

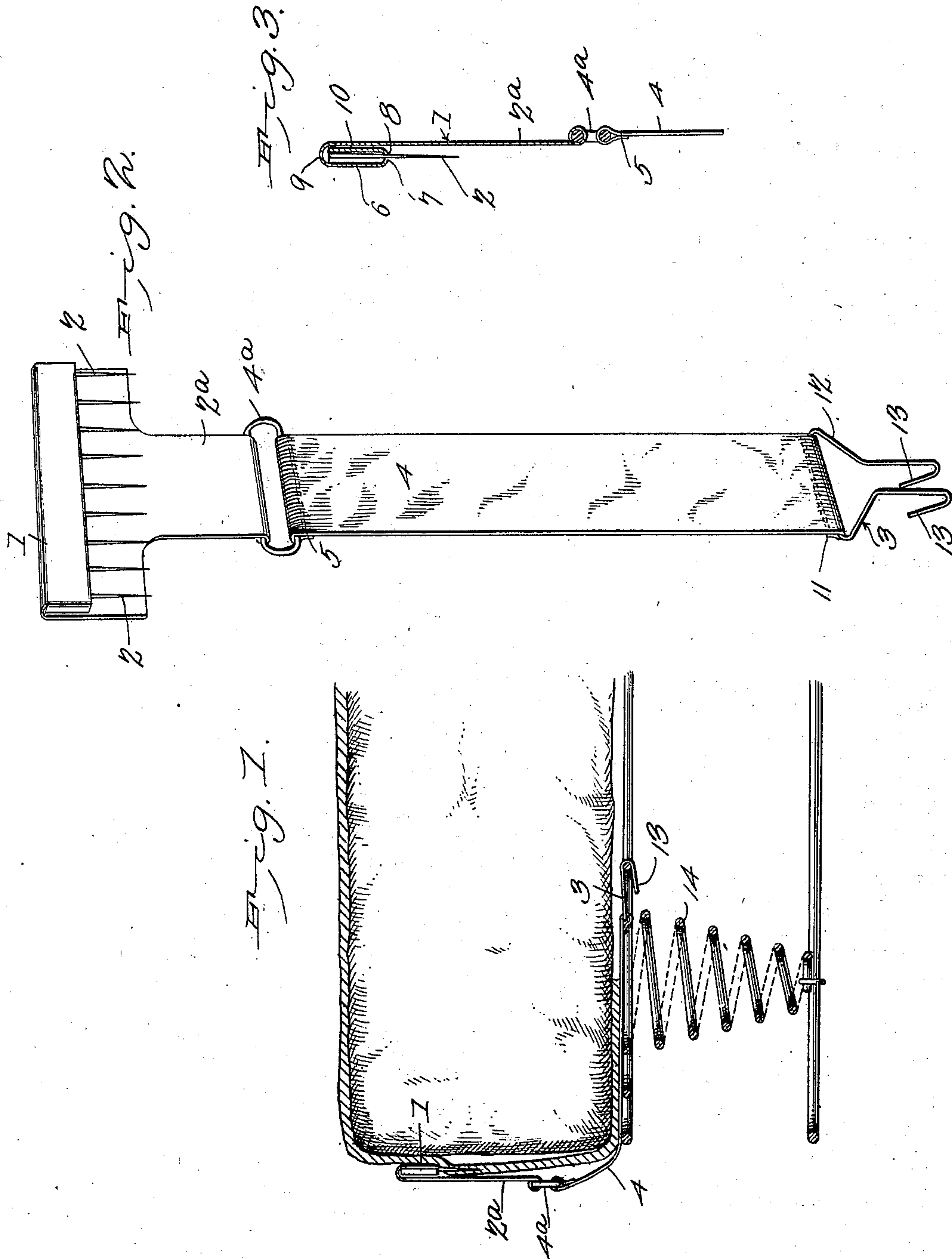
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAVILLA ARABELLA COFFMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paris, in the county of Edgar and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Bedclothes-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device for holding down bedclothes.

The object of the invention is in a ready, simple, thoroughly feasible, and practical manner, without danger of damaging the bed-clothing or interfering with the comfort of the occupant of the bed, securely and positively to hold down the clothing of any part, such as the foot or sides thereof; furthermore, to provide a device of the character specified which may be readily applied to position and which may be used in connection either with a coiled-spring mattress or a woven-wire mattress.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a bedclothes-holder, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated a form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in sectional elevation, exhibiting the manner in which the device is associated with the covering of a bed and with the springs of the mattress. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view through the device on a reduced scale.

The holder comprises a head 1, carrying a plurality of prongs or pins 2, constituting cover-engaging members, a double hook 3, constituting a securing member, and a length of elastic 4, constituting a yielding member to prevent damage to the covering when the strain is applied thereto and also to cause the

engaging members to be positively held in engagement with the covering. The head 1 is by preference made of sheet metal, such as tin, and has a constricted neck 2^a, preferably of the same width as the yielding member, with which it is connected through the medium of a link 4^a, the lower terminal of the neck being folded around one side of the link and the yielding member being sewed around the other side of the link, as at 5. The upper portion of the head is of greater width than the neck and has its upper terminal formed into a hollow flange 6, the lower bend 7 of which is provided with orifices 8 to receive the intermediate portions of the cover-engaging members 2, which are in this instance ordinary pins, the heads of which bear against the upper bend 9 of the flange and are held from longitudinal movement by the upper edge of the inner member 10 of the flange, which bears against the under sides of the heads, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. To render the association between the pins and the flange of stable character, the former may be soldered within the flange. While this manner of securing the pins in position has been found highly efficient in use and possesses advantages on account of its simplicity, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to this precise arrangement, as it will be obvious that, if preferred, headless pins may be employed which will be soldered within the flange, or, if preferred, the inner member 10 of the flange may be dispensed with and the pins be soldered or otherwise secured to the outer member alone.

The yielding member 4 may be constructed of any suitable elastic material. The securing member 3 will be made of wire, and the transverse member thereof will be secured to the yielding member by a seam 11. The upper portions of the sides of the securing member converge, as at 12, to prevent disconnection from the yielding member, thence project straight downward, and the terminals are formed into hooks 13 to engage either with one of the whirls of the mattress-spring 14, as shown in Fig. 1, or the fabric of a woven-wire mattress.

In the use of the device the securing member is hooked around one of the whirls of a mattress-spring, as shown in Fig. 1, or into

the meshes of a woven-wire mattress, where one is employed, and the prongs of the head are then engaged with the cover-lid, the intermediate flexible cover being placed under
 5 tension, thus to cause the head to remain in positive engagement with the cover.

As many of these devices may be employed as are found necessary or desirable and may be used either along the foot or sides, or both.

10 Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A device of the character specified, comprising a head carrying pins or prongs, to engage with the bed-covering, a securing member constituting a hook to engage the springs
 15 of a mattress, and an elastic member connecting the parts.

2. A device of the character specified, comprising a head having a hollow flange, pins

or prongs secured in the flange, a mattress- 20 engaging hook, and an elastic member connecting the parts.

3. A device of the character specified comprising a sheet-metal blank bent to form a head having a hollow flange provided with
 25 perforations, pins secured in the flange and extending through the perforations, an elastic member associated with the head, and a wire member associated with the elastic member and bent to form mattress-engaging hooks. 30

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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