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Stuffing for Mattresses &c.

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Fig. 1.

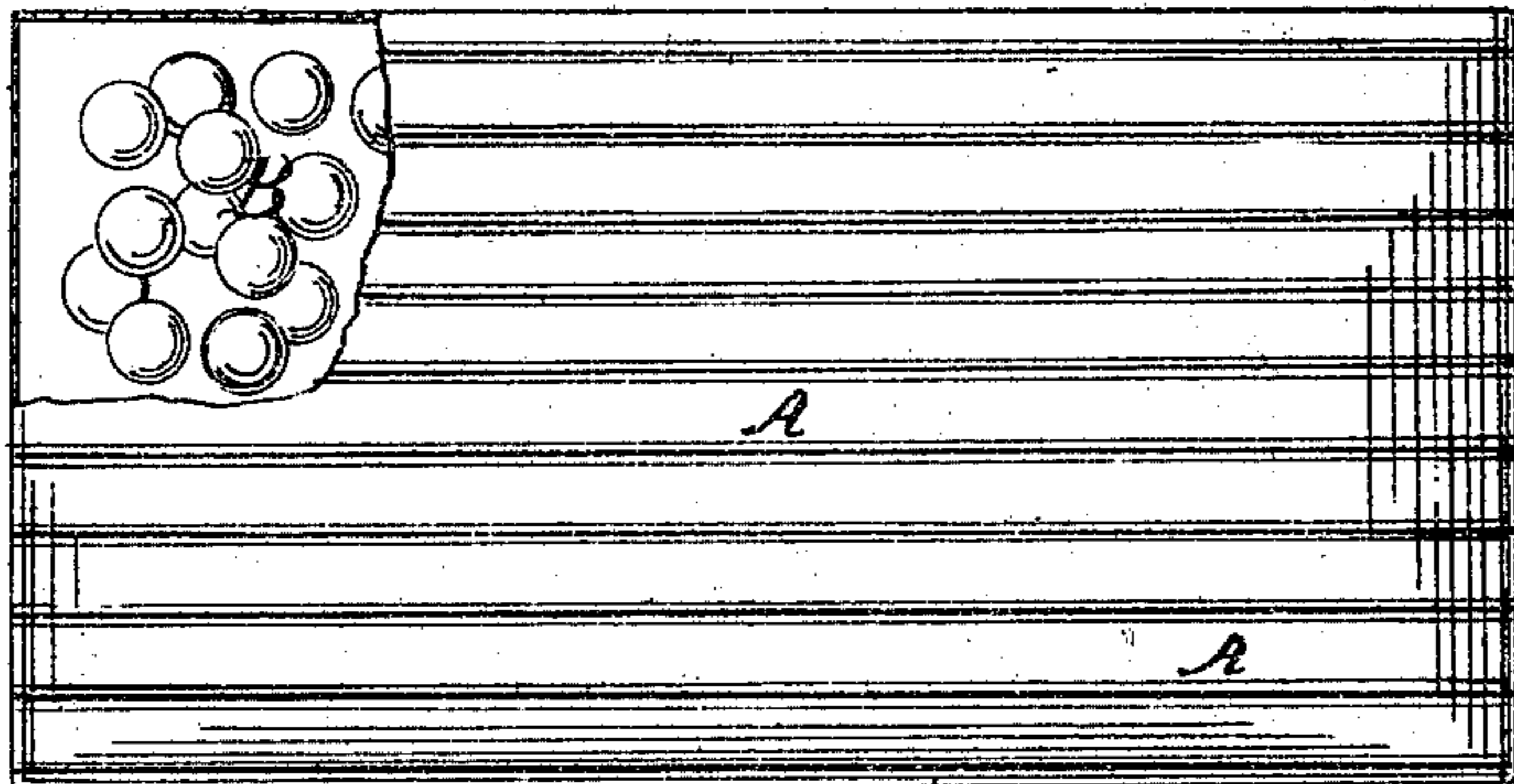


Fig. 2.

