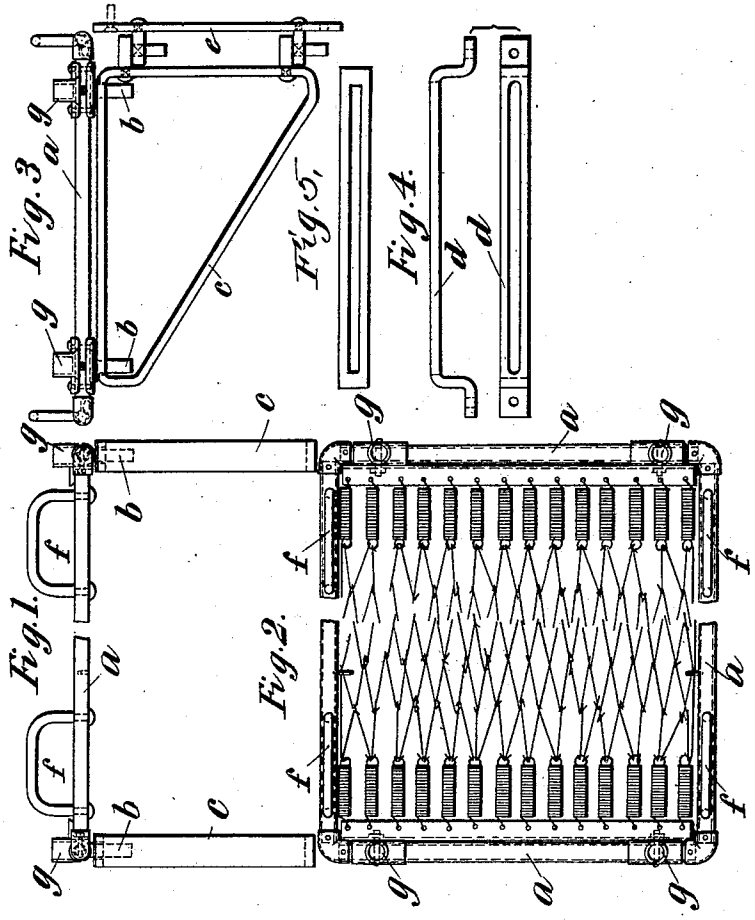
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SLEEPING-BERTH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JOHN FIELDHOUSE, a citizen of England, residing at 7 Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, in the county of London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeping-Berths, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sleeping-berths specially adapted for traveling hospitals, as will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the frame of the berth supported in its brackets. Fig. 2 is a plan of the frame. Fig. 3 is an end view of the frame in its brackets. Fig. 4 is an elevation and plan of a pair of brackets to be attached to the floor, and Fig. 5 is, plan of the bracket, showing the slot.

To each end of the frame *a*, which carries the mattress, are bolted a pair of short legs *b*. The outside distance between the legs of each pair is such that the legs fit closely one in each end of a slot in the horizontal arm of the wall-bracket *c*, as shown in Fig. 5, or in the floor-support *d*, Fig. 4. Thus when the frame is in place it cannot be shifted laterally. The brackets *c* are hinged to the wall-plates *e*, as shown in Fig. 3, so that when they are not in use they may be turned aside and fastened to the wall. When it is important to economize room, the lowest berth of a tier may be supported in brackets *d*, Fig. 4, fastened to the floor.

By providing the frame *a* with suitable handles *f* the berth may also be used as a stretcher, which can be lifted easily and quietly into place on the brackets.

When the berths are not in use, they are piled on the lowest berth of the tier to make a couch. For this purpose there is bolted to each frame, above the legs, sockets *g*, into which the legs of the berth above can be slipped.

Having thus described the nature of my said invention and the best means I know of carrying the same into practical effect, I claim—

1. A sleeping-berth comprising a mattress-frame having two short legs at each end, and a pair of brackets hinged to a wall, and provided with slots to receive the legs of the mattress-frame, substantially as described.

2. A sleeping-berth comprising a mattress-frame, a pair of legs connected to each end thereof, and brackets provided with slots to receive said legs and support said frame.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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