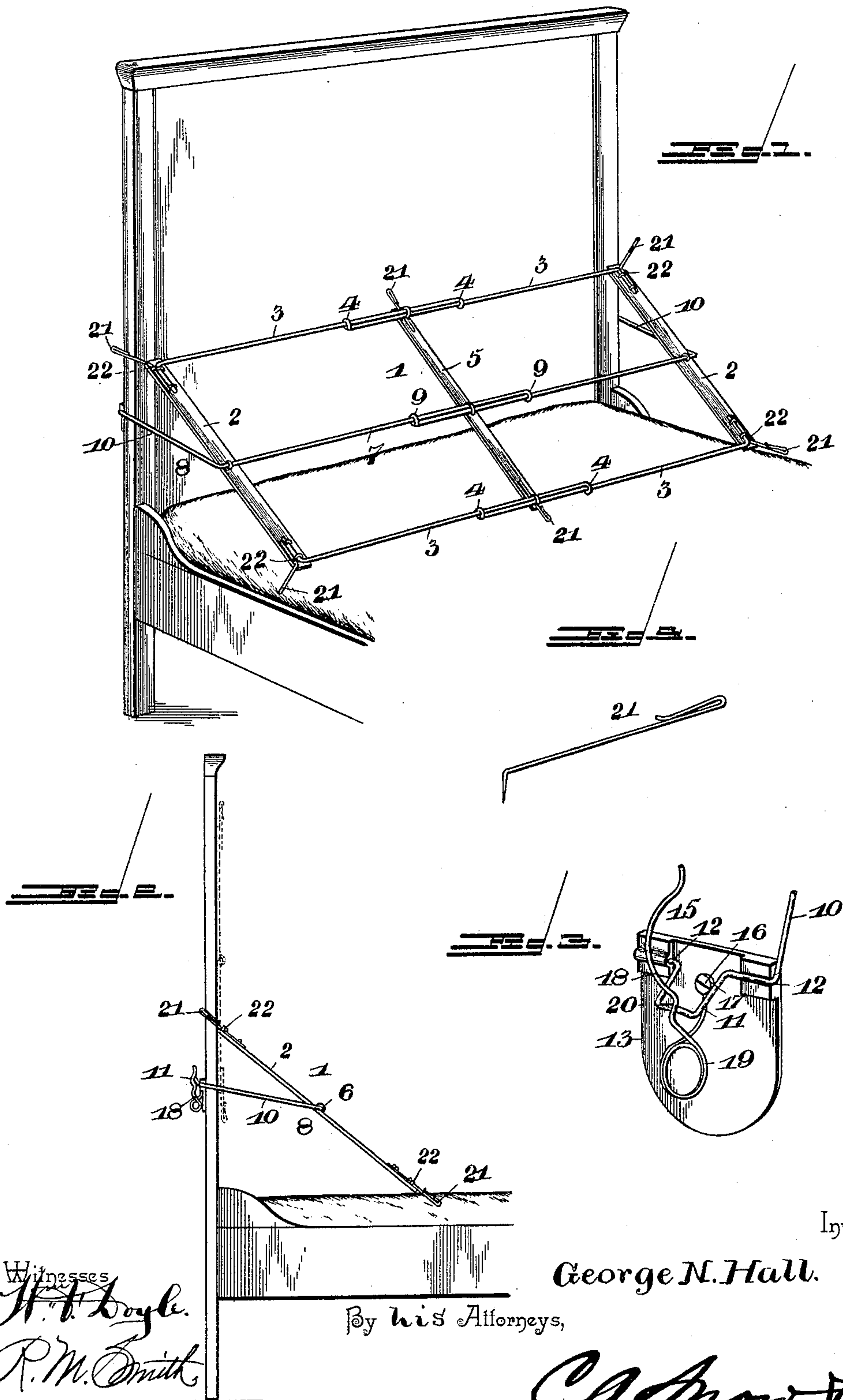


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## PILLOW-SHAM HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE NELSON HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at David City, in the county of Butler and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Pillow-Sham Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in pillow-sham holders; and the object in view is to provide an inexpensive and efficient holding device for the purpose described which is adjustable to a bed of any size, also to shams of any size, and which by a peculiar arrangement of devices hereinafter described is capable of being held at the proper angle to cover the pillows or elevated and folded flatwise against the head-board of the bed, so as to be entirely out of the way when the bed is in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the course of the subjoined description.

To this end the invention consists in certain novel features and details of construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and finally pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the form of the improved sham-holder and the manner of its application to the head of a bed, the holder being lowered in position to cover the pillows. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, the holder being shown down in full lines and up in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail perspective view showing the retaining-spring, spring-plate, and one of the terminals of the lifting-frame. Fig. 4 is a similar view of one of the pillow-clasps.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates the pillow-sham-holding frame, which is made extensible for the purpose of accommodating shams of different sizes, and for the further purpose of adapting the device, as a whole, to beds of different sizes, and is formed in two substantially equal and similar sections. Each of these sections is three-sided or U-shaped and composed of an end slat 2, of wood or other suitable material and

two pieces of galvanized wire of the proper gage. These wires (indicated at 3) have their outer ends bent substantially at right angles and secured to the opposite ends of their respective end slat 2 by means of staples, as shown, or in any other convenient manner, and at their other ends are formed with eyes 4, the eyes of one section being caused to embrace the parallel wires or bars 3 of the opposing section, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. By this construction the arms or wires 3 being arranged in parallel relation the holder-sections have a sliding relation to each other and may be moved together or apart according to the width of the bed to which the device is applied. At the same time the eyes 4 prevent the separation of the two holder-sections when it is attempted to draw the same apart.

