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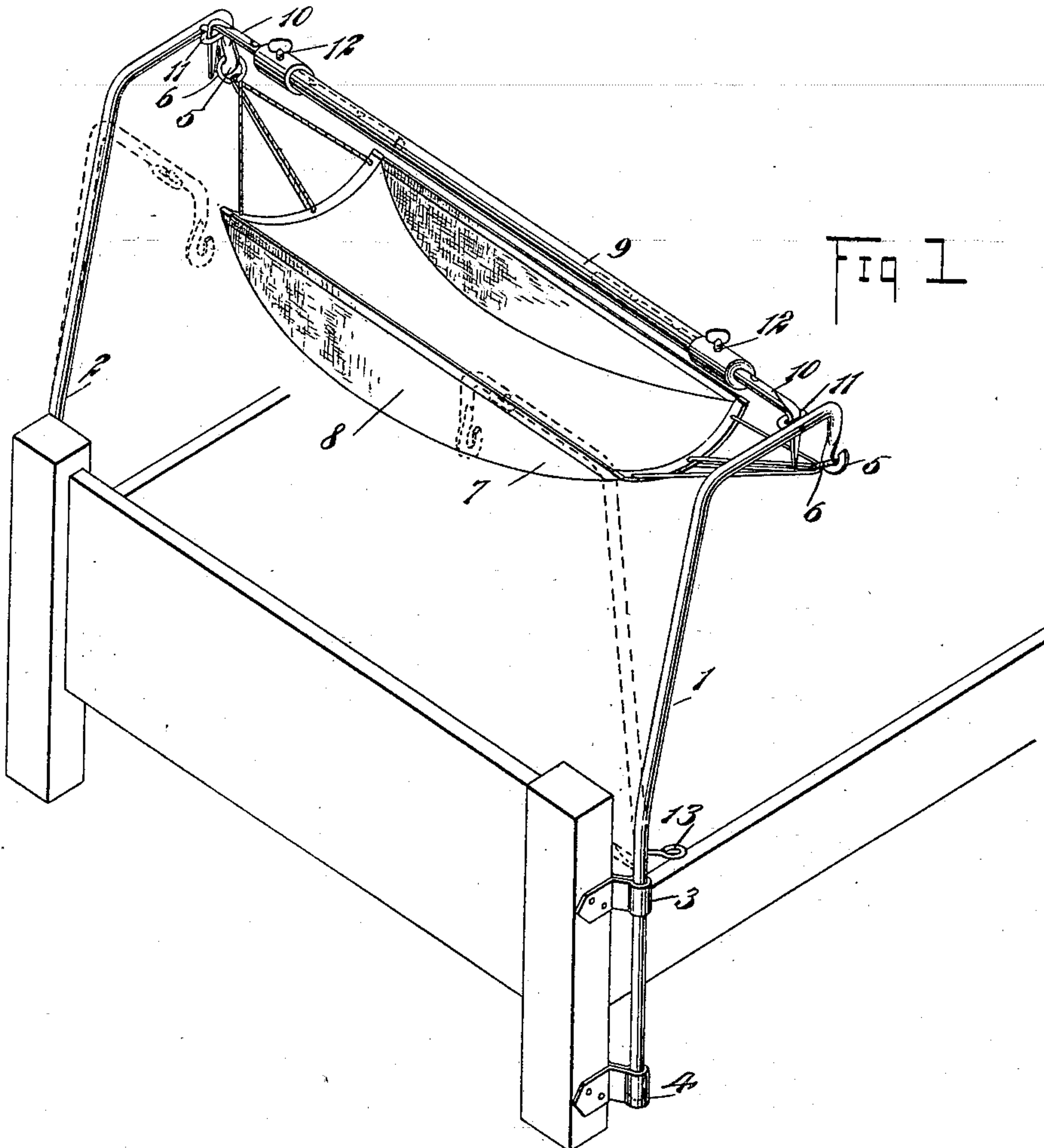


