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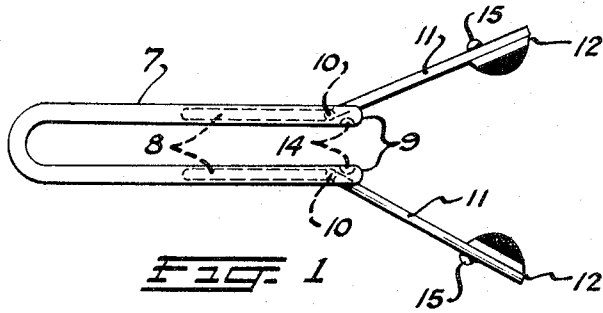


FIG. 1

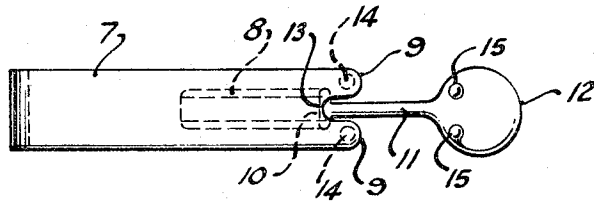


FIG. 2

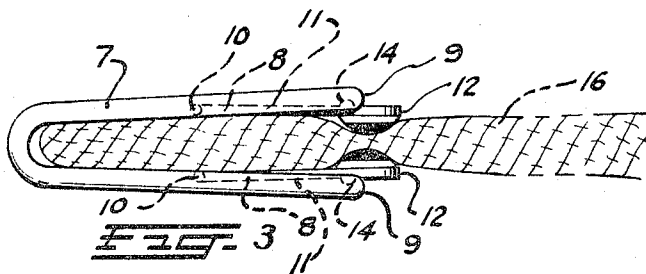


FIG. 3

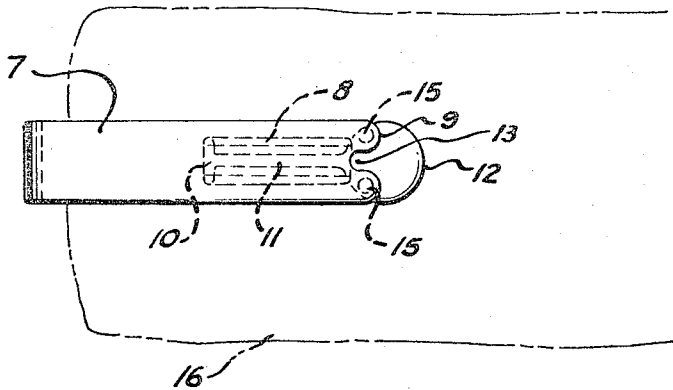


FIG. 4

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The present invention relates to supports, and in particular a simple spring clip for preventing bed sheets, blankets and like bedding from becoming disorderly and disarranged while sleeping in a bed. The clip also facilitates making of a bed after a night's use, and making this task easier to accomplish.

Nearly everyone who makes up beds at one time or other probably has wished that there were some form of clips available that would firmly secure a sheet when folded over the edge of blankets and the like (especially the top edge) in order to keep them smooth and from becoming disarranged and separated while being used as a top covering, be it on a bed, baby crib or in fact, on any flat horizontally disposed surface, therefore, becoming an added safety factor against the possibility of the person under the covers becoming smothered or entangled by their disarrangement.

It is, therefore, the principal object of this invention to provide a clip for sheets and the like that will firmly hold whatever sheets and blankets or the like to which it is secured, thereby, adding an additional factor of safety, convenience and comfort to the bed or the like.

Another object of this invention is to provide a clip for sheets and the like that will reduce the possibility of a person from accidentally becoming uncovered during the time of repose under the sheets and other covering to which it is secured.

Another object of this invention is to provide a clip for sheets and the like that will, by reason of its unique construction, not tear or damage either the sheets or other covering.

Another object of this invention is to provide a clip for sheets and the like that will not jam.

Another object of this invention is to provide a clip for sheets and the like that can also be used elsewhere in the home, for example, to hold back draperies and the like.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a clip for sheets and the like, that can be made in any color and with any desired decoration, such as, by having jewels and the like, imbedded in the same as may be desired.

