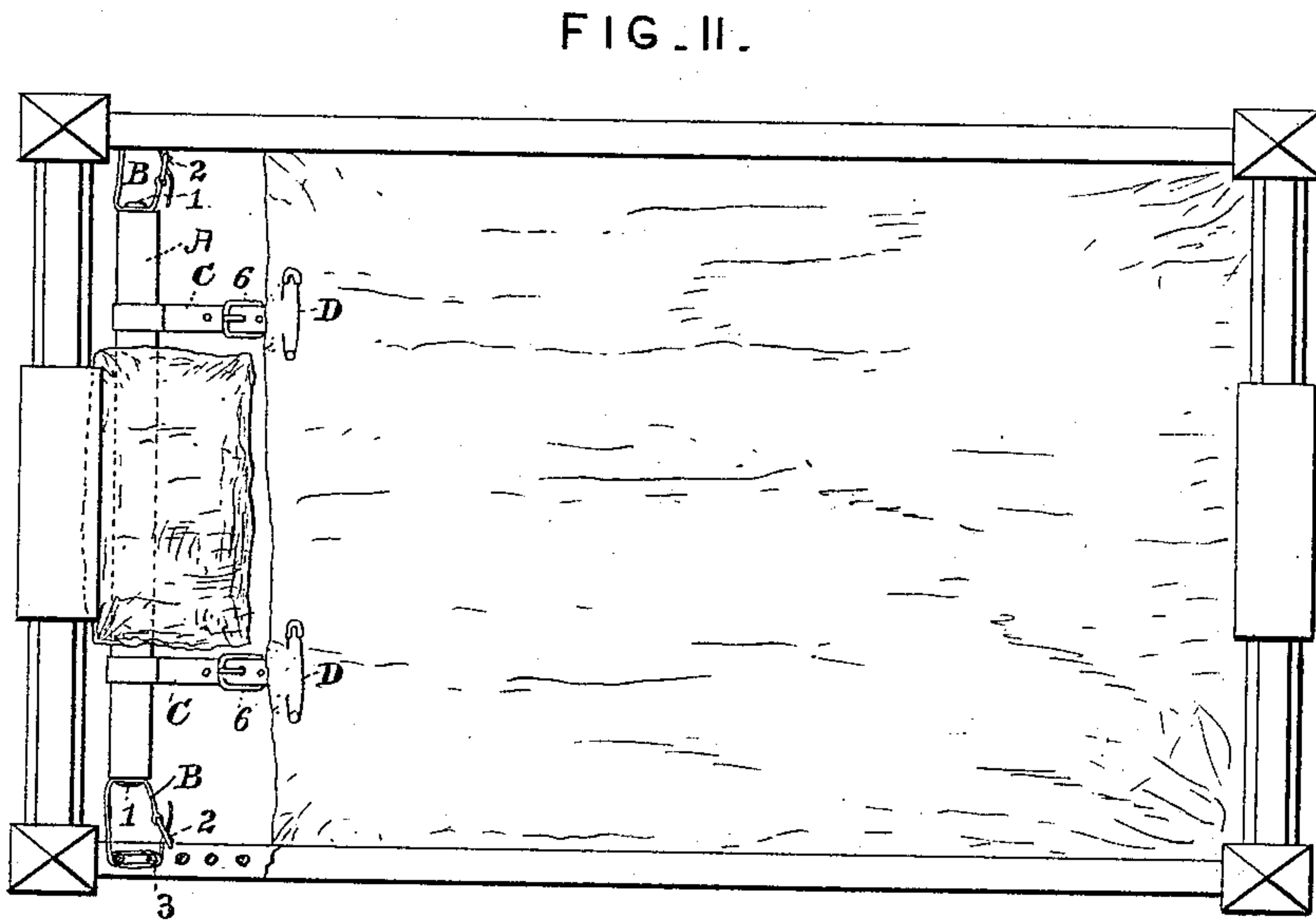