A central slat 5 may be used to connect the inner extremities of the arms 3 for also supporting the adjacent overlapping ends of the shams, and this slat may be attached to the sections of the frame by means of staples or other devices. The end slats 2 are provided at or near their centers with staples 6, through which passes the horizontal bar 7 of a lifting-frame 8. This lifting-frame is also made in two sections, being divided as to its front bar 7, the sections being formed similarly to the sections of the holder-frame with terminal eyes 9, embracing the terminal portions of the lifting-frame and adapting the same to be contracted or extended in like manner to the holder-frame and to correspond therewith. The arms 10 of this lifting-frame extend backward and pass behind the head-board of the bed, where they are bent to form cranks 11. Upon each side of the crank 11 the wire of which the lifting-frame is composed is bent to form journals 12, which are mounted in bearing-sockets in a plate or casting 13, secured to the rear surface of the head-post of the bed. It will be understood that two of these plates or castings 13 are employed and secured one to each side of the bed upon the back of the head board or posts, as may be found most expedient. Each plate is substantially semicircular in form and is provided at one of its upper corners with a bearing-lug 10, having a perforation therein for the reception of the journal 12 at the extremity of



the arm 10. The plate 13 is provided at its other upper corner with a bearing-lug 15, having a bearing-socket formed in its rear face in which the journal portion 12 at that side of the plate may rest and work. Each plate is secured in place by means of a screw 16, and this screw also passes through the eye 17 of an upwardly-projecting spring 18. This spring is formed intermediate its ends with one or more coils 19 for giving the desired degree of resiliency thereto, and its curved terminal portion is bowed inwardly toward the bed and adapted to engage the cross-bar 20 of the crank 11, the said cross-bar being deflected or depressed inwardly so as to preserve the proper engagement between the crank and the spring-arm 18. The cranks 11 are so disposed with relation to the lifting-frame and the springs are so disposed with such relation to said cranks that the springs will serve to assist in the upward movement of the lifting-frame and will retain the said frame in its upward adjustment. At the same time the lifting-frame may be depressed by overcoming the tension of the springs, and when adjusted downwardly the springs will exert a slight pressure upon the lifting-frame and thereby preserve the proper angle of the holder-frame, so that the pillows will be covered in a manner well understood. Spring-clasps 21 are connected to each corner of the holder-frame, the said clasps being preferably formed of spring-wire and having their outer terminals recurved and adapted to have the edge of a sham inserted beneath such recurved portion and held, the other terminal of each clasp being bent inward, pointed, and driven into the side bar 2 of the holder-frame and being held against displacement by means of one or more staples 22. Similar clasps are secured to the center slat 5, thus making provision for securing all the corners of both shams. By extracting the staples 22 the clasps may be moved or adjusted to suit shams of different sizes, after which the staples are again used to retain the clasps in place.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that a very efficient, inexpensive, and adjustable pillow-sham holder is obtained, which may be adjusted to suit a bed of any size and which may be readily manipulated for folding the same up or down, as may be desired. It will be apparent that by changing the angle of the cranks 11 with relation to the lifting-frame the tension of the springs 18 will be exerted with greater or less lever-

age thereon and the holder-frame will be retained in its upward or folded position by a correspondingly increased or diminished pressure.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What I claim is—

1. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination with the holder-frame, of a lifting-frame having its terminal portions bent to form offsets or cranks with journal portions at each side thereof, a pair of bearing-plates or brackets provided with lugs one of which is perforated and the other recessed to receive said journal portions, and retaining-springs attached to said plates or brackets and bearing against the aforesaid offsets or cranks of the lifting-frame, the said plates or brackets being secured to the head of the bed, substantially in the manner specified.

2. In a pillow-sham holder, the combination with the holder-frame, of a lifting-frame having its terminal portions bent to form offsets or cranks with journal portions at each side thereof, bearing-plates or brackets in which said journals are mounted, and a retaining-spring attached to one of said plates or brackets and provided intermediate its ends with a bow or offset which engages with one of said cranks for holding the lifting-frame in either its folded or operative position, substantially as described.

3. A pillow-sham holder comprising upper and lower extensible wires connected to slats at the sides and center of the holder and provided with friction-clasps at its center and ends, a lifting-frame consisting of extensible wires pivoted centrally to the slats and having their terminal portions extended around behind the head-board of the bed and bent to form cranks, brackets to which the cranks are journaled, and retaining-springs attached to the brackets and provided with curved offsets for engaging said cranks to hold the lifting-frame in either its folded or operative position, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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