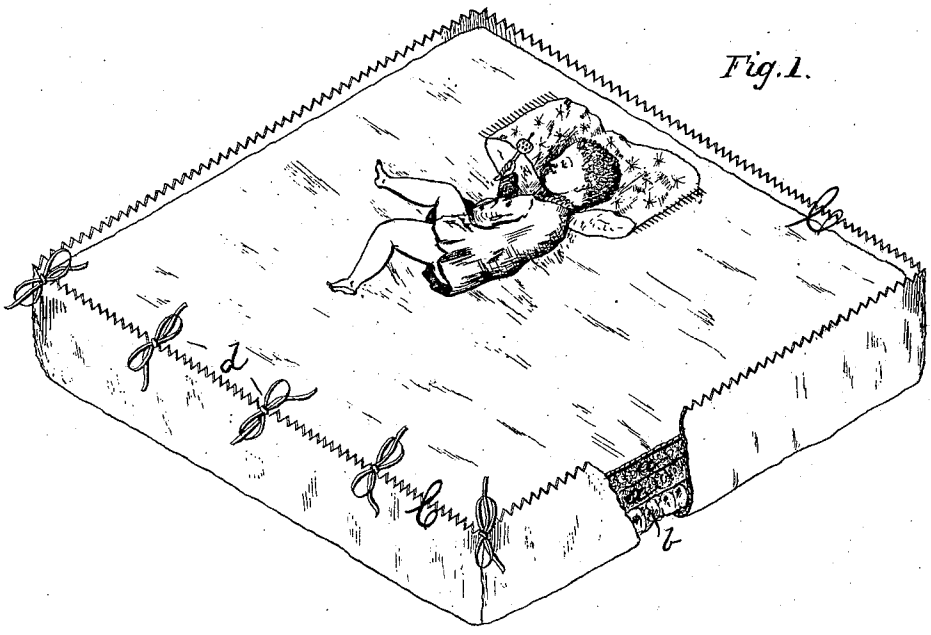
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Fig. 1.



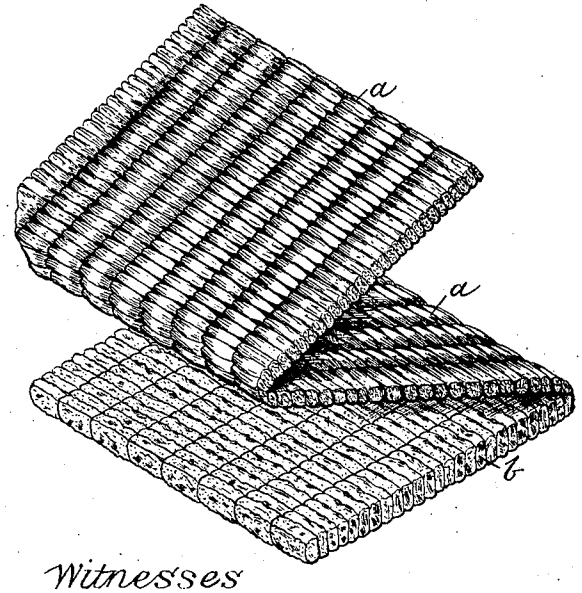


Fig 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S BED-MATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OZEMA ALEXANDER LIRETTE, a resident of the town of Houma, parish of Terre Bonne, State of Louisiana, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Child's Bed-Mat; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to the production of a cheap, durable, and easily-cleaned device, by which to prevent the possibility of children wetting, and thereby damaging, their bed-clothes.

On the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one of my newly-invented mats, with a child lying thereupon. Fig. 2 represents the packing or interior matting of the same.

This invention consists of one or more folds of bamboo, rush, or other similar matting, *a*, and of a lap or fold of closely-woven sponge, *b*, which is provided with an outer case, C, the bottom and sides of which are made of water-proof material, such as sheet-rubber or oil-cloth, and its top with muslin, cotton, or any other desirable fabric. The latter is connected with the upper edges of the bottom casing in a manner that will admit of one of its sides being opened, as at *d*, for the purpose of inserting or withdrawing the matting whenever occasion may require.

This device is placed in the center, or any other part of the bed, and the child laid thereupon. The wetness, if any, will pass through the textile cover, and be absorbed by the inside mattings, from which, by reason of the water-proof casing, no moisture can escape.

For cleaning, the casing is opened at one of its upper edges *d*, the mat withdrawn and wrung out, and the casing turned inside out. Either or both may then be washed, and, when dry, arranged as above for further use.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bed-mat composed of woven folds *a b*, and provided with an outer casing, C, as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

OZEMA ALEXANDER LIRETTE.

In presence of—

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