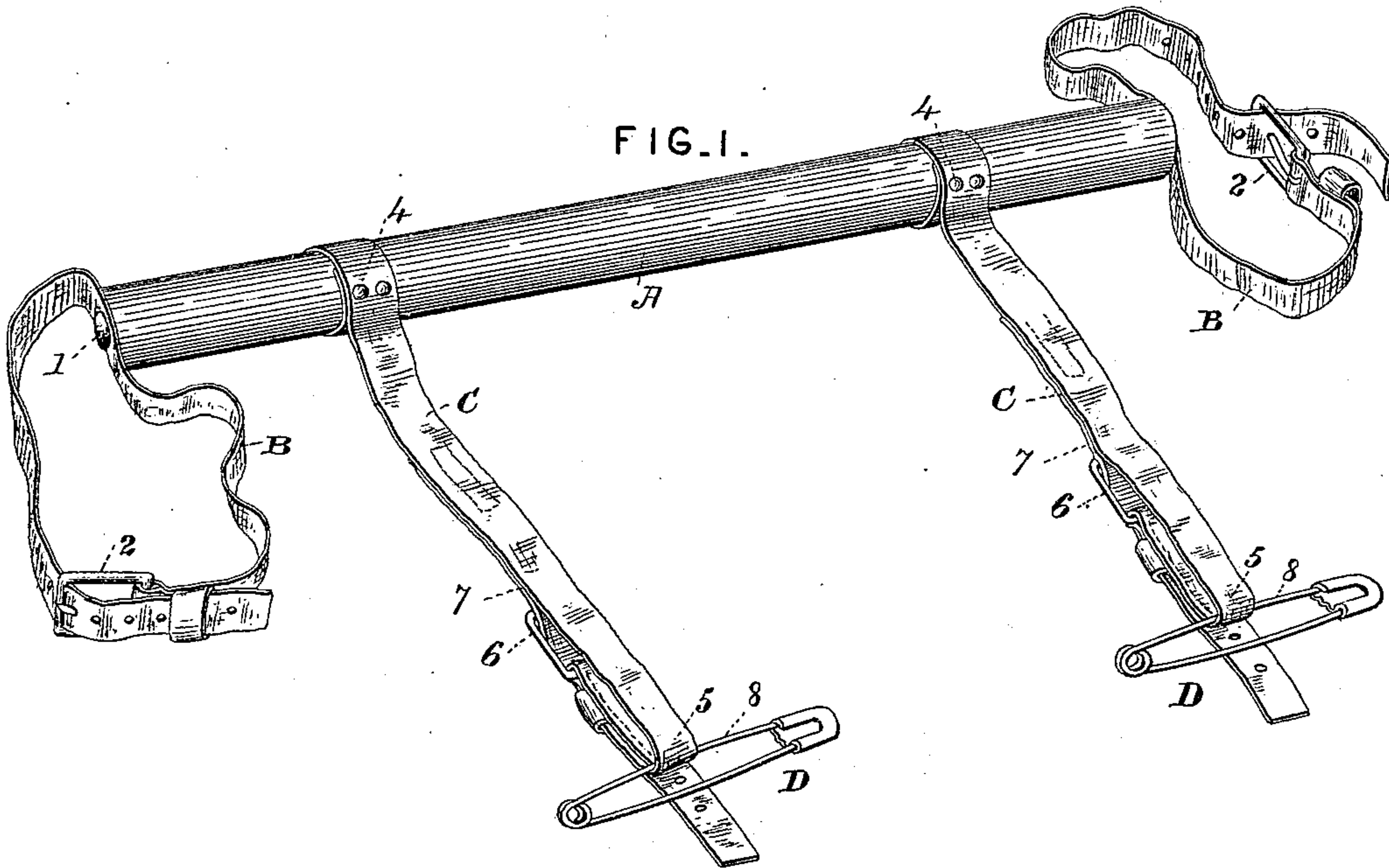


