

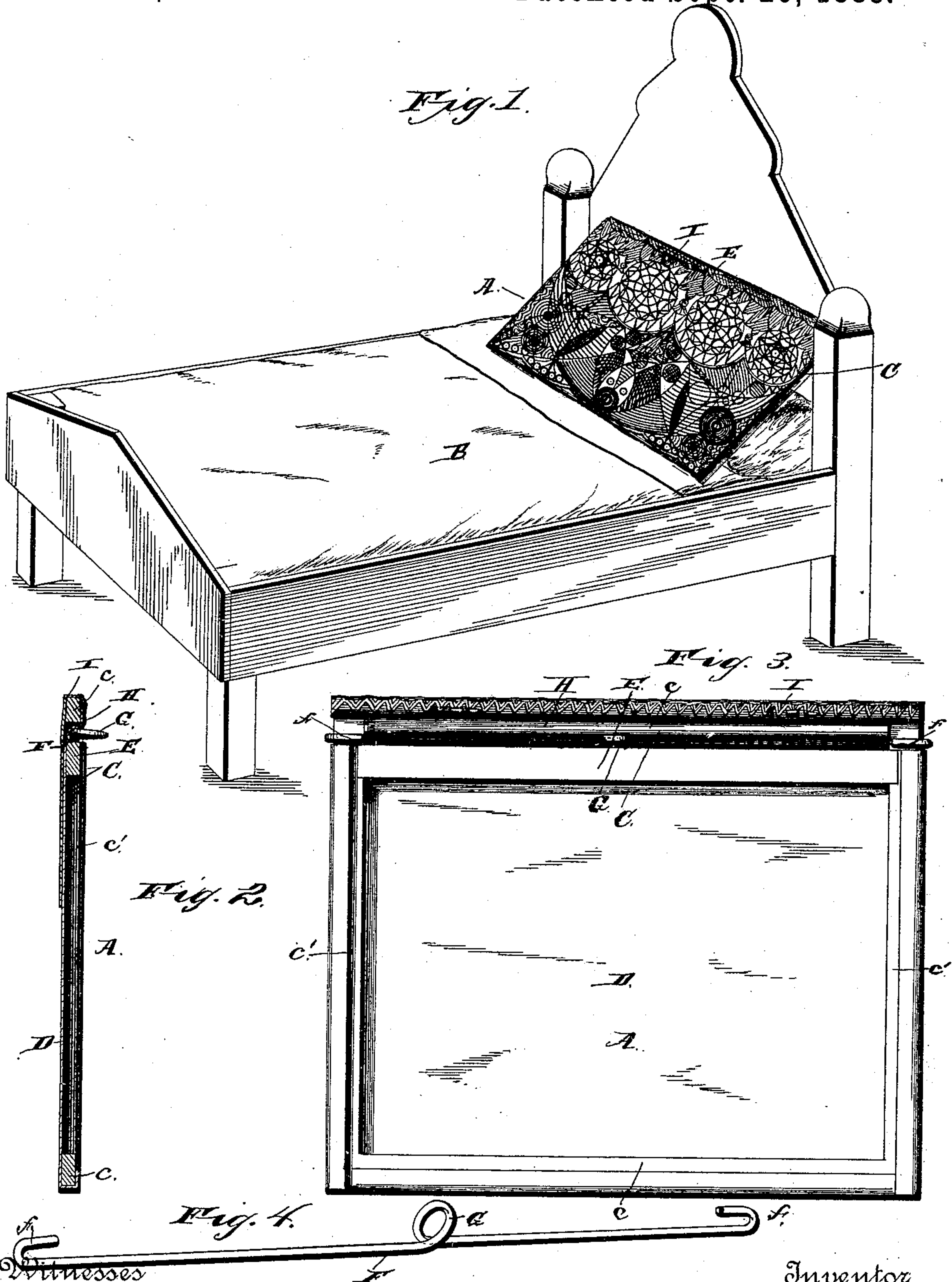
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTHA J. STEVENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ocheltree, in the county of Johnson and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sham Pillows, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a sham pillow, or pillow-sham supporter, designed to be placed on the bed during the day to support the pillow-sham; and it consists in a certain novel construction and arrangement of devices, fully described hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Heretofore it has been the practice to arrange the pillow shams or covers on the pillows; but objections are offered against this method in that the sham is liable to become displaced, it becomes creased or wrinkled on account of assuming the shape of the pillow, (which is rounded,) and it prevents the air from circulating in contact with the pillow and ventilating the same.

It is my object in the herein-described invention to obviate these objections; and in order that the construction may be fully understood and the advantages better appreciated I have illustrated a device embodying my invention in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the sham pillow arranged on a bed in the operative position and supporting a pillow-sham. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view of the pillow and the sham. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the wire rod.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the sham pillow, which is arranged on a bed, B, and the pillow consists, mainly, of the frame C, (preferably rectangular in shape,) comprising the side rails, *c*, and the end rails, *c'*, and the cover D, of linen, cloth, paper, or other flexible material of any suitable color. The end and the lower side edges of this cover are extended around the edges of the end and bottom rails and affixed by tacks, screws, paste, or other securing means to the rear sides of the said rails, and the upper edge of the cover is affixed by similar means to a removable longitudinal bar, E, arranged near

the upper rail of the frame and seated at its ends in notches in the end rails.

F represents a wire rod which extends the entire length of the frame parallel with and between the upper rail of the frame and the bar E, and it is provided at its ends with the hooks *f f*, which are engaged around the outer edges of the end rails, *c'*. This rod is provided at its center with the integral loop G, which passes rearwardly and projects a short distance beyond the rear side of the frame to enable the device to be hung upon a nail or hook during the night, when the sham pillow is replaced by real pillows.

H designates a flap, of linen, cloth, or other flexible material, which is affixed at its lower edge to the wire rod, and to this flap is pinned or otherwise attached the sham I, which passes over the upper edge of the frame and rests on the front side thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The sham is thus arranged so that it may be removed from the sham pillow at any time to enable a clean sham to be substituted.

The wire rod, as will be seen, may be removed from the frame by springing one of its ends up and disengaging the hook thereon from the edge of the end rail.

The advantages of this device will be readily appreciated by housekeepers and those skilled in the art to which it appertains. The pillow, being flat, displays the sham to the best advantage and prevents it from being rumpled or creased. Moreover, the real pillows, if arranged thereunder, are protected from dust and the air is allowed to circulate freely to ventilate the same. Further, the bed is given a very orderly appearance, and the sham cannot become displaced for the reason that it is affixed firmly at its upper edge to the frame and the latter is arranged in an inclined position, leaning against the head of the bedstead.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A sham pillow comprising the frame, the cover affixed to the frame, the rod extending longitudinally of the frame near its upper edge, and the flap affixed to the said rod and adapted to have the sham attached thereto, substantially as specified.

2. In a sham pillow, the rectangular frame, the removable bar E, arranged at its ends in notches near the upper ends of the end rails of the frame, and the cover D, extending over
5 the frame and secured at its edges to the end and bottom rails of the frame, and the bar E, in combination with the rod arranged near the top rail of the frame and provided with the rearward-extending loop at its center, and
10 the flexible flap affixed to the said rod and adapted to have the pillow-sham affixed thereto, substantially as specified.

3. In a sham pillow, the combination of the frame A, the cover D, affixed thereto, the wire
15 rod F, provided with a central supporting-

loop, G, and having hooks *f f* at its ends engaging the end rails of the frame, and the flexible flap affixed to the said rod, with the pillow-sham removably attached to the said flap, extending over the upper edge of the
20 frame and bearing on the front side thereof, substantially as specified.

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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