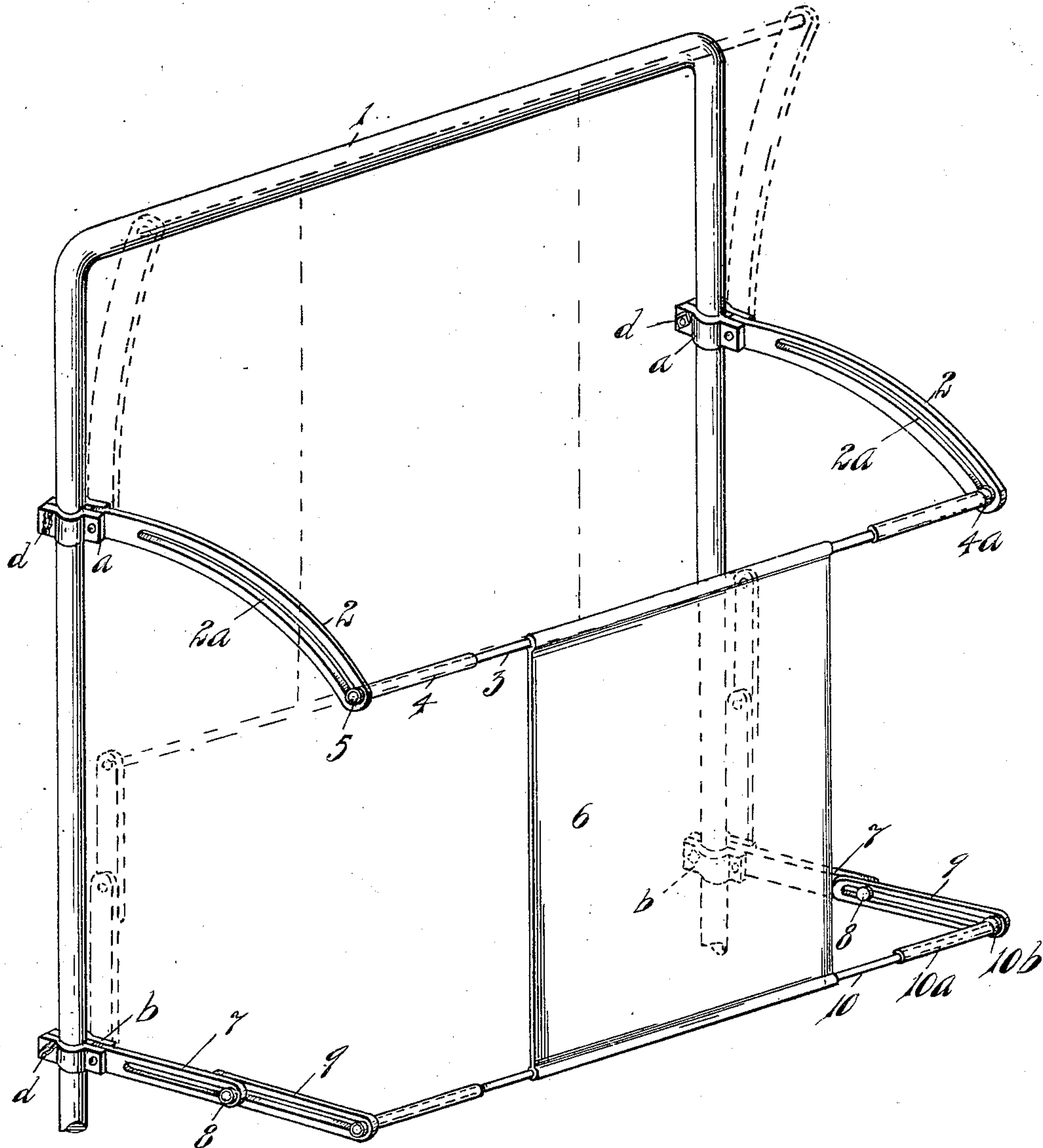


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS C. FRICKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Battle Creek, county of Calhoun, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Head and Body Rests for Beds; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to adjustable head and body rests for attachment to the head board or frame of a bed.

