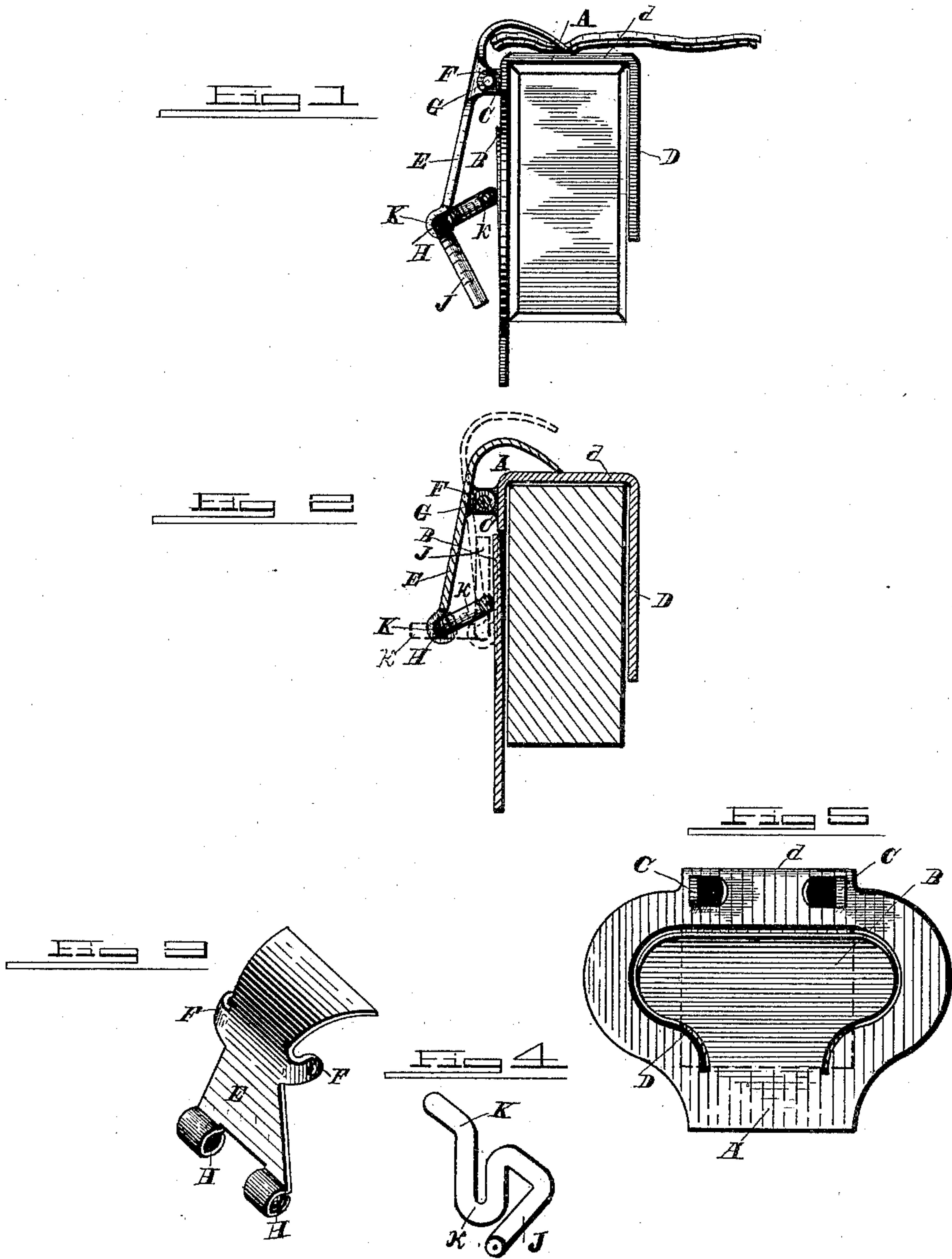


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES REUTER and JAMES L. SCHRUBEN, of Lafayette, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Fasteners; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates our improved bedclothes-fastening as in use. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through the same, showing the jaw closed in full lines and open in dotted lines. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are detail views of the several parts of the fastener separated.

This invention is an improved fastener for bedclothing, especially designed to hold the covers on beds and cribs occupied by children or sick persons, who are apt to toss the covers aside; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter clearly described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A designates a plate of sheet metal adapted to be fastened to the side rail or other portion of a bedstead where it is convenient and desirable to hold the edges of the bedclothing. This plate has a tongue B formed integral therewith by slitting its outer portion, as indicated. Above this tongue are two opposite ears C C, formed integral with the plate by partly cutting out small portions therefrom and then striking up these portions. The tongue B is bent outwardly slightly and constitutes a spring.

The plate A may be secured in position by screws; but when it is to be attached to side rails of the bed it is more convenient to provide it with a hook or bent arm D, springing from the upper portion of plate A above ears C and adapted to catch over the top edge of the side rail and bind the plate in position thereon.

E designates the movable clamping-jaw, also made of sheet metal, preferably, and having two opposite inwardly-bent lugs F on its sides and near its center, through which passes

a pin G, also passing through ears C, that pivotally mounts and secures the jaw on and to plate A. The upper portion of the jaw rises above the plate and is curved inwardly and slightly downwardly over the horizontal portion *d* of arm D, against which it is adapted to clamp any article when its lower end is forced outward. Its lower end extends over tongue B, and on its extremity are short projecting pieces bent to form eyes H H, through which passes a wire K, that has a return bent portion *k* between the eyes, forming a crank, and one end J of the wire projects beyond the eye at one side and is bent outwardly at an angle to the eyes and at right angles to portion *k*, so that by grasping end J, which forms a handle, the portion *k* can be turned under or from beneath the end of jaw E. When the portion *k* is turned under the arm, it binds on tongue B and forces the lower end of the jaw outward, thus moving its upper end forcibly toward the part *c* of arm C, and if any article or edge of the bedclothing has been slipped between the upper end of the jaw and part *d* it will be securely clamped and held, and the tongue B serves to hold the jaw closed with a spring-pressure.

This device is simple and efficient and its operation will be obvious from the foregoing.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent thereon, is—

1. In a bedclothes-fastener, the combination of a plate attached to the bed-rail and having an integral spring-tongue, with a clamping-jaw pivotally mounted on said plate, and an angularly-bent wire clamp attached to said jaw and engaging said tongue, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the plate having a bent portion adapted to engage the bed-rail, and a spring-tongue, with the curved clamping-jaw pivotally attached to said plate and partly overlying the tongue, and the angular wire clamp attached to one end of the jaw and adapted to engage said tongue, all substantially as set forth.

3. The herein-described fastener, comprising a plate A, having a tongue B, ears C C,

and bent arm D, a jaw E, having lugs F F
and pivotally attached to said plate, and hav-
ing eyes H H on its lower end, and a wire K,
mounted in said eyes, having a crank bend k
5 and end J, all constructed and arranged to
operate substantially as and for the purpose
described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing

as our own we affix our signatures in presence
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