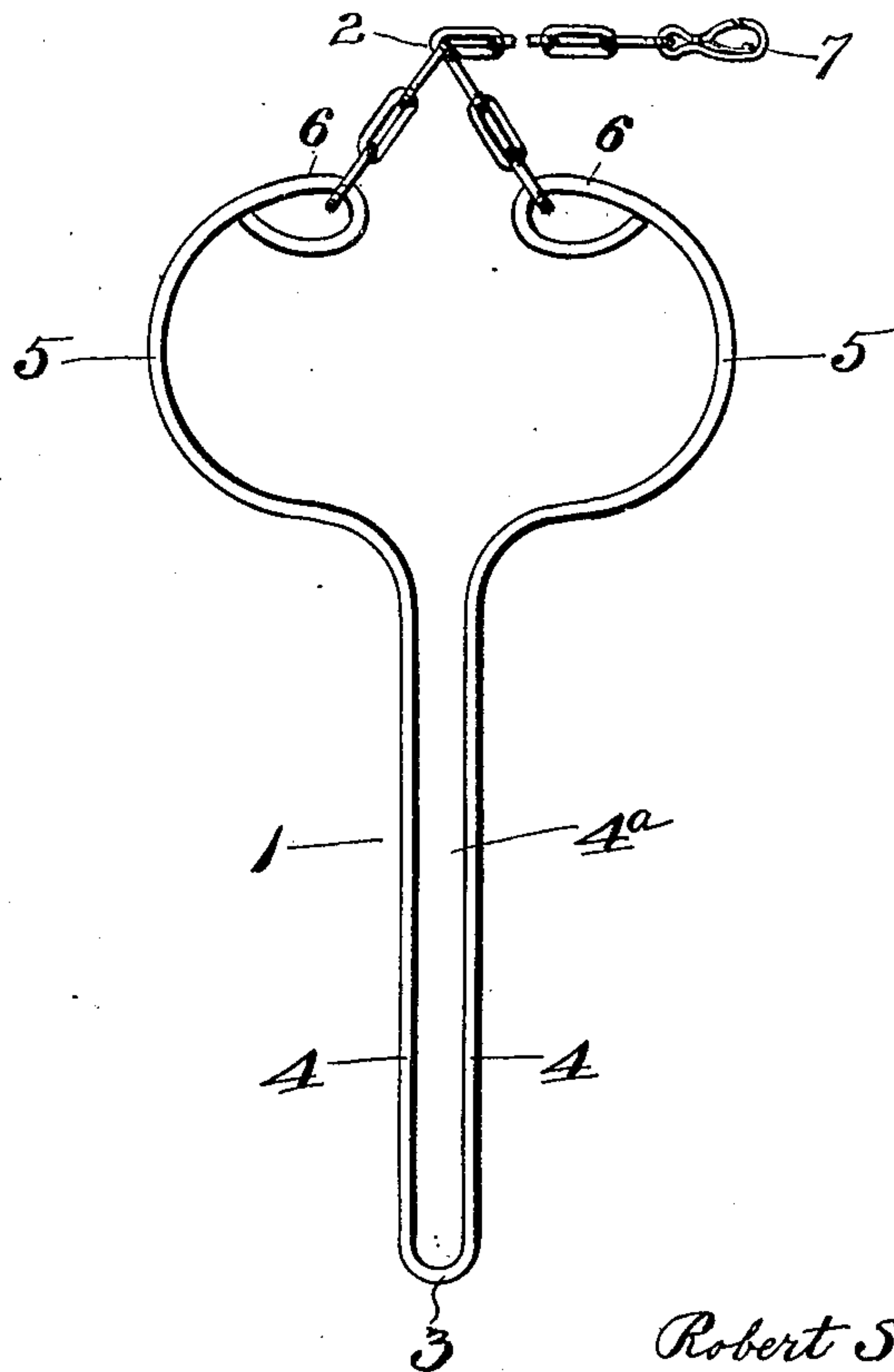
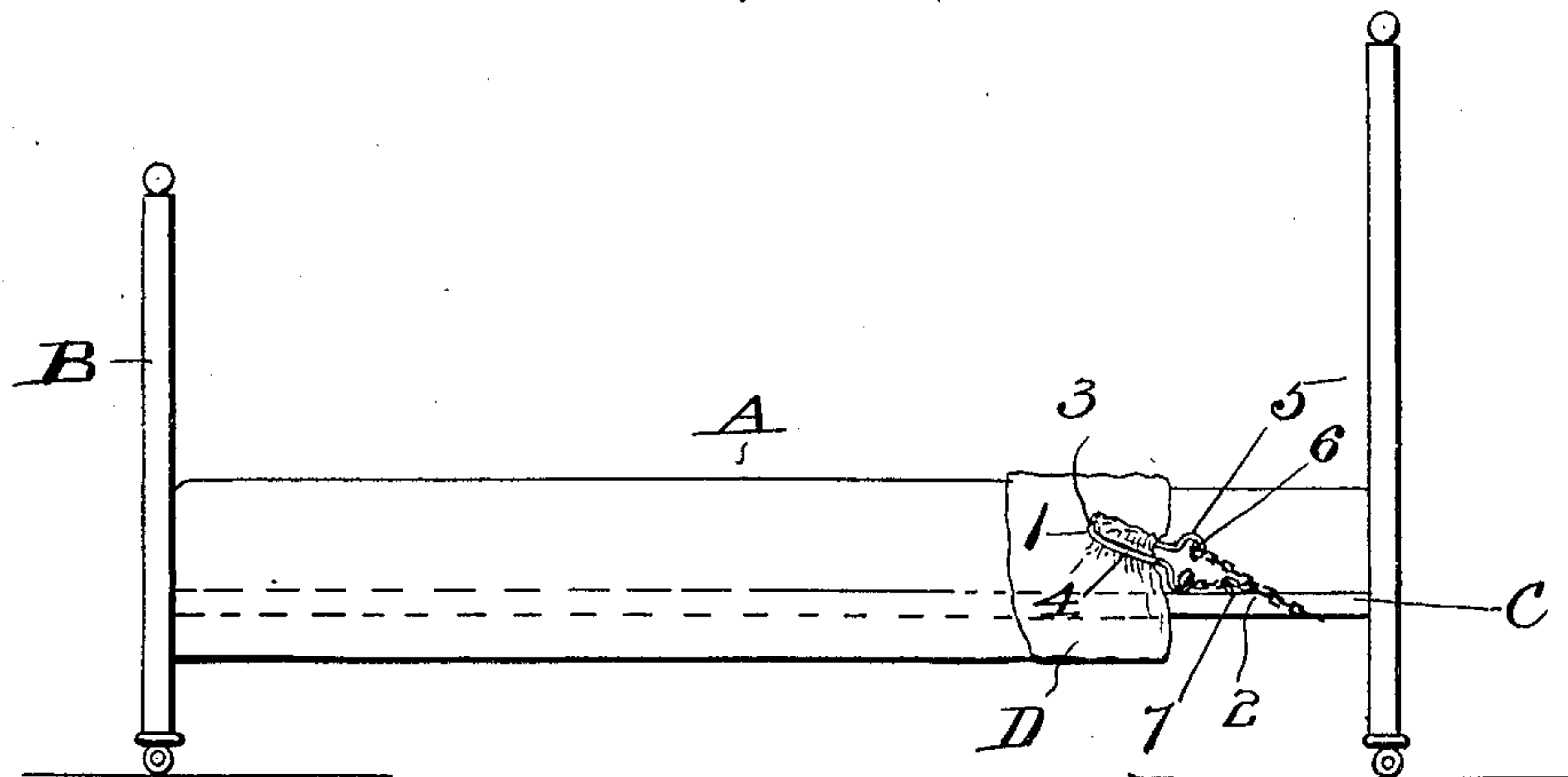


