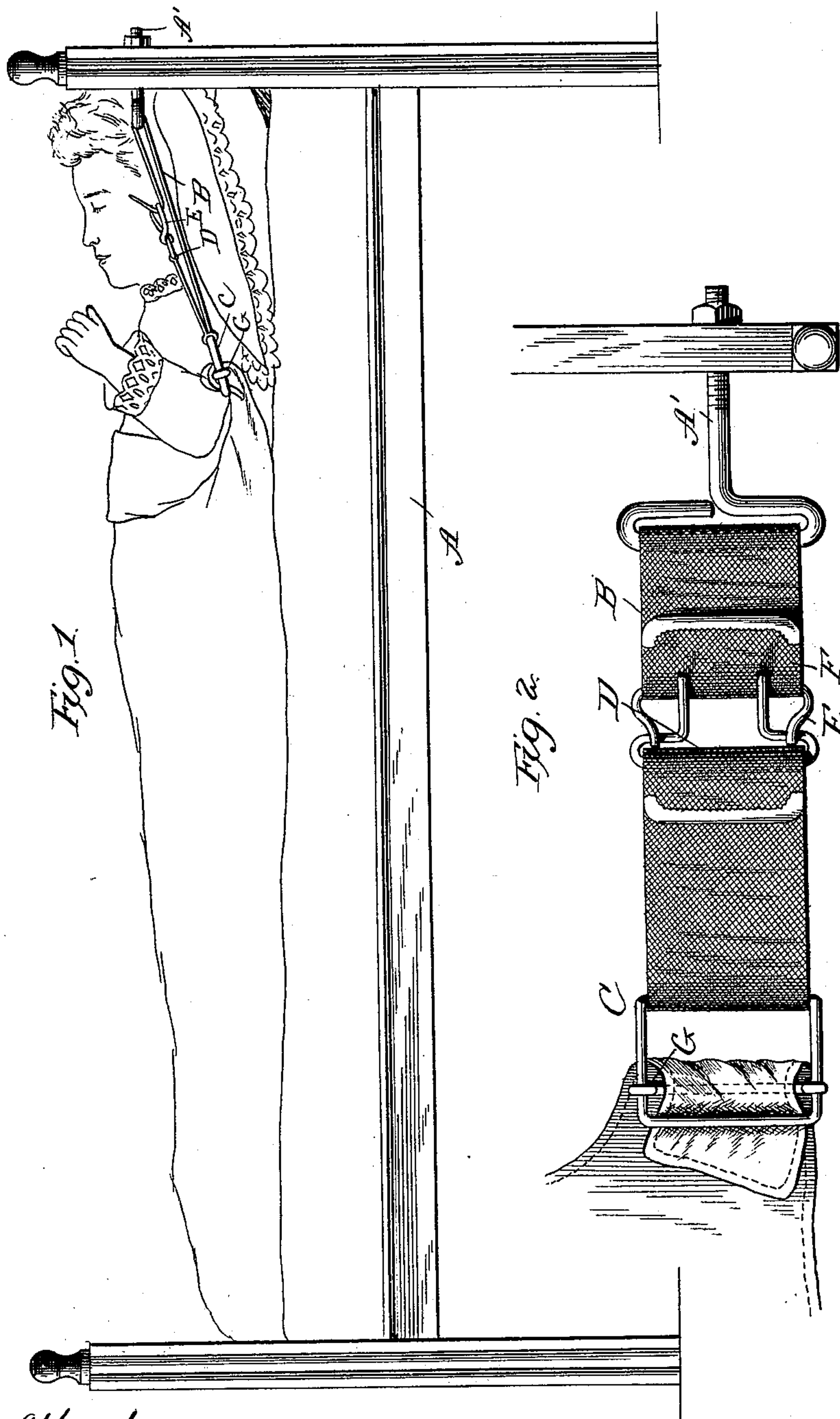


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EFFIE J. WATRES, of Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bedclothes-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is an improved attachment for beds, cradles, and the like, by means of which the bedclothing may be held from displacement under the restlessness of the sleeper or patient without producing any irritation or binding effect and without tearing the bedclothing.

I am aware that it has been suggested heretofore to provide means for retaining the bedclothing in place by clamps secured to the side-boards of the bed, with flexible connections between these clamps and the clothing; but this arrangement is more or less objectionable, for the reason that it requires an expensive and complicated form of clamp for connection to the side of the bed, which would be unsightly and which would mar and scratch the bed, and, further, it has a binding effect upon the bedclothes across the sleeper or patient and would tear the bedclothing with even a slight strain or pressure.

It is the object of my invention to obviate these difficulties, to provide simple means which can readily be applied by any unskilled person and adapted to hold the bedclothes at their upper edges upon each side of the patient or sleeper, so that while the clothes are securely held and prevented from slipping off the patient or bed no binding effect is produced, and the sleeper or patient has free movement beneath the clothes without in any way effecting their position on the bed or tearing them.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of the bedstead, through which a bolt passes. Fig. 2 is a view of the attachment, looking directly down upon it, with only a portion of the head-board represented through which the bolt passes.

In the drawings, the bedstead is represented at A, and this may represent any form of bedstead, cradle, crib, or the like. Upon each side of the head-board of the bedstead, near

the pillows, or on a level with the bedclothes, I form a hole, through which I pass the threaded shank of a bolt, A', which is provided with an elongated loop on its front end. Suitable nuts fit the threaded ends of the bolts and hold them adjustably in position on the head-board.

From the looped ends of the bolt A', I extend elastic straps B, which pass through the loop and fastener C, the elastic being double, as shown. The end D of the elastic is provided with an ordinary buckle, E, and the end F of the elastic is adapted to be held by said buckle and to be adjusted therein, so as to increase or diminish the length of the elastic. The fastener C consists simply of a rectangular frame having a cross-bar, G, fitted loosely to slide on the two end wires of the fastener-frame, and this provides a very simple means for holding the bedclothes by first drawing the upper corners or edge of the clothes through the space I, between the cross-bar and the rear of the frame, and then doubling them back and passing through on the other side between it and the front of the frame, and this has the effect of binding the clothes in place between the cross-bar and the front of the frame.

It will be understood that the connection upon the opposite side is precisely the same, and that this not only tends to hold the clothes securely, but the elastic connection allows any slight movement of the clothes, and my improved attachment does not in any way mar the appearance of the bed or tear the bedclothing.

What I claim is—

In combination, the head-board, the looped bolt secured thereto, the rectangular frame C, having the fastening-bar G, and a flexible strap, B, passing through the looped bolt and the rectangular frame, the free ends of the strap being connected by an adjustable connection, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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