It has for its object an improved device whereby pillows may be in large part dispensed with when it is desired to prop an invalid up in bed either slightly or nearly upright.

It also contains features of novelty in the manner of adjustability as to various widths of beds and ease of folding out of the way when not in use.

The drawing is a perspective of the device attached to the head-frame of a metallic bedstead, its position when not in use being shown in dotted lines.

1 represents the frame of a bedstead, to each vertical post of which is attached two inclosing clamp-pieces *a* and *b*, whose height therealong may be regulated as desired by manipulation of the thumb-screws *d*. Projecting from the upper pair *a* of clamp members are slightly-curved or overhanging arms 2, which by engagement against a shoulder portion of the clamp to which they are pivotally connected are prevented from dropping lower than the position shown in the drawing, but which may be folded up in close proximity to the vertical portion of the bed-frame whenever desired. In each there is a longitudinal slot 2<sup>a</sup>, which extends nearly the entire length of the arm. Through each engages a cross-bar 3, whose length may be varied somewhat as desired by partly drawing out the sleeve portions 4 from engagement over the end portions of the bar 3. Each end of the bar, or rather the sleeve portion, has a terminal shoulder 4<sup>a</sup>, which engages against the inner face of the overhanging arm. The extreme ends of the bar are threaded for the engagement of a nut 5, which in connection with the shoulder 4<sup>a</sup> furnishes a rigid

engaging clamp for holding the bar in position anywhere within the length of the slot 2<sup>a</sup>.

Extending from each of the lower clamps *b* is a slotted arm 7, which, however, is straight and through which engages a bolt 8, which also passes through the lengthwise slot in a supplemental arm 9. Extending between the supplemental arms 9 is a crosswise rod 10, provided with sleeve portions 10<sup>a</sup> and engaging shoulders 10<sup>b</sup>, similarly to the cross-bar 3 just described.

Extending between the two cross-bars, which in the drawing are shown as nearly perpendicular, the one above the other, is a screen or support 6, of cloth or woven wire, which may be of any desired initial length and for efficient operation should always be tightly drawn between the two bars. If it is desired to throw this screen to an oblique position, the bolts 8 are loosened sufficiently to permit the supplemental arms 9 to be turned upward somewhat. This occasions a sag or extra length in the wire screen, which is taken up by the movement of the upper bar 3 rearwardly within the slot 2<sup>a</sup>. This enables the screen to be set at an oblique angle, and it is obvious that an adjustment as desired may be made in a large variety of positions.

When not in use, both sets of arms are pushed upward and with the screen made to lie closely against the vertical headboard of the bed.

While the type of overhanging arms which is here shown (those with the lengthwise slot) seem most desirable for the purposes of this device, it is obvious that a solid arm about which is a clamp attached to an end of the crosswise bar and engaging about the arm could be substituted without departing from the spirit of this invention.

What I claim is—

1. An adjustable attachment for beds, having in combination with a plurality of clamp members adapted to engage about the corner-posts, pivoted arms extending therefrom, transverse bars extending from the arms on one side of the bed to the corresponding arm on the other side and adjustable with respect to the length of said arms, and a supporting-screen extending from one to the other of said transverse bars, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a screen, bars extending along its top and bottom edges, and a plurality of projecting arms adapted to be

clamped to the head-posts of a bed, said arms  
being adapted to receive the ends of said  
bars in various positions wherein said screen  
is stretched therebetween, substantially as  
5 described.

3. In combination with a plurality of ad-  
justable clamp members adapted to be se-  
cured to the head-posts of a bed, projecting  
arms pivoted thereto, bars extending from  
10 one to another of said arms and adjustable

with respect thereto, and a screen extending  
from one to the other of said bars, substan-  
tially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specifica-  
tion in the presence of two witnesses.

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