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT S. ORMSBY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of West Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedclothes-Clamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for holding the bed clothes in position at the foot or sides of a bed, and has for its object the provision of an improved construction of clamp by which the greater the pull on the clothes the more securely are they held in position. This I accomplish by forming the clamp of a single piece of wire bent in its middle and expanded on parallel lines to form a slot for the reception of the clothes, and then bending the two ends outwardly on curved lines and then toward each other and forming the ends with loops to which is secured a chain with divided ends, the chain being secured in any suitable manner to the foot-board or side rails of the bed or to one of the bed posts.

The construction and combination and operation of my improved clamp will be described in detail hereinafter and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a bed showing my improved clamp in position, and Fig. 2, a view of one of the clamps on an enlarged scale.

In the drawings similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in both views.

A indicates a bed of the modern metal type, having the foot-board B and side rail C, and D the bed-clothes thereon.

My improved clamp may be used to secure the clothes to either the foot board B or the side rail C, or both, as desired, and consists of the clamping member 1 and the flexible securing member 2.

Clamping member 1 is formed of a single length of wire, bent in its middle, as shown at 3, and extended on substantially parallel lines 4 for an appreciable distance, forming a slot 4^a, to engage the bed-clothes D. The two ends of the wire are then bent away from each other and back again on curved lines, as shown at 5, and have their extreme ends formed into loops 6, opposite one another, and spaced apart. The portions 5 are on the same plane as the two lengths 4, so that the clamp lies flat on the bed-clothes when in position.

The flexible securing member 2 is shown made of a chain, but a piece of rope may be substituted, if desired. A hook 7 is secured to the outer end of the chain, while the other end is formed with two strands of equal length, each of which is secured to the loops 6.

It will be seen by an inspection of the drawings that the flexible member 2 with the two forked ends of equal length secured to loops 6 form a Y-shaped structure, the base of which is the hook 7.

In securing the device in position the bed-clothes are grasped with the fingers in the opening formed by the outwardly-curved portions 5, and the clamp pulled so that the fullness is pulled into the slot 4^a, where it is held by the resilience of portions 5. The member 2 is then passed around the side rail or one of the bars of the foot-board B or the corner post of the bed, and the hook 7 secured in one of the links of the chain. The clothes will thus be clamped in position and it will be readily understood that the more pull exerted on the clothes the more tightly the clamp will hold, as the tendency of the pull on the chain is to draw the two loops 6 toward each other and increase the grip on the fullness secured in the slot 4^a.

I have shown the clamp secured to a metal bed-frame, but it will be understood that it can be used with frames of wood by providing holding devices for the member 2, such as eye-loops, or other structure, this construction being so obvious that an illustration thereof is deemed unnecessary.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a bed-clothes clamp, a member having resilient clamping portions, and a Y-shaped flexible member having its forked ends secured to the clamping portions aforesaid, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a bed-clothes clamp, a clamping member made of a single strand of wire bent in its middle and extended on substantially parallel lines to form a slot to receive the bed clothes, and a flexible holding member having one end formed of two strands, one each secured to the two ends of the wire, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a bed-clothes clamp, a clamping member made of a single strand of wire bent in its middle and extended on substantially parallel lines to form a slot to receive the bed-clothes, the ends of the wire then bent away

from one another and then toward one another on curved lines and formed with loops at their ends, and a flexible member having one end formed of two strands, one each secured to the two loops aforesaid, and the other end of the flexible member provided with a hook, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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