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Fig. 1.

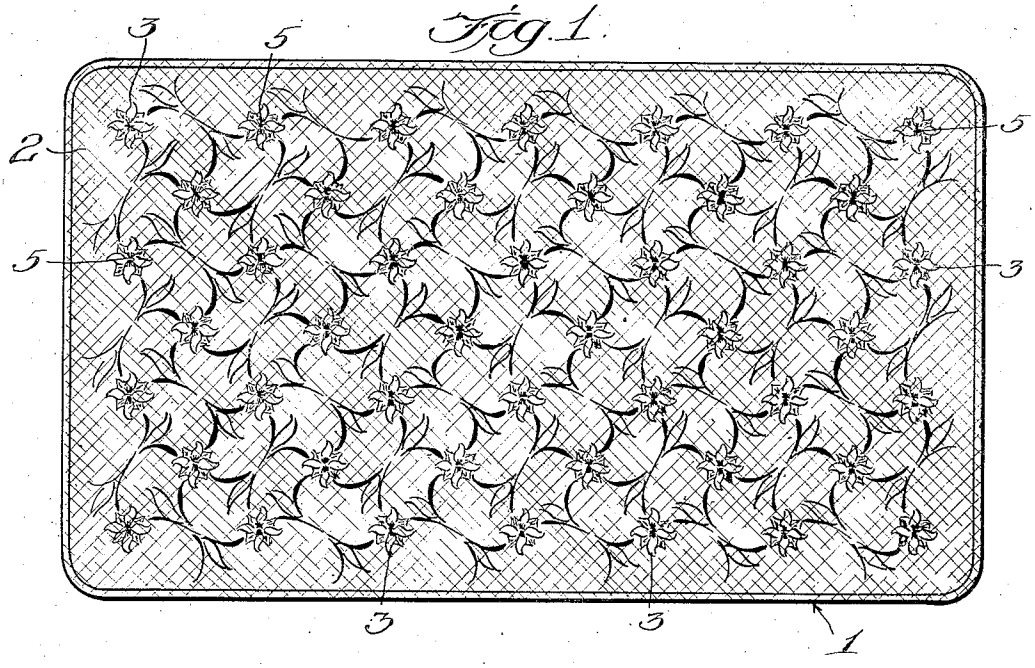


Fig. 2.

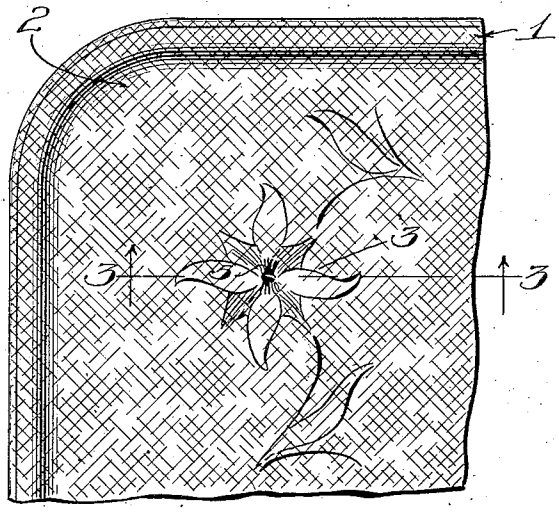
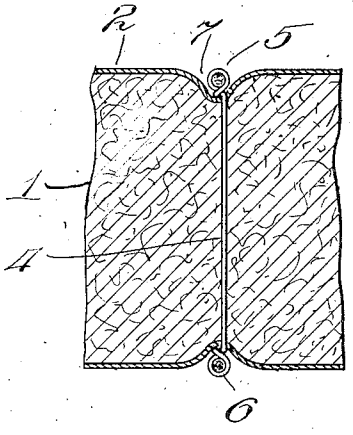


Fig. 3.



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It is necessary to tuft mattresses in order to hold the filling material and prevent it from slipping and causing the mattress to be lumpy. Experience has demonstrated that certain distributions of the tuftings are desirable. When a mattress is tufted in such a manner, however, unless the ticking be of a plain solid color, an inartistic effect is produced because the design of the exposed tufts does not harmonize with the design in the fabric.

The object of the present invention is to produce a tufted mattress, in which the tufts and the design in the fabric or ticking cooperate to produce a harmonious whole.

In carrying out my invention I employ a ticking or other material suitable for covering mattresses having a design of such a pattern that the effect thereof will be enhanced, instead of being marred, by the tufting. For example, the pattern of the fabric may be a floral design in which at least some of the flowers are so distributed that the depressions produced by tufting form cups in the flowers.

The various features of novelty whereby my invention is characterized will hereinafter be pointed out with particularity in the claims; but, for a full understanding of my invention and of its objects and advantages, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a mattress arranged in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a plan view of one corner of the mattress, on a larger scale; and Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents a mattress in which the tufts are to be placed in transverse rows of four alternating with transverse rows containing three. The top cover 2 of the mattress is provided with a design containing flowers 3 distributed in accordance with the tufting pattern. Consequently, when the mattress is tufted by drawing the top and bottom toward each other at the proper points by means of threads or cords 4 to the ends of which, on the outside of the mattress, are secured tufts 5 and 6, depressions 7 will be formed at the centers of the flowers. In other words, the flowers will be provided with cups, in which lie the tufts, so that the floral design will appear in relief instead of in a flat plane and the mattress will be very attractive in appearance. The tufts may be in the form of bunches of fibres, or buttons, and they may be of any desired color, depending on the nature of the flowers. In any event, whether the pattern be a floral design or something else, the size, shape and color of, and the character of the materials in the tufts will be selected with a view to harmonizing with or completing the color scheme of the pattern; the result being a complete harmonizing of the tufting and the pattern of the fabric to give a neat, artistic appearance.

While I have illustrated and described with particularity only a single preferred form of my invention, I do not desire to be limited to the exact structural details thus illustrated and described; but intend to cover all forms and arrangements which come within the definitions of my invention constituting the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A mattress having on top a cover containing a design parts of which are adapted to be accentuated when the cover is depressed in the areas of such parts, and tufting means extending through the mattress in such areas and serving to hold portions of said areas depressed.

2. A mattress having a cover provided with a decorative design containing flowers, and tufting means for the mattress extending through the flowers and depressing the cover to form cups for the flowers.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification.

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