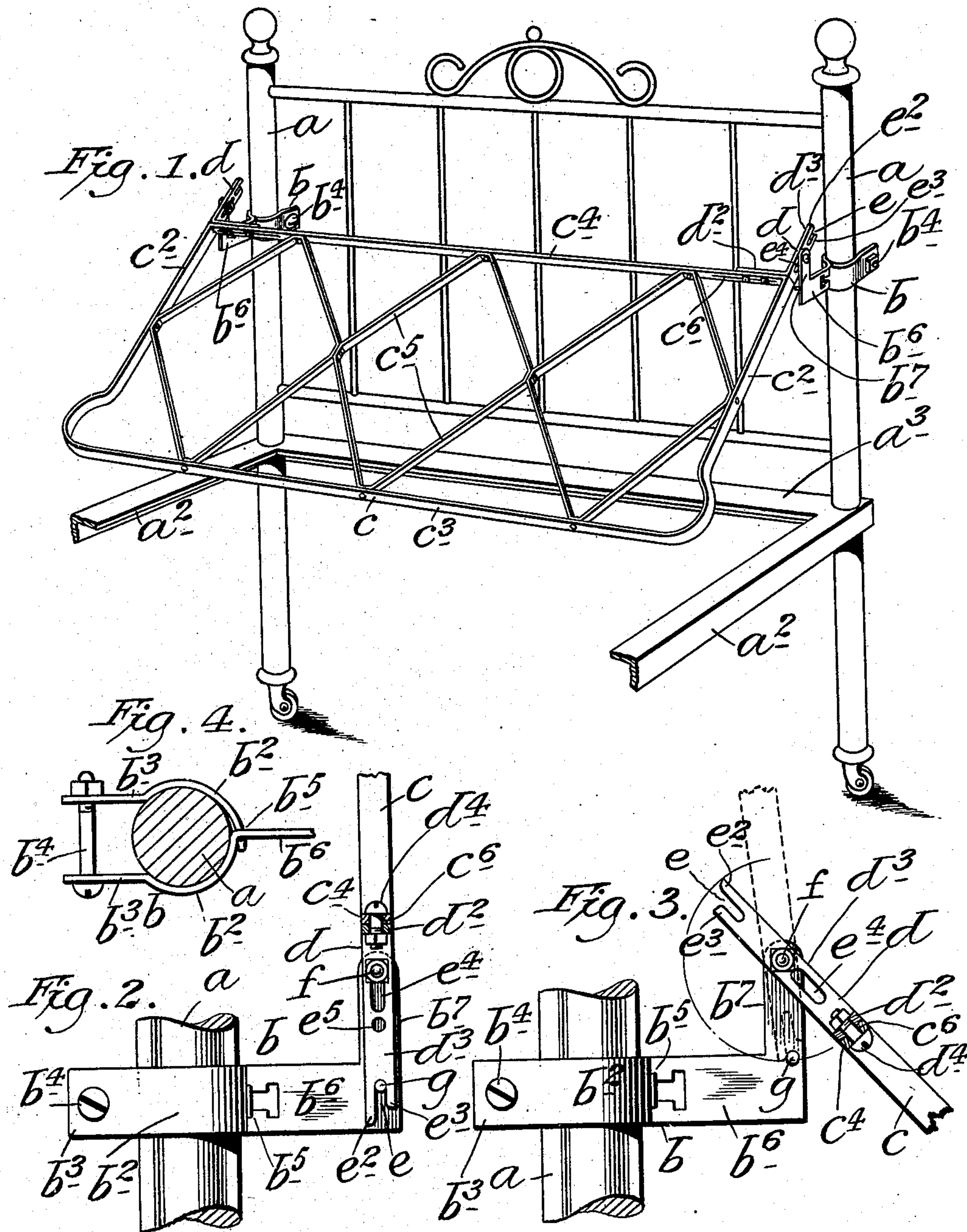


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. FRANCIS, a citizen of the United States, and residing at Westfield, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pillow-Sham Holders, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to pillow sham holders; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class comprising a frame adapted to be connected with the head posts of a bed stead, and to be held in an upright position when not in use and lowered into a forwardly and downwardly inclined position when in use, said frame being also adjustable longitudinally so as to adapt the device to bed steads of different widths; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class specified constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which;—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the head portion of a bed stead provided with my improved pillow sham holder, Fig. 2 a side view of one end portion thereof with part of the construction in section, Fig. 3 a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the parts in a different position, and showing a slight modification, and;—Fig. 4 a cross section of one of the head posts of the bed stead, and showing a clamp which forms a part of my pillow sham holder.