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAUDE C. MURRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bardstown, Nelson county, Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Bed - Covers, of which the following specification is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to means for holding the bed-clothing or bed-covers over a child in its crib or bed, so as to prevent it from accidentally uncovering itself. The same or equivalent means may of course be applied to a bed or perambulator as well as to a crib, and may be used for retaining covers over an adult as well as a child.

Heretofore different holders for bed and other covers have been devised; but it is unnecessary to describe them here.

The present invention consists in an attachment to a crib, bed, or the like composed of, first, a bar of wood or other suitable material; second, attaching straps with buckles, tapes, or other like fastenings at the ends of said rod for attaching the same to the upright bars at the side of the crib or to other suitable part of the crib or bed; third, holding straps or bands secured to the rod at suitable intermediate points, and, fourth, safety-pins, hooks, clasps, or other fasteners at the outer ends of the strap for connecting the straps with the covers.

Ordinarily two holding-straps are secured to the rod at equal distances from the adjacent ends; but their number and arrangement are not material. Preferably, also, these straps are provided with buckles or other means for lengthening them, as may be required.

The new attachment is not only simple, inexpensive, and efficient, but it is applicable to ordinary cribs without requiring any addition to or alteration in them, and can be removed and replaced at will.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure I is a perspective view of the attachment, and Fig. II a view showing it applied to a crib.

The rod A, about equal in length to the width of the crib, is provided at each end with an attaching-strap, B, which, as shown, is secured near the middle of its length to the end of the rod by a large-headed nail, 1, driven through the strap into the rod. Each strap has a

buckle, 2, at one end, and the other end is provided with holes, so that the ends can be buckled around the bars 3 of a crib, as shown in Fig. II.

At suitable intermediate points the holding straps or bands C are secured to the rod A, one end being, as shown, wrapped around the rod and fastened by tacks or nails 4. At their outer ends the holding-straps C have loops 5, which can be lengthened or shortened by the aid of the buckles 6 and the pieces 7, which are secured to the straps C and are engaged by the buckles 6. The fasteners D, in the form of safety-pins, have one member, 8, passed through the loops, so that when inserted into the covers they connect the same with the holding-straps C.

In use the rod A is secured to the crib at the head thereof, and the holding-straps C are connected with the bed-covers on each side of the child, the position of the rod and the length of the holding-straps being such that the covers will be held up over the shoulders of the child.

The invention is not limited to the details herein described—such, for example, as the use of tacks or nails to fasten the straps to the rod and the like—which can be changed without altering the spirit of the invention. I would wish it, however, to be distinctly understood that the invention does not include a frame or rod permanently secured to the bedstead and provided with clamps or fasteners for holding the bed-covers, since I am aware that heretofore such clamps or fasteners have been connected with a rectangular frame of wire of the size and shape of the bedstead, which passed around its four sides and was secured thereto at the four corners by screws passing through eyes or wings on the frame, and also that a rod journaled in bearings on the bedstead has been provided with jaws for clamping the bed-covers between themselves and stationary jaws fixed to the bed. On the contrary, it is a most important feature of the new or improved attachment that the rod which carries the holding straps and fasteners is adapted readily to be attached and detached by hand without the use of screw-drivers or similar implements. In consequence of this facility of detachment, neither the rod nor the holding-straps need be in the way in the making up of the bed, although they may occupy a position above the mattress. Screws to be driven into the bed-

stead through eyes on the rod or journal-boxes, which establish a permanent connection with the bedstead, are not the equivalents of my attaching-straps at the ends of the rod.

5 I claim as my invention or discovery—

The herein-described attachment composed of the rod, the attaching-straps at the ends of the rod, whereby the latter may be readily attached and detached by hand without the use of a screw-driver or similar implement, the

holding-straps secured to the rod at intermediate points, and the fasteners at the outer ends of the holding-straps for connecting the same with the covers, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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