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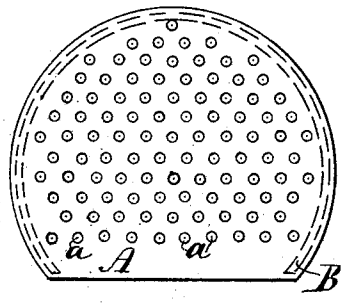

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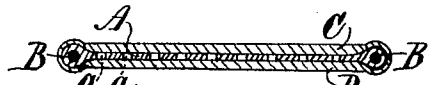

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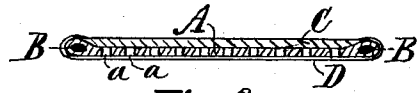

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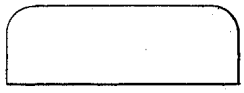

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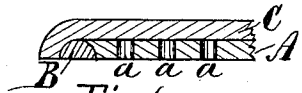

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEWIS W. HYDE, a resident of the city of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, and ALBERT H. SEAMAN, a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Seat-Mat for Chair-Seats, Settees, &c., of which the following is a specification.

Our invention consists of a portable ventilating anti-friction mat for use in lieu of cushion upon chair-seats and wherever suitable, constructed as hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the mat suitable for chair-seats. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section modified at the rim. Figs. 4 and 5 are plan views to illustrate other shapes for the mat. Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view of one side of the mat, showing a modification.

A represents a sheet of rubber, rubber cloth, leather, or analogous material, of any suitable thickness, shaped to fit the seat to which it is to be applied. This sheet is perforated or otherwise apertured at intervals, essentially as shown at *a*, for ventilating purposes.

B represents a spring or stiffener, of any suitable material, connected to the mat in any suitable manner near the outer edge thereof, to keep the mat spread and prevent crinkling, creasing, or folding up.

C represents a covering, of any suitable textile fabric, carpet, plush, rep, velvet, &c., suitably connected thereto, to render the mat ornamental and to prevent its sticking to the trousers when rising therefrom.

D represents an under cover, of textile fabric also, which may be added where desirable; but it is not indispensable.

The mat is more especially for chairs having cane seats or perforated wood bottoms, to prevent wear and tear of trousers, especially liable to wear out in the seat.

The mat is not intended to attach to the seat, but merely resting thereon, so as to slide as the sitter moves and prevent friction between clothing and the chair-bottom, and also cutting of the cloth by long sitting. It is not heating, is somewhat elastic, keeps flat, and not liable to stick to clothing.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A portable seat mat composed of the elastic perforated sheet A, covering-sheets C and D, and provided with stiffening-spring B, essentially as shown and described.

2. In a loose and portable seat-mat, a stiffening-spring adapted for and arranged therein to keep the mat smooth and spread, essentially as herein set forth.

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