

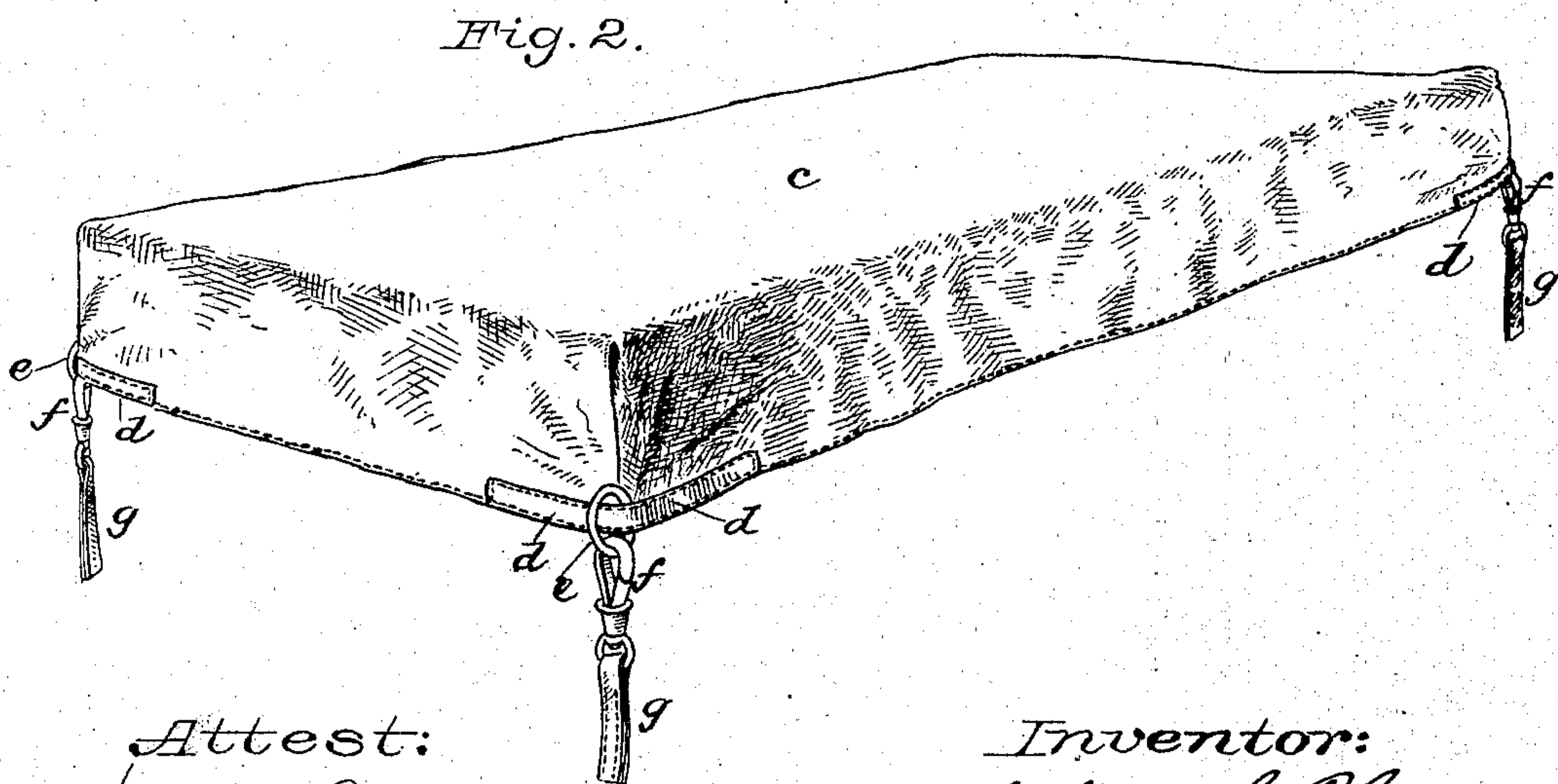
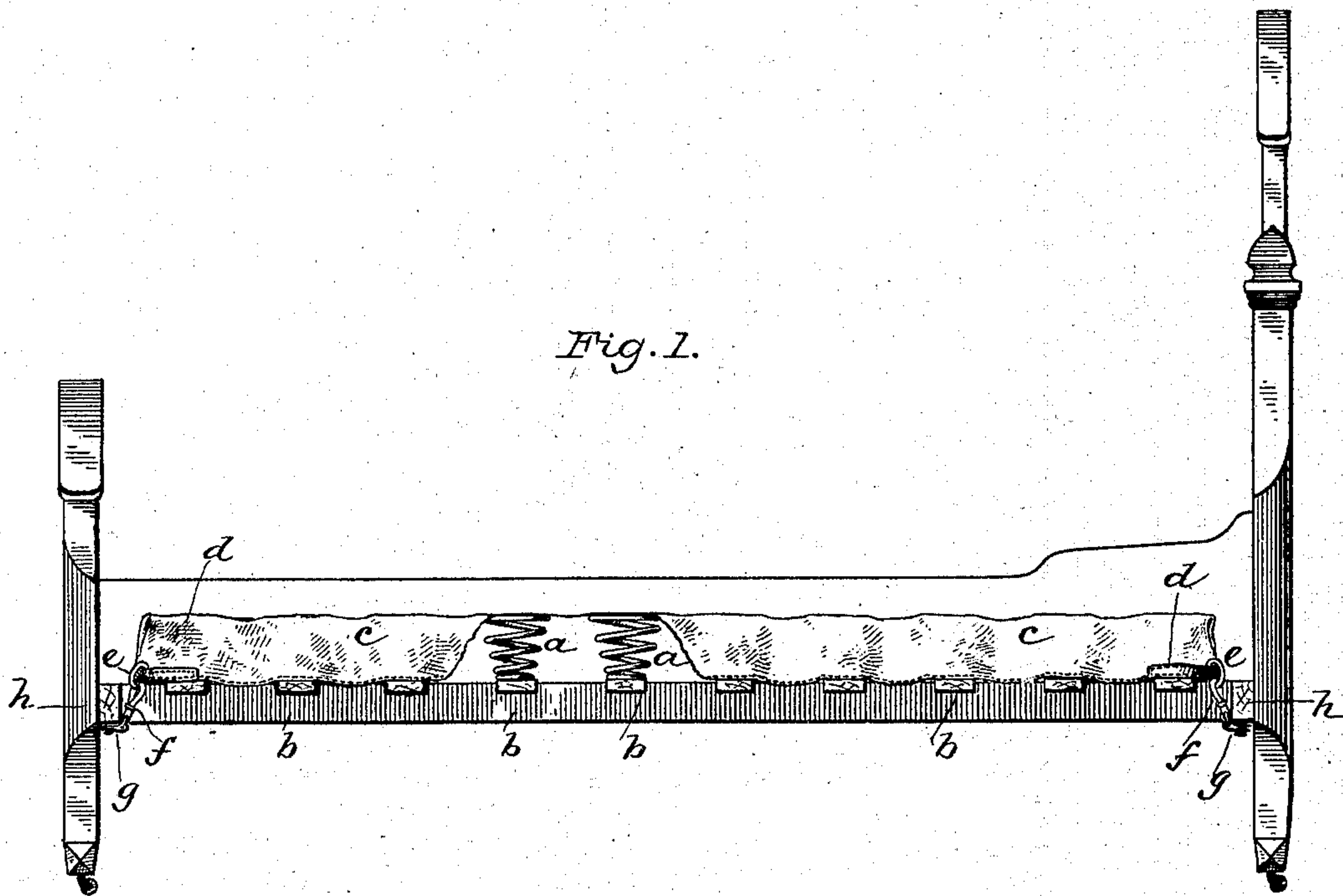
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED S. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brodhead, in the county of Green and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Coverings for Spring Bed-Bottoms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in spring bed-bottoms; and the object of said improvement is to provide the usual canvas cover, which is drawn over the ordinary grouped coil-springs of a bed-bottom with flexible corner-bindings whereby to form the corners of the cover and retaining-loops for rings by which the cover is attached to the bedstead-frame. Such corner leather binding forms a casing of the cover to fit over the springs, and upon which the upholstered mattress is placed to prevent its rusting from contact with the springs, and permits the cover to be removed for washing and to be quickly put in place. I prefer to use small spring snap-fastenings secured by strap-loops to the bedstead-frame, so that the attachments have a flexible connection with the cover-casing and with the bedstead.

