

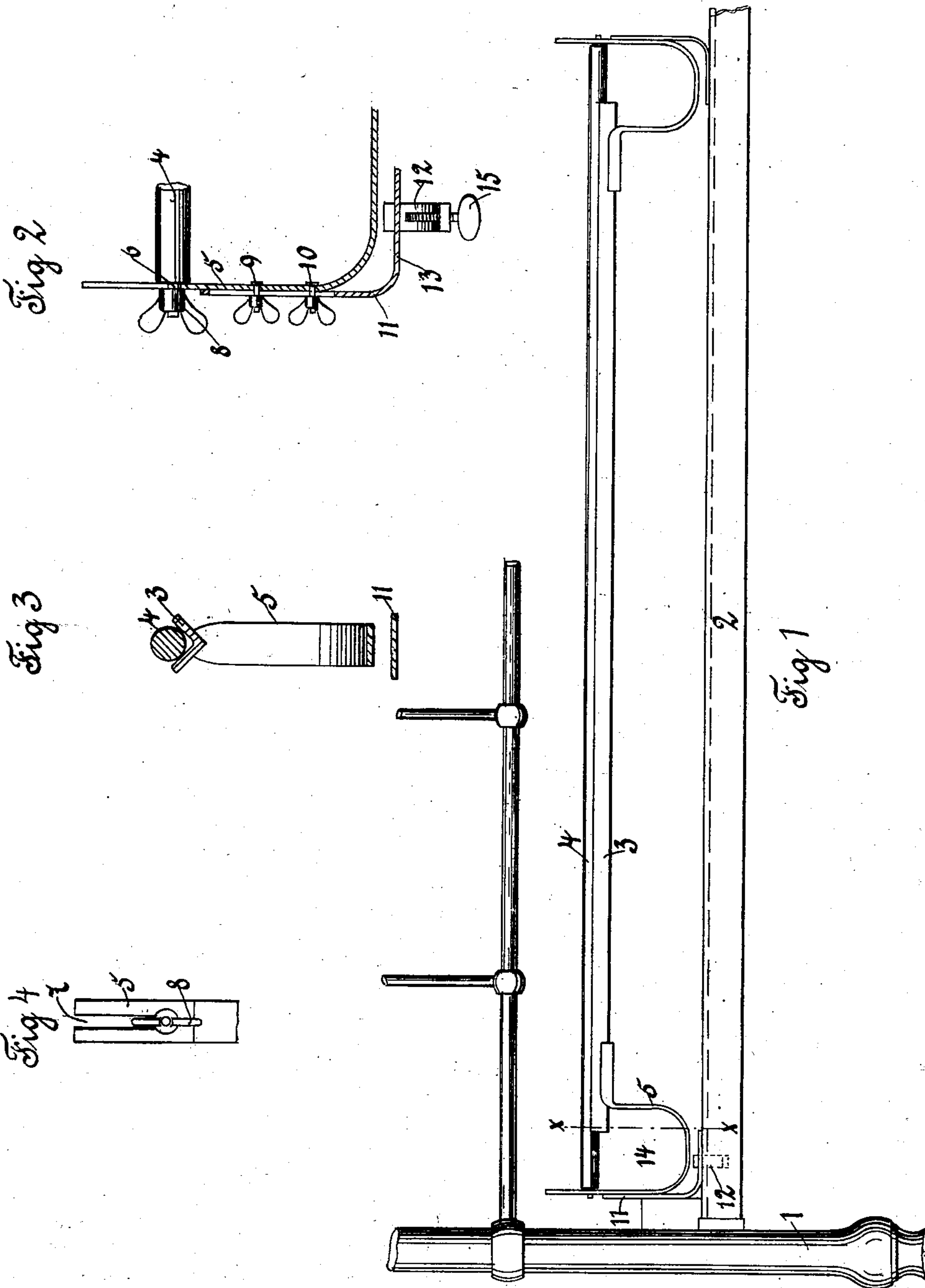
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## BEDCLOTHES-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HANNAH CROCKER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Plainfield, Union county, New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates generally to means for clamping sheets of flexible material, and refers more particularly to means for securing bedclothes in their proper position at the foot of the bed.

The object of my invention is to provide means for firmly securing or clamping bedclothes in position which will be simple and inexpensive in construction, easily attached to a bed-frame, and allowing the greatest amount of freedom in adjusting the bedclothes. I have aimed to accomplish this by the device which will be explained more in detail hereinafter. I do not wish to limit myself, however, to the particular use described and illustrated in the accompanying description and drawings.

