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Fig. 1.

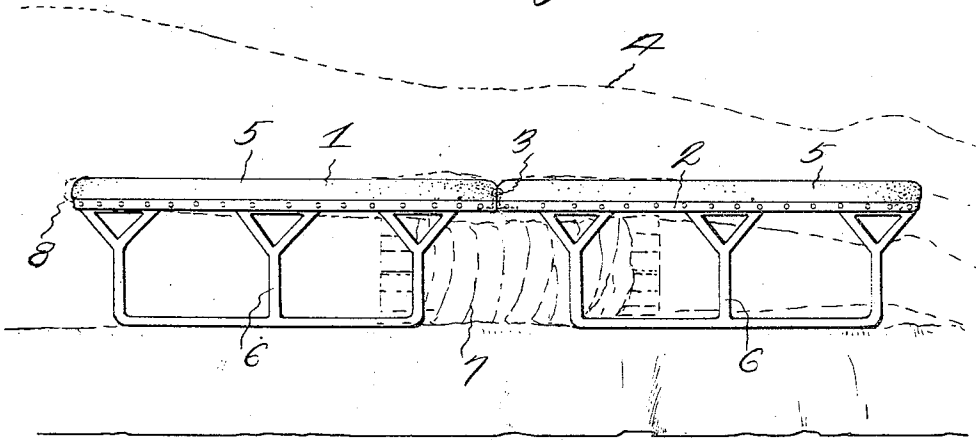
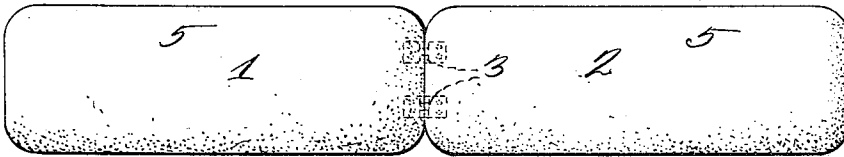


Fig. 2.

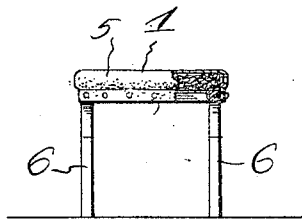


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEXIA HARRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Provo, in the county of Utah, State of Utah, have
5 invented new and useful Leg Protectors and Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to leg protectors and supports and has for its object to provide a device of this character particularly adapted for protecting an injured limb from
15 the weight of the other limb when the patient is in bed, thereby allowing the patient to sleep on his side, with the injured limb protected by the leg protector and the uninjured leg supported in a natural position but held out of contact with the in-
20 jured leg.

A further object is to provide a leg protector formed from a plurality of hingedly connected sections, each section comprising
25 a horizontally disposed leg engaging member supported by elongated bed engaging brackets which are spaced apart and adapted to engage the bed on each side of the injured leg.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings, described and claimed, it being understood that changes
35 in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:—

40 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the leg protector, showing the same in position for protecting the leg.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the protector.

45 Fig. 3 is an end view partially broken away to show the padded top.

Referring to the drawings, the numerals 1 and 2 designate leg protector sections which are preferably hinged together as at 3 to accommodate the protector to the curvature of the bed or to the curvature of the
50 uninjured leg 4 of the patient which rests on top of the protector. Each section 1 and

2 comprises the horizontal padded portion 5 on which the leg 4 rests, and adjacent the sides of each horizontal portion 5 are down- 55
wardly extending supporting members 6 which engage the bed on each side of the leg and support the horizontally disposed portions 5 in such a manner that the weight of the leg 4 will be maintained at all times off 60
of the injured leg 7, thereby allowing the patient to sleep on his side or in any other manner in such a way that the injured leg is protected from the weight of the uninjured leg. One end of one of the horizontally dis- 65
posed padded members 5 is disposed adjacent the crotch 8 and the sections 1 and 2 are of sufficient length to support the leg 4 and protect the leg 7 for substantially its full length. By providing the hinged connection 3 be- 70
tween the sections 1 and 2, it will be seen that the sections may be angularly disposed in relation to each other according to the irregularities in the surface of the bed, and also for storage purposes the sections may 75
be folded onto each other.

From the above it will be seen that a leg protector is provided, which protector is simple in construction and so constructed that an injured leg may be protected at 80
all times from the weight of the uninjured leg, thereby allowing the patient to sleep in any position without damaging the injured leg.

The invention having been set forth what 85
is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A leg protector for protecting an injured leg of a patient in a bed from the weight of an uninjured leg, said protector comprising a member disposed between the 90
legs on which member the uninjured leg rests and downwardly extending members engaging the bed on each side of the leg for supporting the member disposed between the leg. 95

2. A leg protector for protecting an injured leg of a patient from the weight of an uninjured leg while the patient is in a bed, said protector comprising a plurality of hingedly connected leg supporting members 100
supported spaced from the bed by supporting members engaging the bed on each side of the leg.

3. A leg protector for protecting an in-

jured leg of a patient from the weight of
an uninjured leg while the patient is in a
bed, said protector comprising a plurality of
hingedly connected leg supporting members
5 adapted to arch the injured leg and support
the uninjured leg spaced from the injured
leg.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses. 10

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