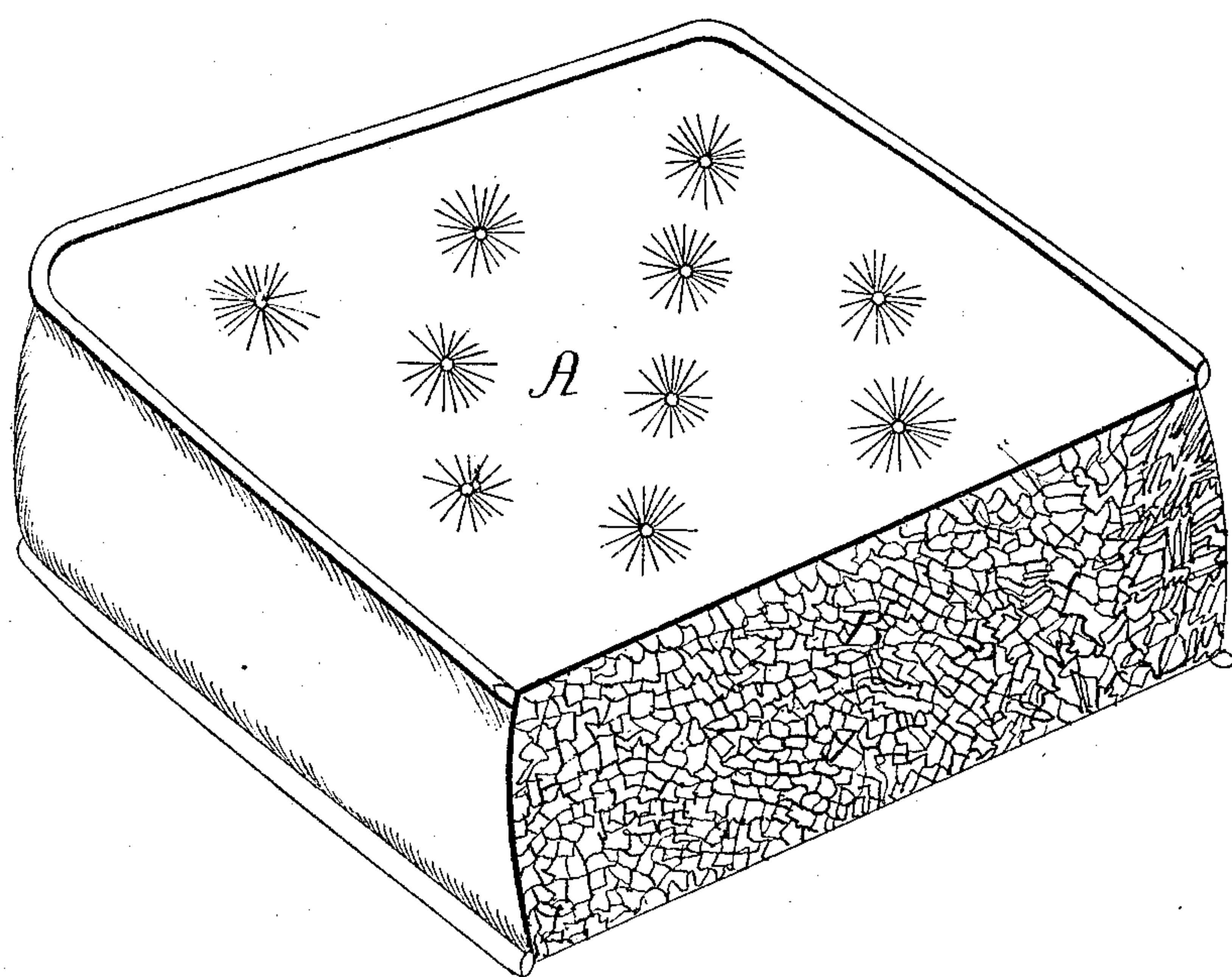


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. BARNEY, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Filling for Beds, Cushions, &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.

This invention relates to a new and useful material for filling beds, cushions, and other articles requiring a light elastic substance for the purpose.

In the drawings, my invention is illustrated by a transverse sectional view of a mattress. A represents the covering, and B the filling of a mattress.

My improved filling for beds, mattresses, pillows, cushions, &c., consists in small pieces or scraps of paper, cut or otherwise formed in any desired shape, and possessing that elastic nature which will keep the pieces apart when laid together in a mass, and enclosed in a bed-tick, pillow-case, or such covering of any suitable material for these or similar articles of domestic use.

Small pieces or scraps of paper thus employed as filling for beds, mattresses, pillow-cases, and the like articles, are extremely soft and elastic, and serve as admirable substitutes for hair, moss, cork, feathers, or other approved substances in general use. The paper scraps make an even and luxurious bed, couch, or cushion, and by the change in their relative position as often as desired, they give remarkable elasticity, which renders the articles to which they are applied very durable and serviceable.

This material is very cheap and economical, as compared with feathers, hair, or any other substance possessing equal merit as a filling for beds, &c.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bed or mattress filled with paper cut into small pieces, as herein shown and described.
2. The use of paper cut into small pieces, for filling beds, mattresses, cushions, &c., as herein shown and described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this tenth day of October, 1867.

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