In the drawing forming part of this specification, I have shown in Fig. 1 the head end portion of a bed stead comprising the usual posts  $a$ , side rails  $a^2$  and head end rail  $a^3$ , and in the practice of my invention I provide clamps  $b$  adapted to be connected with the posts  $a$  and comprising, in the form of construction shown, segmental jaw members  $b^2$  having backwardly directed ears  $b^3$  through which are passed bolts  $b^4$ , and the front ends of the jaw members  $b^2$  are connected at  $b^5$  so that one of said jaw members may swing upon the other, and said jaw members may be detachably connected

if desired, and the clamps or one of the members thereof are provided with a forwardly directed arm  $b^6$  having an upwardly directed extension  $b^7$ . I also provide an open-work frame  $c$ , comprising end members  $c^2$  and two parallel side members  $c^3$  and  $c^4$  connected, in the form of construction shown, by lattice work  $c^5$ . Secured to the corners of the frame  $c$  formed by the end members  $c^2$  and side members  $c^4$  are angle pieces  $d$  composed of separate arms  $d^2$  and  $d^3$  which extend at right angles to each other, and the side members  $c^4$  of the frame  $c$  is provided at its opposite ends with longitudinal slots  $c^6$  and the arms  $d^2$  of the angle pieces  $d$  are provided with bolts  $d^4$  which pass therethrough and through the slots  $c^6$ , and by means of which the angle pieces  $d$  are connected with the frame  $c$ , and said frame  $c$  made detachable on its connections in order to adapt the device to bed steads of different widths. The arms  $d^3$  of the angle pieces  $d$  are provided at their ends with a longitudinal recess  $e$  forming fingers  $e^2$  and  $e^3$  one of which is longer than the other, and said arms  $d^3$  are also provided adjacent to the angle formed by the arms  $d^2$  with longitudinal slots  $e^4$ , and between said slots and the recesses  $e^2$  and adjacent to the slots  $e^4$  with apertures  $e^5$ , and in practice bolts  $f$  are passed through the top portions of the upwardly directed extensions  $b^7$  of the arms  $b^6$  of the clamps  $b$ , and these bolts may be passed through the slots  $e^4$  or through the apertures  $e^5$ .

In the assembling of the parts as shown in Fig. 2, the bolts  $f$  are passed through the slots  $e^4$  and when the parts are in the position shown in said figure the frame  $c$  will be held in an upright position by means of the pins  $g$  with which the arms  $b^6$  of the clamps  $b$  are provided, said pins entering the recesses  $e^3$  in the ends of the arms  $d^2$  of the angle pieces  $d$ . In this position of the frame  $c$  the pillow shams which are placed on the frames  $c$  will also be held in an upright position, and when it is desired to lower the frame  $c$  into the position shown in Fig. 1 so that the pillow shams will cover the pillows, the frame  $c$  is raised so that the lower ends of the arms  $d^3$  of the angle pieces  $d$  will clear the pins  $g$  and the frame  $c$  is turned forwardly and downwardly as shown in Fig. 1 and as indicated in Fig. 3. By passing the bolts  $f$  through the apertures  $e^5$



in the arms  $d^3$  of the angle pieces  $d$ , and as shown in Fig. 3, and raising the pins  $g$  and placing said pins forwardly of the bolts  $f$  the frame  $c$  may be manipulated or held in  
 5 an upright and slightly backwardly inclined position as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, or it may be turned downwardly and forwardly as shown in full lines. In this use of the frame  $c$  the longer fingers  $e^2$  of the  
 10 arms  $d^3$  of the angle pieces  $d$  bear on the pins  $g$  and hold said frame  $c$  in the position indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, and said frame may be turned forwardly and downwardly without raising it, as is necessary  
 15 when the parts are assembled as shown in Fig. 2. The frame  $c$  is preferably made of flat strips of metal, but said frame may be made in any desired manner, all that is necessary being to connect it with the angle  
 20 pieces  $d$  as shown and described, or in such manner that the said frame may be adjusted on said angle pieces if desired.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the parts  $d^3$  of the angle  
 25 pieces  $d$  form parallel projecting arms which extend parallel with, or in line with the ends of the frame  $c$ , and the fingers  $e^2$  and  $e^3$  of the arms  $d^3$  operate in connection with the pins  $g$  to hold the frame  $c$  in an upright position when the parts are assembled as shown  
 30 in Fig. 2, and the fingers  $e^2$  only are operated to accomplish the same result, when the parts are assembled as shown in Fig. 3.

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

1. A pillow sham holder, comprising clamps adapted to be connected with the head posts of a bed stead, said clamps being  
 40 provided with forwardly directed arms having upwardly directed extensions, a frame having angle pieces connected with opposite corners thereof and provided with arms, two of which project parallel with or in line

with the ends of the frame and with the 45 other two of which said frame is adjustably connected, the arms which project parallel with or in line with the ends of the frame being provided with longitudinal recesses in their ends forming parallel fingers and at 50 a predetermined distance therefrom with longitudinal slots, and bolts passed through the ends of the upwardly directed extensions of the arms of the clamps and adapted to be passed through said slots. 55

2. A pillow sham holder, comprising clamps adapted to be connected with the head posts of a bed stead, said clamps being provided with forwardly directed arms having upwardly directed extensions, a 60 frame having angle pieces connected with opposite corners thereof and provided with arms, two of which project parallel with or in line with the ends of the frame and with the other two of which said frame is 65 adjustably connected, the arms which project parallel with or in line with the ends of the frame being provided with longitudinal recesses in their ends forming parallel fingers and at a predetermined distance therefrom 70 with longitudinal slots, and bolts passed through the ends of the upwardly directed extensions of the arms of the clamps and adapted to be passed through said slots, the said arms of the frame in which said slots 75 are formed being also provided between said slots and the ends of said arms and adjacent to said slots with apertures through which said bolts may also be passed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing 80 as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 29th day of February 1908.

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