Various plans have been devised for attaching and holding canvas coverings over and upon the coiled springs of bed-bottoms; but so far as I know and can find such coverings have been provided with flexible metal edge bindings and with ridged edge metal bindings, which will not permit the cover to be washed as a flexible fabric; and my improvement not only gives this important advantage, but provides a cheap and convenient means for shaping the corners of the cover and for attaching it to the bedstead.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents my improved covering for spring bed-bottoms as applied to the springs and attached to the bedstead, and Fig. 2 the covering with its edge binding and attaching device.

The bedstead has the usual provision of coil-springs, *a*, fastened upon the slats *b*, for supporting the upholstered mattress. The canvas cover *c* is made into a casing to fit over and upon the coil-springs, to give a better support for the mattress, and to save it from rusting by contact with the springs, and to hold them in proper relation in the group.

The cover is made of a square piece of canvas or other textile fabric, with its four corners folded and stretched so as to make a square casing suited to be pulled down over the tops of spiral springs grouped as in spring bed-bottoms. At the edge of the four corners the cover is bound by a leather strip, *d*, which is sewed on and forms retainers for springs or loops *e* at the corner folds as a means of attaching the cover to the bedstead.

To complete the fastening device, I prefer to use small spring-snaps *f*—such as are in use for looping purposes—and attach them to the bedstead-frame by leather loops *g*, as shown, such attachment being preferably made to the foot and head board bottom bars, *h*, so that in attaching the cover the pull thereon will be downward, so as to hold the cover snugly upon the springs and to permit it to be easily attached and detached.

The leather loops *g* give the advantage of attaching the covering as taut as may be desired over the springs by drawing the loops down to the points of attachment and then tacking them, and when so tacked they are permanent, as the spring-snaps provide for the removal and replacement of the cover when desired.

I claim—

1. The herein-described covering for spring bed-bottoms, consisting of the canvas *c*, having the corner binding-straps, *d*, and rings retained thereby, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a spring bed-bottom, the combination, with the canvas cover *c*, having the corner binding-straps, *d*, and the rings *e*, of the attaching spring-snaps and strap-loops, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination, in a spring bed bottom, of the canvas cover *c*, having the corner binding-straps, *d*, and the rings *e* looped thereby with the bed-bottom springs, and the spring-snaps attached to the bedstead-frame by loops *g*, substantially as shown and described.

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

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