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DEVICE FOR HOLDING CHILDREN IN BED.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D CLAUDE AKERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Woodstock, in the county of McHenry and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Device for Holding Children in Bed, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a device for holding children in bed.

10 The object of the present invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device adapted to be readily applied to a bed and capable of preventing an infant or other helpless child from falling from or
15 crawling off of the bed and at the same time allow the child such freedom as is necessary for its comfort.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character capable of
20 ready adjustment to suit the size of a child and the size of a bed.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts
25 hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed in accordance
30 with this invention for holding children in bed. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the central portion of the belt or band. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of a bed, showing the device applied to the same.

35 Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a belt or band designed to be constructed of any suitable flexible material
40 and provided at one end with a buckle 2 for engaging the other end of the belt or band to enable the latter to be readily adjusted to suit the size of the child to which the device is to be applied. Any other suitable means,
45 however, may be employed for connecting the ends of the belt or band, which is designed to be placed around the body of the child and which is provided at the center or back with an opening 3 and with a strip or
50 piece 4 of elastic material extending over the opening in a direction transversely of the belt or band to provide a loop or keeper. The strip or piece of elastic material may

consist of rubber, elastic webbing, or any other suitable material, and it is narrower
55 than the opening, which is preferably provided, but which may be omitted, as will be readily understood. The ends of the elastic strip are stitched or otherwise secured to the belt or band, which is adapted to slide on a
60 bed-strap 5, constructed of flexible material and arranged transversely of a bed 6. The bed-strap 5 extends across the bed, and its terminals, which are passed around the side
65 edges of the mattress 7, are provided with double hooks 8 for engaging the springs 9, which support the mattress. The shanks of the hooks are bent laterally and connected by transverse portions 10, which are arranged in loops 11 and 12 of the ends of the
70 bed-strap. By engaging the hooks with the springs 9, as shown, the device is adapted to move upward and downward with the spring-supported mattress, and thereby obviates the necessity of providing straps or
75 elastic connections for permitting such movement of the mattress. The hooks, however, may be engaged with the bed in any other desired manner, as will be readily
80 understood. The bed-strap 5 is provided at one end with a buckle or slide 13, which may be of any desired construction and which is adapted to shorten the bed-strap
85 5 for enabling the device to fit the bed to which it is to be applied.

The bed-engaging strap 5 holds the belt or band down on the bed to prevent a child from falling therefrom, and the sliding of the belt or band on the bed-strap will permit a child to move from one side of the bed to the
90 other, and the elastic connection will also enable the child to move up or down or turn from one side to the other.

It will be seen that the device is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is adapted to be readily applied
95 to beds of different widths and to children of various sizes, and that it is capable of preventing a child from crawling off or falling from a bed, and at the same time of allowing
100 the child all the movement necessary for its comfort.

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

A device for holding children in bed, com-

prising a bed-strap arranged transversely of the bed and having means for securing it to the same beneath the mattress thereof, a belt or band of greater width than the bed-
5 strap, and an elastic piece arranged transversely of the belt or band and secured to the same to form a loop or keeper for the latter, said loop or keeper permitting a child to move freely from one side of the bed to the

other, and also permitting a limited up-and-down motion.

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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