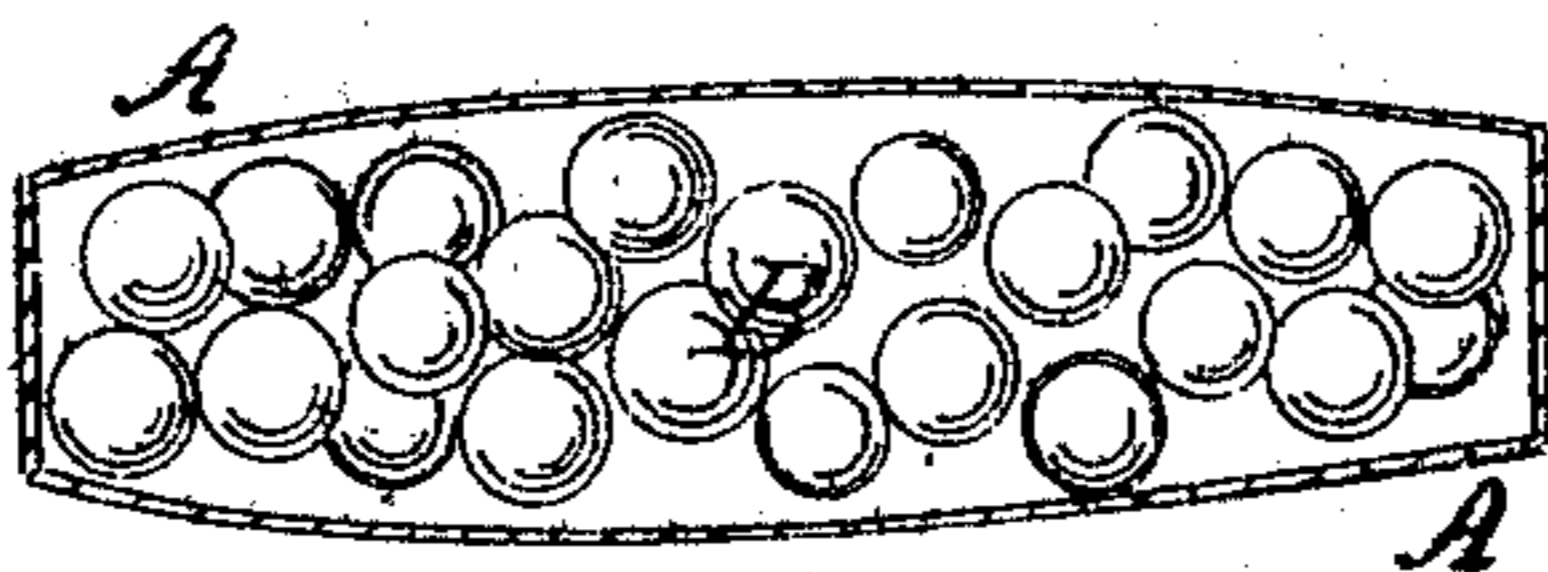


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED STUFFING FOR MATTRESSES, SOFAS, AND SEATS.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. GILBERT, of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Mattresses, Sofas, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view, partly in section, of a mattress constructed on my improved plan.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the same.

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view of one of the filling-globules.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new manner of constructing mattresses, pillows, cushions, chair and sofa-seats and backs, couches, lounges, and ottomans, carriage-seats, backs, and sides, and all other articles.

The invention consists in stuffing the aforesaid articles, seats, and backs, with elastic globules or hollow elastic blocks, which are designed to give the required spring to the articles. Each block or globule is filled with air, and is thereby made very elastic. The whole seat or article stuffed with such globules or blocks will not only be very comfortable and convenient, but will also, on account of the air confined in its globules, serve as a life-preserver whenever desired. The invention is therefore particularly applicable to furniture and bedding on board ship, as each chair, sofa, or mattress will constitute a safe life-preserver.

If one or some of the blocks or globules are punctured, ruptured, or otherwise injured, the usefulness of the whole article will not be materially lessened, as a considerable quantity of such globules or blocks is employed.

A, in the drawing, represents the covering of a mattress or other suitable article. The same is stuffed with a number of hollow blocks or globules, B, of suitable size and shape, and made of India rubber, gutta percha, or any other suitable elastic material.

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

Stuffing mattresses, cushions, and seats of all descriptions, with hollow elastic blocks or globules B B, substantially as herein shown and described.

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