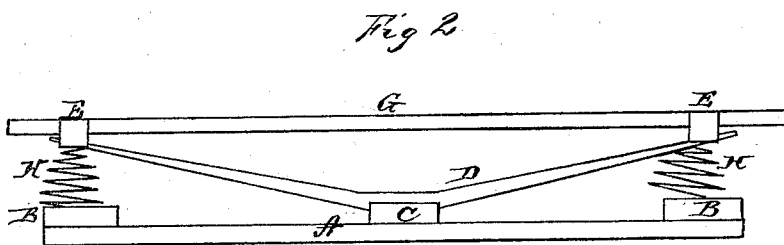
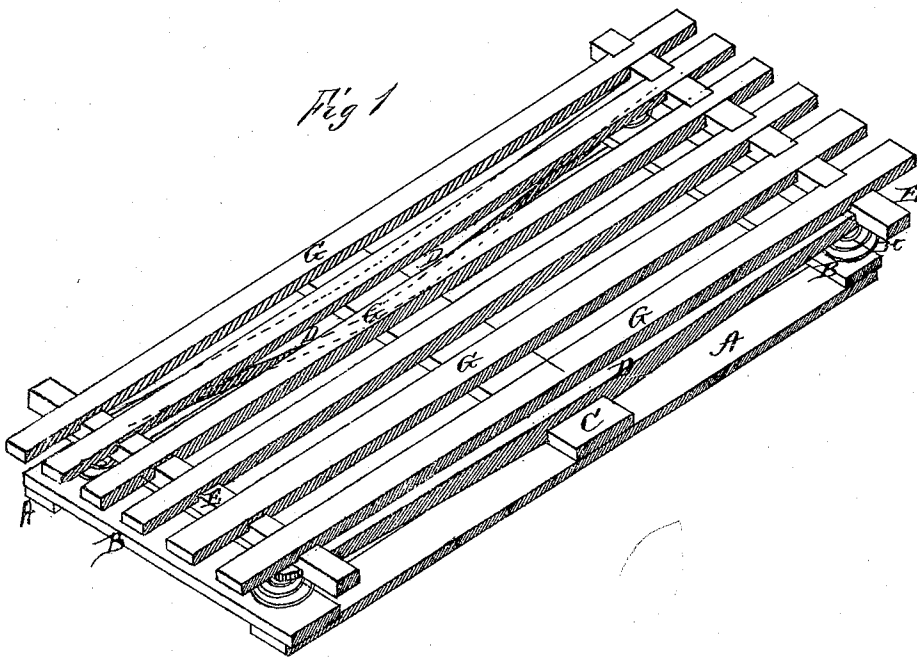


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. W. HAMPTON, of Mt. Pleasant, in the county of Henry and in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Bottom; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a spring bed-bottom, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 is a side view of my improved bed-bottom.

A A represent two side-bars, connected by a cross-bar, B, at each end, and a bar, C, in the center, forming the frame upon which the bed-bottom is supported. At or near each end of the center cross-bar C is secured a wooden spring, D, the ends of which extend to, or nearly to, the ends of the frame, and pass into

notches or recesses made in the under sides of bars E E. These springs D D are secured at their centers of the cross-bar C. These bars are located above and parallel with the cross-bars B B of the frame, and support the slats G G, as shown. The bars E E are supported by spiral springs H H attached to the cross-bars B B of the frame, and resting on the same. The wooden springs D D assist in supporting the bed-bottom, and at the same time act as braces to keep the spiral springs from sagging sidewise.

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

The within-described bed-bottom, consisting of the frame A B C, notched bars E E, notched slats G G, coil-springs H H, and the wooden springs D D secured to the bar C, all as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of July, 1872.

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