It will be readily seen that my invention is applicable to securing or clamping sheets of flexible material other than bedclothes, and I therefore do not wish it to be understood that this is the only use to which my invention may be put.

The advantage of my invention will of course be understood, and consists chiefly in a cheap and simple means for preventing the disarrangement of the bedclothes about the feet with the accompanying discomfort and danger to health.

Another advantage is the saving of labor in making the bed.

In the accompanying drawings I have embodied my invention in a preferred form; but it of course will be understood that changes may be made within the scope of the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing my device attached to the frame of a bed. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing a modification of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail view showing a modification of Fig. 1.

Like numbers of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Fig. 1 shows the usual bed-post 1, having the customary angle-iron 2 mounted thereon, forming part of the bed-frame and connecting the two posts at the foot of the bed.

3 is an angular member adapted to allow the round member 4 to engage therein and having suitably attached to its under side a strip 5, of suitable material, extending, preferably, in a bowed form downwardly and then outwardly and upwardly. This strip 5 is adapted to engage with the round member by some suitable means. It may simply have the hole 6, adapted to receive a tenoned portion of the round member when the strip is sprung outwardly sufficiently to enable this tenoned portion to engage in the hole, or it may be provided with a slot 7, as in Fig. 4, allowing the tenoned portion to move freely therein and having some suitable means, as 8, adapted to bind the round member firmly to the said strip. This strip 5 is connected in some suitable way, as by the thumb-screws 9 and 10, to another strip of suitable material 11, which is bent in a form suitable to fit snugly against the frame or footboard of the bed and to be attached thereto. This strip 11 may be provided with a slot allowing it to be vertically adjustable with relation to the bowed strip 5, and thereby adapting the device to the varying thickness of different mattresses. It may be attached by any suitable means. In the present case I accomplish this, as shown in Fig. 2, by the member 12, bent in a U shape, adapted to allow the insertion of the strip 11 and the frame within its bight and having a thumb-screw 15 or other suitable means for binding the strip and angle-iron firmly together.

It will be seen from Fig. 2 that while two thumb-screws 9 and 10 are not necessary it is preferable to have two, since it more positively prevents any movement between the strips 5 and 11. When it is desired to attach my device to the footboard of a bed, it will be seen that by the removal of one of the screws 9 or 10 and the loosening of the re-



maining one the strip 11 can be moved upwardly until the portion 13 of the strip 11 will fit snugly against the footboard, when it may be properly secured by any suitable means.

It will now be easily understood how my device operates. The round member 4 being removed from engagement with the angular member 3, the bedclothes are thrown over the angular member, the space 14, formed by the bowed contour of 5, allowing the clothes at the side of the bed to be easily disposed of. When the bedclothes are arranged over the angular member as desired, the round member is brought into engagement with the angular member and properly secured thereto by any of the means above described. It will thus be seen from Fig. 3 that the engagement of the round with the angular member makes two points of contact and firmly secures the bedclothes in their position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a bedclothes-holder, the combination with an angle-iron and a bar adapted to engage therein, of a plate attached to said angle-iron and extending in a bow downwardly and then outwardly and upwardly and being adapted to engage with and secure said bar, and means adapted to secure said plate to the bed.

2. In a bedclothes-holder, the combination with an angle-iron of a bar adapted to engage

therein, a plate attached to said angle-iron and extending in a bow downwardly and then outwardly and upwardly, having a hole adapted to receive a tenoned portion of said bar, and means adapted to secure said plate to the bed.

3. In a bedclothes-holder, the combination with an angle-iron and a bar adapted to engage therein, of a plate attached to said angle-iron and extending in a bow downwardly and then outwardly and upwardly and being adapted to engage with and secure said bar, a second plate attached to the first-mentioned plate and means adapted to secure the former to the bed.

4. In a bedclothes-holder, the combination with an angle-iron of a bar adapted to engage therein, a plate attached to said angle-iron extending in a bow downwardly and then outwardly and upwardly, having a slotted portion adapted to receive a tenoned portion of said bar, said plate being adapted to unite the bar and angle-iron, a second plate having a slot, means adjustable in said slot and adapted to unite the said plates, and means adapted to secure the second plate to the bed.

Signed at Plainfield this 4th day of November, 1903.

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