Other objects, features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the drawing, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a side elevational view of this invention.

FIGURE 2 is a top plan view of this invention.

FIGURE 3 is a side elevational view of this invention affixed to a bed sheet, or to a blanket or blankets and the like.

FIGURE 4 is a plan view showing the clip in a closed position and with edges of sheets or blankets held in the clip.

In the different figures of the drawing, it will be noted that like reference characters indicate like parts of the invention which is best illustrated in FIGURE 1 where it is to be noted that the reference character 7 indicates the U-shaped sheath having elongated recesses 8, in each outer end 9 for the slidable reception of the laterally disposed pivot 10 that is connected to inner ends of the arms 11 that have their outer ends formed into the knobs 12 that are in effect, half-spherical segments, the upper sides being flat. The knob may also constitute a separate rubber element.

As noted in the first two figures of the drawing, it will

be noted that the two outer ends 9 are provided with recesses 13 thus providing room for movement of the arms 11 to the positions shown in FIGURE 1, and are also provided with two half spherical depressions 14 in each for the reception of the two half spherical projections 15 that are located on the upper flat sides of the aforesaid knobs 12. The recesses will be locked in the desired positions when the aforesaid U-shaped sheath 7 in slid forward to the position shown in FIGURES 3 and 4.

When the clip is in actual use securing the sheet or blankets 16 in place it is in the closed position as shown in FIGURE 3 of the drawing.

All that is necessary to open the clip illustrated in FIGURE 1, in order to affix the same to a bed sheet or the like, is to insert the aforesaid sheet and blanket 16 between the two knobs 12 and slide the pivots 10 about halfway to the end of the space or recesses 8 in the two parts of the U-shaped sheath 7. The two knobs 12 are now pressed toward each other as far as the thickness of the sheet or blanket and the like, will permit, and the sheath 7, is slid forward until the two projections 15 are in line with the two depressions 14 at which time the pressure on the knobs 12 is released, thereby permitting the projections 15 to be engaged up and down with the depression 14, thereby firmly securing the clip in place on the sheet or blankets and the like. When this device is thus affixed to a sheet or blanket in the manner as above described, it is maintained and secured in this position by the reciprocal forces of the flexural strength of the U-shaped sheath 7, exerting an inward pressure, and with the sheet and blanket folded between the arms, urging the arms outwardly, thereby maintaining the clip in tension, in the stationary position, and holding or securing the aforesaid sheet and blanket, also holding with this pressure the hereinbefore described projections and detents or recesses of the clip which is locked in place, and by this means maintaining the clip in the stationary position, holding and securing the sheet and blankets in a neat appearing position, as described above.

To remove this device from a sheet, or the like, it is only necessary to reverse the above described procedure of use of the device.

The aforesaid U-shaped sheath is made from material having resiliency inherent therein and that has flexural strength.

While there has been disclosed in this specification one form in which the invention may be embodied in practice, it is to be understood that this form is presented by way of example only and that the invention is not limited to the specific disclosure, but may be modified and embodied in other equivalent forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new and for which it is desired to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a clip for bed sheets, blankets, and the like, the combination which comprises a U-shaped sheath having arms with elongated longitudinal recesses in inner surfaces and extended inwardly from an outer open end thereof, said arms being integrally connected at the opposite end of the clip, a pin with ends thereof slidably and pivotally mounted in said elongated longitudinal recesses and with members extended longitudinally of the clip and from the center of said pins, said members terminating in spaced inwardly facing half-spherical rubber knobs, said members also terminating in spaced half-spherical projections on the outer flat surfaces thereof, and the outer ends of the arms of said sheath having a centrally located recess in

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the inner surface thereof and having a pair of spaced half-spherical depressions that are adapted to receive the said half-spherical projections when said half-spherical knobs are pressed together, such as with the forefinger and thumb of a hand, against a sheet or blanket positioned between the half-spherical knobs and when the said U-shaped sheath covering has been moved forwardly until the said half-spherical projections are aligned with the said half-spherical depressions, and the pressure on the said half-spherical knobs has been released.

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