

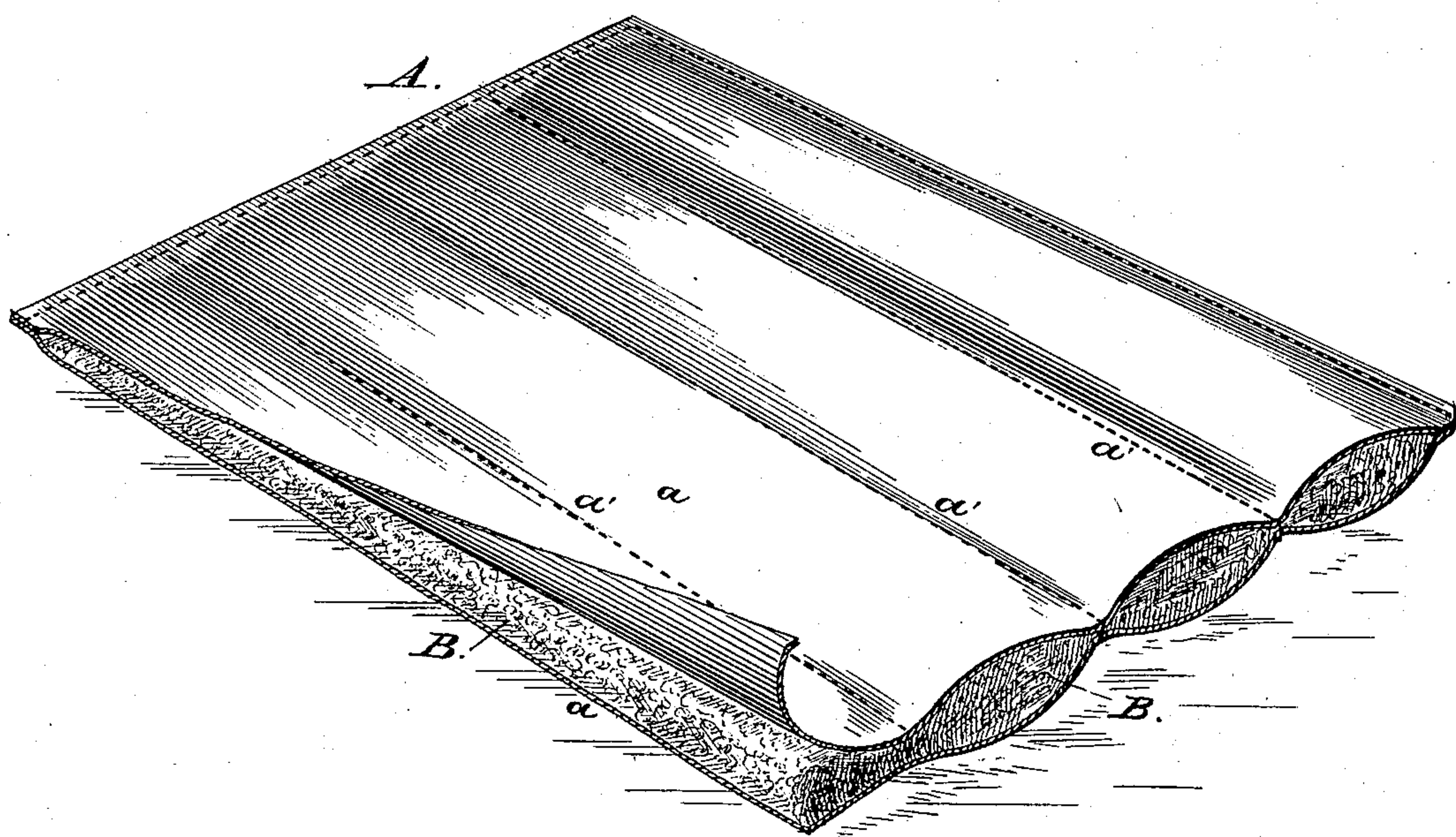
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN H. MARCUS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Baltimore city, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed Quilts and Comforts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure represents a perspective view of a portion of a bed-quilt manufactured according to this invention and shows the filling in section.

This invention relates to bed quilts or comforts; and it consists in the combination of the materials hereinafter fully described and claimed, with which the said quilts or comforts are filled.

Prior to this invention bed quilts or comforts have been made by quilting a layer of various materials in between an inclosing-envelope. For the best class of bed-quilts the filling consisted of down or of the best quality of raw cotton, which materials are very light and elastic, and will therefore make up into a very warm quilt, which, without being too heavy or dense, will always present a thick and puffy appearance. These bed-quilts are, however, very expensive. Other and cheaper bed-quilts have been manufactured in the same manner, and have been filled with short cotton, cotton-waste, or shoddy. These materials will make a warm quilt, but from want of elasticity will not allow the quilt to be made thick unless used in large quantities, when, from the natural density of the material, the quilt becomes too heavy for use, very difficult to sew through, and always appears flat and hard.

In order to provide a bed-quilt which shall be cheap and at the same time warm, soft, and present the thick and puffy appearance of the best bed-quilt, I fill the inclosing-envelope with a material consisting of short cot-

ton, shoddy, or any other of the cheap materials heretofore used, mixed with aeroline in the proportion of about equal parts of aeroline and short cotton or shoddy. This aeroline consists of gunny-bagging ground up, so as to make a fine fiber, which, when mixed with the short cotton or shoddy, gives to it the elasticity which it lacks when used, so that when the envelope is quilted over it has the thick and puffy appearance of a high-grade cotton quilt without being so expensive.

In the drawing, A is the bed quilt or comfort, provided with the inclosing envelope or covering *a*. B is the mixture of aeroline and short cotton or shoddy, which constitutes the filling of the quilt. This filling is held in position by being quilted in between the envelope by the lines of stitching *a'* between which the envelope is puffed up by the elasticity which the aeroline gives to the mixture.

I am aware that an article for stuffing mattresses has been heretofore made, the same consisting of woolen fiber made from the refuse of woolen goods by bunching and curling; and I do not claim such as of my invention.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a filling for bed-quilts and other articles, consisting of a mixture of aeroline and short cotton or shoddy, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a bed-quilt, the combination of an outer inclosing-envelope and a filling consisting of a mixture of aeroline and short cotton or shoddy, secured in the said envelope by lines of stitching, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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