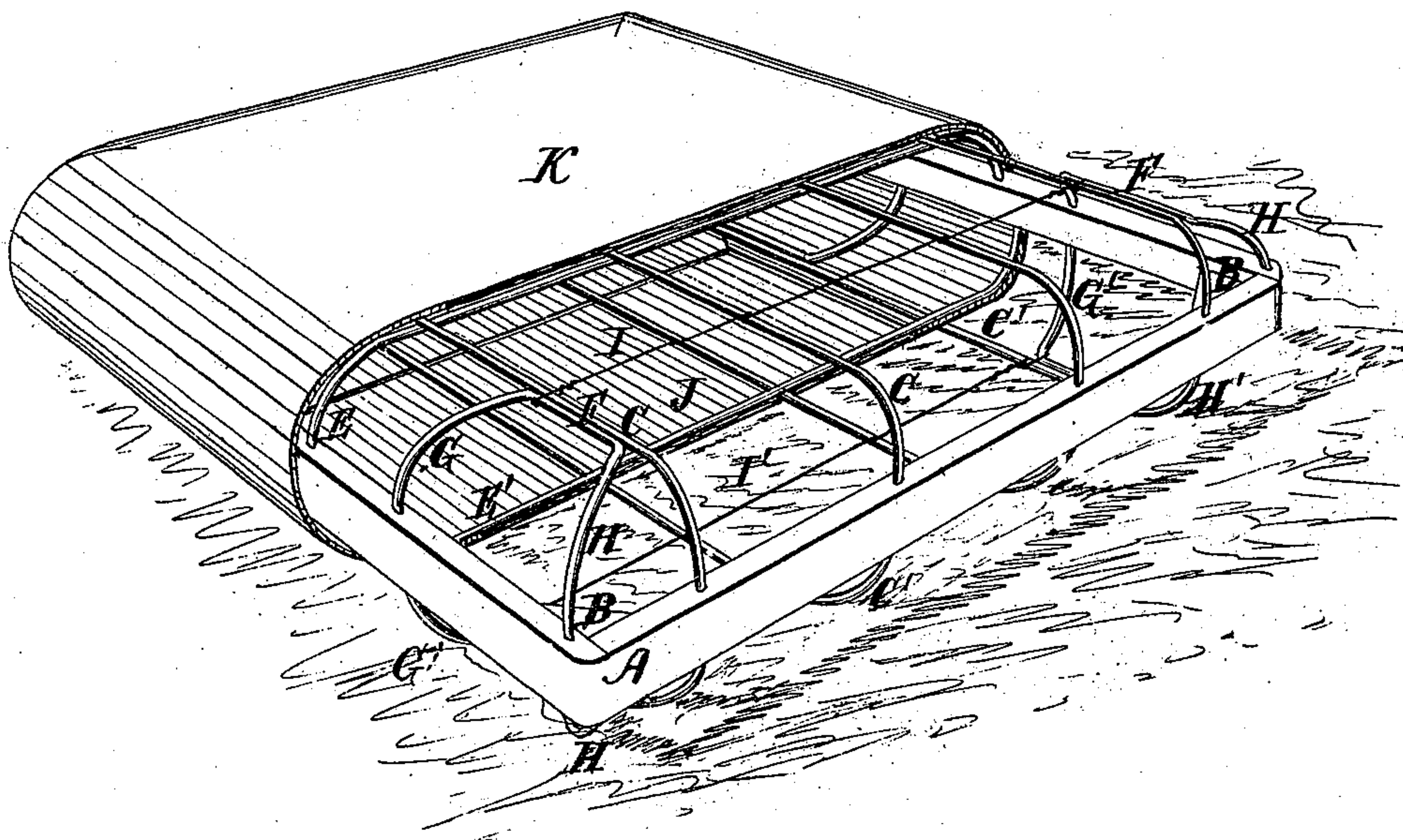


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHAM PILLOWS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. KNIGHT, of Auburn, and LEVI ABBOTT, of Lewiston, in the county of Androscoggin and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved Sham Pillow; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

The figure in the drawing represents a perspective view of the invention, having a portion of its exterior removed.

This invention has for its object the production of a sham pillow that will retain its original form, will be light and durable, and will not harbor dust or vermin; and to these ends it consists in a new article of manufacture, composed of a light but stiff frame of the proper form, covered with heavy paper or pasteboard and ticking, or ticking alone, as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the accompanying drawing one method of practising the invention is shown.

The rectangular frame A, of wood, or other light material, is provided with corner blocks B for strengthening it. The wires C and C' are curved at each end, and traverse the frame A, from end to end, on its upper and lower sides. The wires E and E' traverse the frame A in a similar manner at its center, and at right angles to the wires C C'. The corner wires F F' are bent so that the curved arms G G' traverse the frame laterally, until they reach the first wires C or C', and the curved

arms H H' traverse the frame diagonally until they reach the first wires C or C'. The corner wires F F' are bound to the first wires C C' by the wires I I', which also bind and retain the intermediate wires C C' at proper intervals. The frame, composed of the parts above described, is provided with a covering of heavy paper or pasteboard, J, and over this cover J is neatly placed a covering of ticking, K, which gives the shell the appearance of a pillow divested of its case or slip. This sham pillow is intended for ornament alone, and is to take the place of the genuine pillow when the latter is not required for use.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a sham pillow, consisting of a shell composed of a rectangular frame, of wood or other material, provided with a series of spring or other wires, some of which traverse it wholly from side to side, and end to end, and others partially from the sides toward the longitudinal center, and from the corners diagonally toward the center, said wires being curved at their ends to cause the pillow, when completed, to assume the form of an ordinary pillow, the entire frame being covered, substantially as hereinbefore described.

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