Fig 1

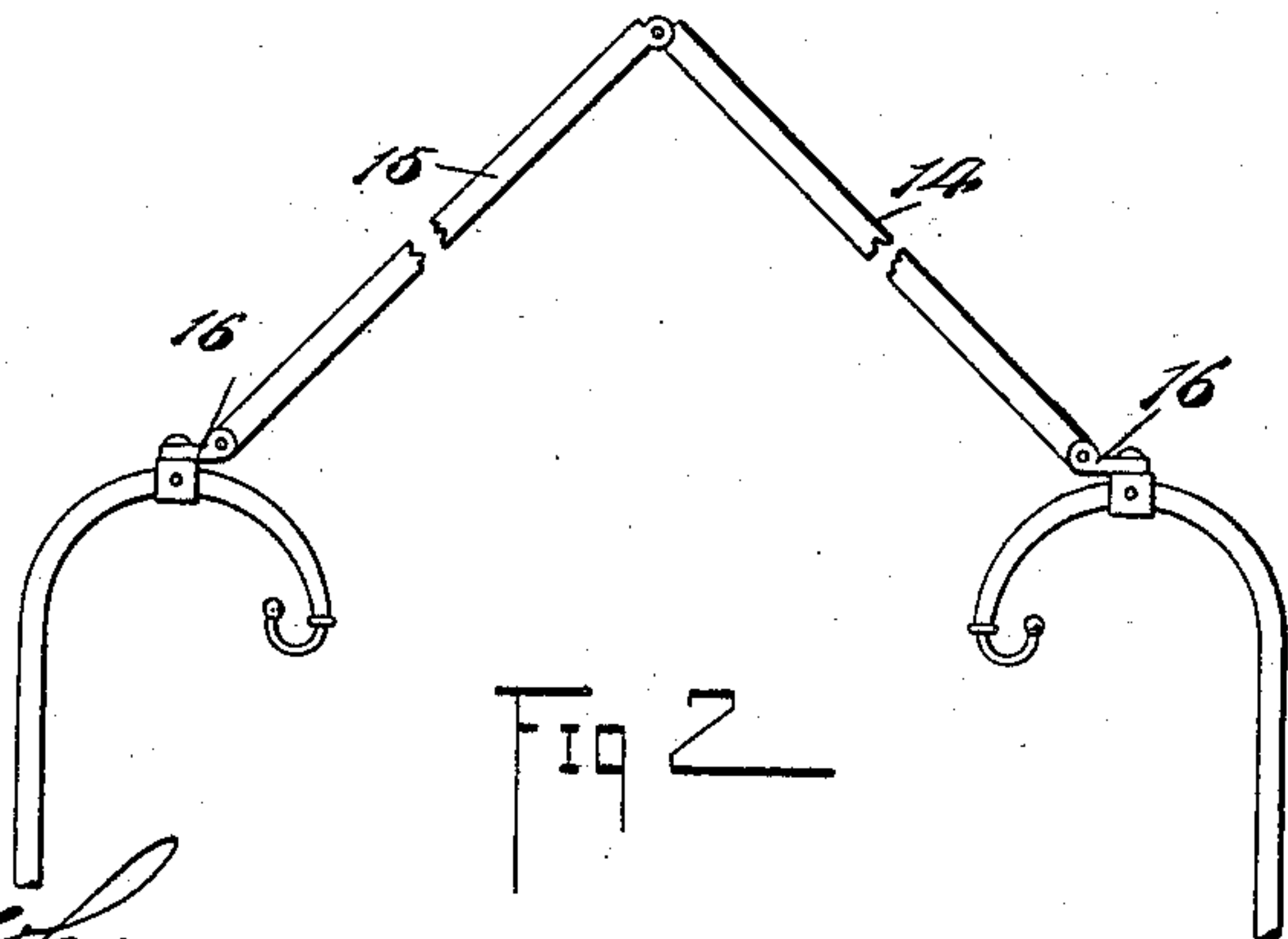


Fig 2

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## HAMMOCK-SLING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IRA MELVILLE GEORGE, of the city of New York, (Kingsbridge,) borough of Bronx, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hammock-Sling, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in slings or supports for hammocks, the object being to provide a simple device that may be attached to a bedstead, window-casing, or other support for suspending a hammock in which a child may sleep and which when in use on a bedstead may be swung over the bed, so that the child will be within easy reach of its nurse or parents in the bed and when not in use may be swung over the footboard, so as not to interfere with the making up or dressing of the bed.

I will describe a hammock-sling embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hammock-sling embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 shows a modification.

The hammock-sling comprises two davits 1 2, each mounted to rotate in similar sockets 3 4, one pair of which is here shown as attached to the footboard of the bedstead. The lower sockets 4 of both davits are closed at the bottom, so as to support the davits from downward movement when in use.

While I have shown the sockets as secured rigidly to the bedstead-posts by screws or the like, it is obvious that they may be otherwise made—such, for instance, as in the form of removable clamps to be attached to an iron bedstead.

The horizontally-disposed members of the davits are provided with hooks 5 to receive the ring 6 on the hanger-cords of the hammock 7. This hammock may be made of any suitable material, either cloth or open mesh. As here shown, it has upwardly-extended side

members 8, which will prevent a child from rolling out.

The davits are held in their suspended position and prevented from moving toward each other by means of a spreader-rod consisting of a tubular member 9 and hook ends 10, adapted to engage in eyes 11 on the davits. The hook portions 10 being adjustable in the portion 9 render the spreader-rod adjustable to any width of bedstead or other support upon which the davits may be mounted, and when adjusted the hook portions may be secured by the set-screws 12. When the hammock is not in use, the spreader-rod is to be removed from the eyes 11, so that the horizontally-disposed members of the davits may be turned inward over the footboard of the bedstead, and then the spreader-rod hook portions are to be engaged in eyes 13 on the davits near the sockets 3.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a spreader-rod as consisting of two sections 14 15, hinged together and having their outer ends pivoted in straps 16, which have pivotal connection with the upper ends of the davits. When this device is in use, the two sections of the spreader-rod have of course to be moved down to their horizontal position, and when not in use the central portions may be swung upward, as indicated in Fig. 2.

While I have shown the device as attached to a bedstead, it is obvious that it may be attached to a window or similar casing, so that when not in use it may be swung into the casing in line with the wall.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A hammock-sling, comprising davits adapted for swinging connection with a support, eyes on the upper portion of the davits, eyes on the lower portion of the davits, and a spreader adapted for engaging with the upper eyes for holding the davits in their operative position and also for engaging with the lower eyes to hold the davits in their inoperative position, substantially as specified.

2. A hammock-sling, comprising davits adapted to swing on a support, hooks on hori-

zontally-disposed members of the davits for receiving suspension devices of the hammock, eyes on the horizontally-disposed portions of the davits, an adjustable spreader-rod having  
5 hook portions to engage in said eyes, and eyes on the lower portions of the said davits to receive said hook portions when the davits

are swung to their inoperative position, substantially as specified.

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