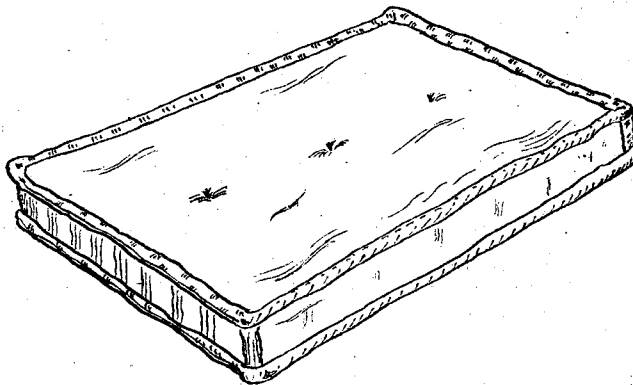


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To all whom it may concern:

I, BARZILLA HARRINGTON, of China, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Material for Filling Mattresses, of which the following is a specification:

The Nature of the Invention.

The nature of my invention consists in the discovery that the bark of Indian corn (*zea mays*) when stripped into filaments and cleansed makes a superior article for filling mattresses.

I do not confine myself to any particular method of cleansing, stripping, or bleaching the bark, as there are many ways of accomplishing this object.

I prepare the article as follows: The stalks, when fully ripe and dry, are culled and then passed between crushing-rollers. This process loosens the bark from the pith. It is then passed

through a picker; a machine similar to those that are used by woolen manufacturers will do. This picker reduces the bark to shreds, softening it up and rendering it very flexible.

This material is light, tough, and flexible, and eminently suitable for filling mattresses, &c.

By my invention or discovery I bring into use a vast amount of material which has heretofore been neglected or useless, or even destroyed.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of trade, the filated bark of Indian corn (*zea mays*) prepared for the purpose of filling mattresses, &c., substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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