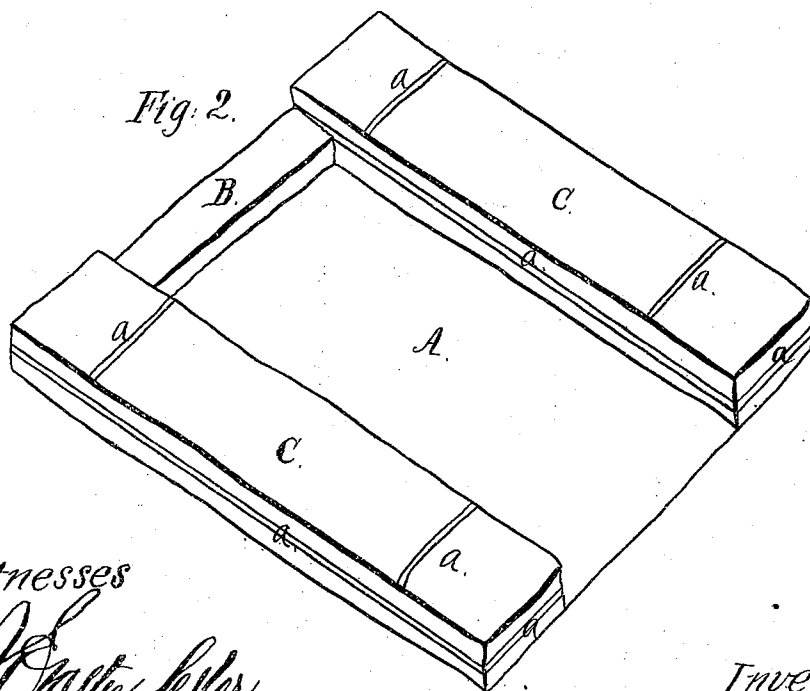
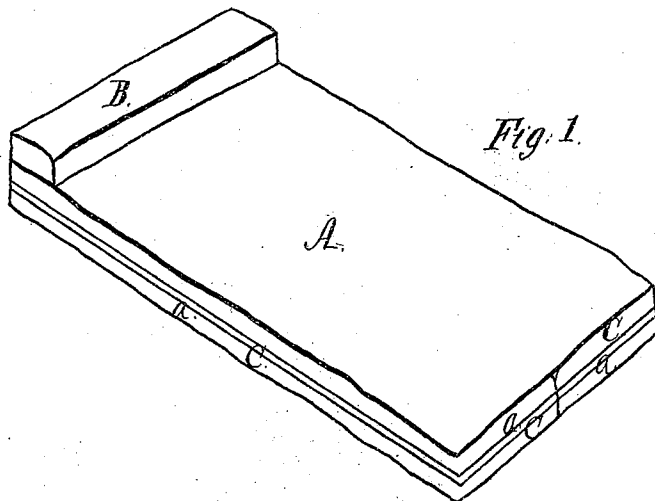


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IMPROVEMENT IN LIFE-PRESERVING MATTRESSES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, JOSHUA HUNT, of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a Combined Mattress and Life-Preserver, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1, perspective view as a mattress.

Figure 2, perspective view as a life-preserver.

My invention consists in making two elongated sacks or pockets, C C, which are filled with cork, either granulated, cut into shavings, or in large, flat pieces, and with the edges thereof connected with an apron, A, so that, when the two sacks are folded together upon the apron, they will just be covered smoothly thereby, and make a mattress, and when opened they will buoy up a considerable weight when placed upon the apron between the cork-filled sacks.

At one end we may attach a smaller sack, which serves the purpose of a bolster, B, or when detached may be used as a life-preserver.

A A A are straps or bands attached to the surface of the sacks, by which to seize hold of them when in the water.

As a mattress the sacks are made of any width, so that they will fit into the racks of steamboats, or vessels of any kind, and are filled with cork, which is the best known filling, on account of its great buoyancy,

and at the same time is a good filling for a mattress, especially when granulated or cut into shavings.

As a life-preserver, it is unfolded, and when in the water a person or any weight upon the apron A, within its power of resistance, is kept afloat.

A single sack filled with cork would turn over whenever it was grasped, and would not furnish that protection which the two connected with the apron would do, as a person upon the apron would be free from the necessity of grasping a detached sack or any other form of life-preserver.

By the use of the mattress, the necessity of carrying other devices for life-preservers is avoided, as the mattress is itself the best preserver that can be desired.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The cork-filled sacks or pockets C C, united by the apron A, when combined for a mattress and a life-preserver, as above described.

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