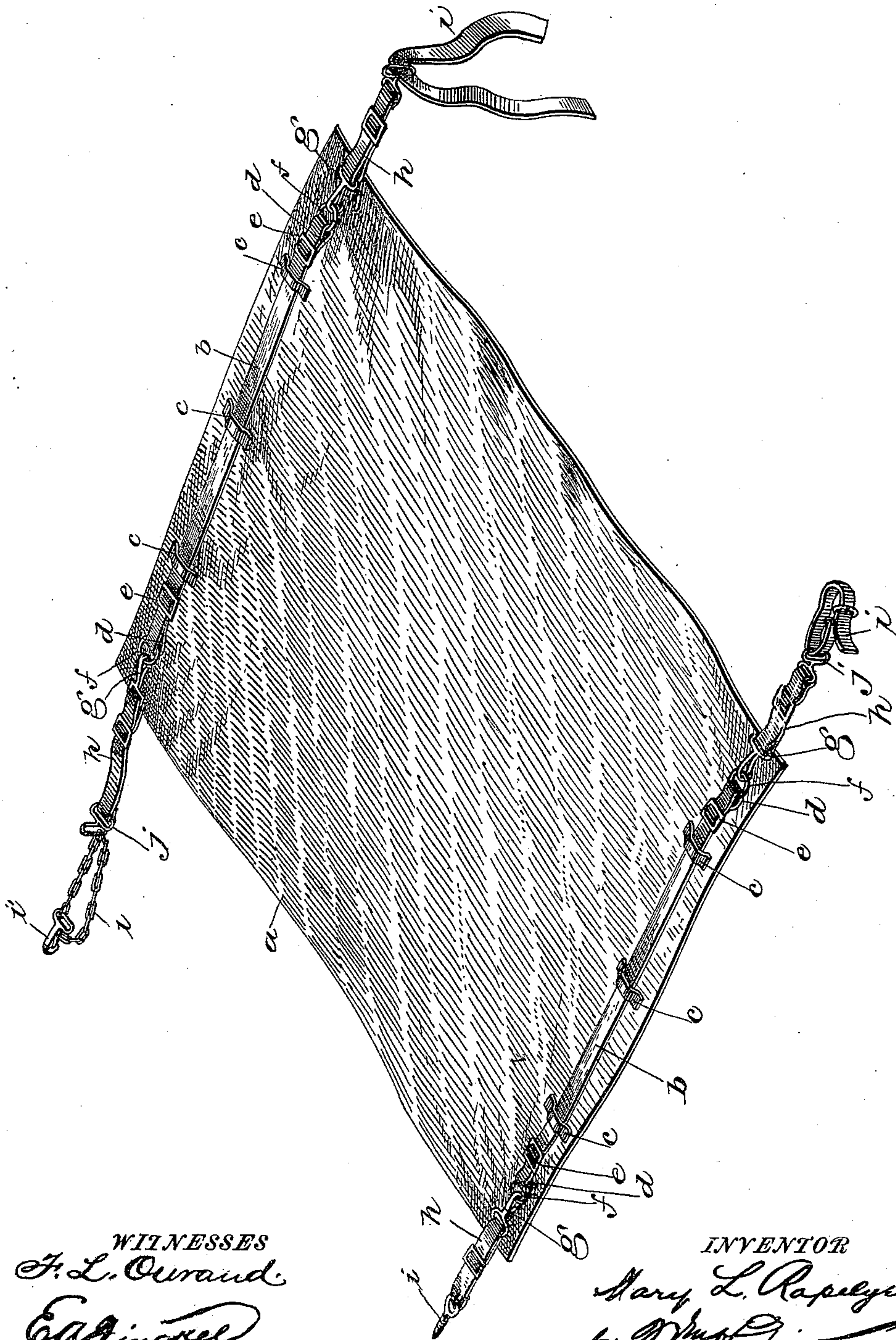


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY L. RAPELYE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Summit, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bedclothes-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of articles known as "bedclothes-holders," used principally for so securing bedclothes or coverings over children that they may not be kicked or otherwise worked off by a restless child.

The invention consists of a flexible strap applied to either or both ends of the cover by means of loops attached to the cover, or by safety-pins or other fastening mediums serving to connect the two, combined with separable fastening devices for securing the ends of the strap, and thus the cover, to the bedstead, crib, or cradle.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown in perspective my invention in several modified forms.

a may represent a cover—say a blanket. To either or both ends of this cover I apply a strap *b* by means of loops *c* or otherwise, the strap running crosswise of the cover. By preference this strap is made of any suitable elastic material, and also by preference it is made adjustable as to length, and in order to adjust it as to length I may turn over its ends *d* and connect such ends with buckles *e*, applied to the main portion of the strap. Rings or loops *f* are applied to the ends of the straps to receive the devices for securing the straps and thus the cover to the bedstead, crib, or cradle.

The four several fastening devices shown in the drawing are of modified construction; but each comprises the following essential features: a snap-hook *g*, an adjustable connector *h*, and a medium *i* for fastening to the bedstead, crib, or cradle. The snap-hook is employed in order to facilitate the connection and disconnection of the fastening devices and the straps, so that the straps may remain fixed to the bedstead, crib, or cradle and the blanket or cover detached when it is necessary to remove or adjust the cover. The connector *h* is adjustable in order to permit the securing of the device at different distances from the straps. The fastening medium *i*, as shown at the upper right-hand

corner of the figure in the drawing is of ribbon. As shown at the lower right-hand corner, it is a strap and buckle, and this strap is joined to the connector by a double-headed link *j*. As shown at the upper left-hand corner of the drawing, the fastening medium is a chain joined to the connector by a similar double-headed link *j*, the chain having a snap-hook or other fastening *i'*, by which the chain may be adjustably secured to a bedstead, crib, or cradle. The fastening medium shown at the lower left-hand corner of the drawing is a screw-eye.

As already intimated, the straps may be applied to either or both ends of the cover, and instead of textile loops *c* these loops may be made of other material, and, indeed, large safety-pins may be substituted for them.

The flexibility of the straps *b* permits the unimpeded movement of the occupant of the bed, and so will not interfere with the movement of, for example, a restless child.

What I claim is—

1. A strap and means such as described for securing it crosswise to a cover, such strap having eyes or rings at its ends, combined with fastening devices for connecting such strap with the bedstead, crib, or cradle, substantially as described.

2. A strap and means such as described for securing it crosswise to a cover, such strap having eyes or rings at its ends, combined with fastening devices for connecting such strap with the bedstead, crib, or cradle, the said fastening devices including a snap-hook or equivalent fastening admitting of ready disconnection, and also an adjustable connector, substantially as described.

3. A strap and means such as described for securing it crosswise to a cover, such strap being constructed of an elastic material and having looped and adjustable ends, and rings in such adjustable ends, combined with a fastening device which includes an adjustable connector adapted to engage the rings and to secure the strap to a bedstead, crib, or cradle, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of December, A. D. 1889.

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