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Fig 1.

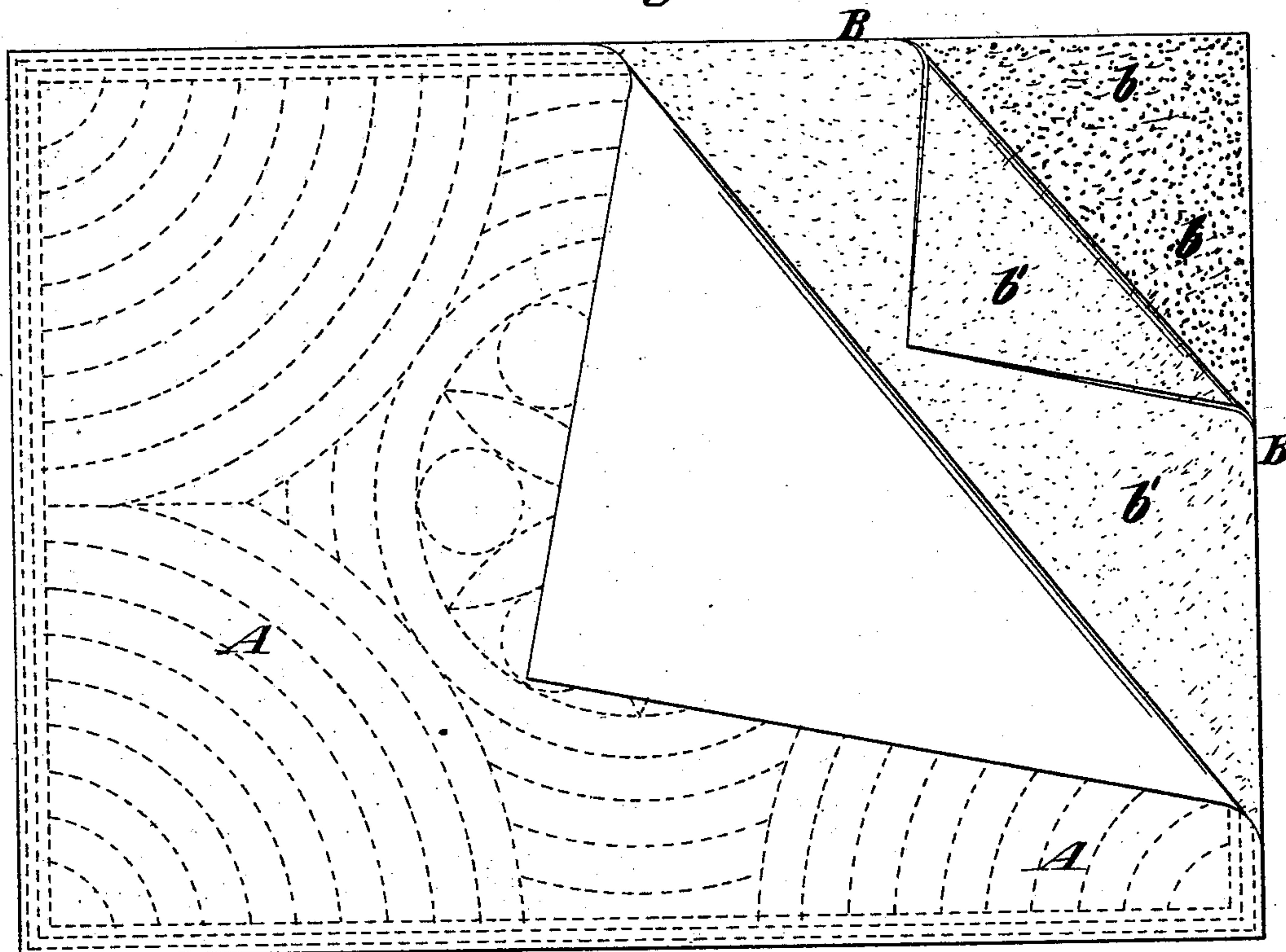
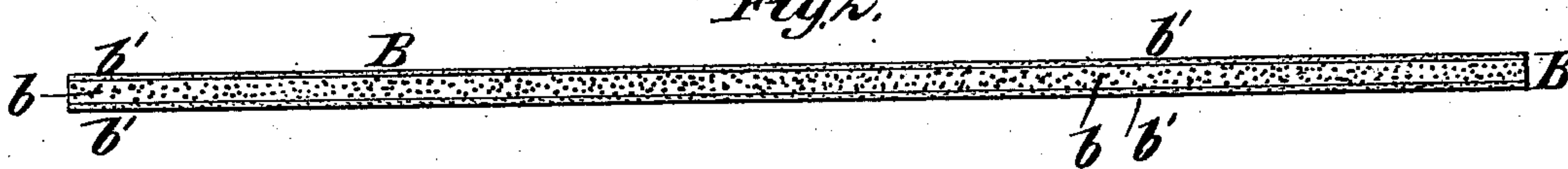


Fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. PALMER, of New London, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bed-Comfortables, of which the following is a specification.

In the manufacture of bed-comfortables heretofore the filling for the most expensive grades has been usually carded cotton, and for the cheaper grades the filling has been composed of wool fibers produced by passing woolen scraps through a picker and then through a lapper. Such wool filling is usually of dark color, and although by its use a very warm and serviceable comfortable may be made, it has not the soft feeling of a comfortable filled with carded cotton.

In the manufacture of comfortables having one side covered with a fabric of a bright and uniform color, such as cardinal red, the wool filling, if it be immediately back of the fabric, is disadvantageous, because its dark color will show somewhat through the covering fabric, or will modify the color thereof to such an extent as to impair the appearance of the comfortable.

The wool filling is desirable because of its warmth and because its cost is less than carded cotton; and the objects of my invention are to obtain, in a comfortable having its filling largely of uncarded wool fiber, the softness due to the presence of carded fiber, and also the handsome appearance due to the presence immediately back of the covering fabric of white or light-colored fiber, which will not modify the color of a fabric such as cardinal red.

In carrying out my invention I make the filling principally of a layer of wool or other uncarded batting, and I face such main layer or body of the filling on one or each side with a layer of carded stock, such as cotton, the two layers being substantially coextensive. The uncarded stock, if of wool, will usually be of a dark color or nearly black, and in order not to modify the color of the covering fabric I prefer to have the carded facing layer or layers of white or other light color or shade.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a comfortable embodying my invention, a portion of the covering fabric being

laid back to expose the filling, and a portion of the facing layer of carded cotton batting being also laid or folded back to expose the main layer or body of the filling, which is of uncarded batting; and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a portion of the filling embodying my invention.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates the covering fabric on the sides or opposite faces of the comfortable, and B designates the filling thereof, the facing or covering fabrics A and the filling B being quilted in any desired pattern.

Usually the filling B in comfortables has been of one material throughout. If such filling be wholly of carded material, such as cotton, the cost of the comfortable is increased, and if it be wholly of uncarded wool of a dark color the comfortable has not the softness to touch that is desirable, although it is warm and serviceable and not expensive; and if the covering fabric A be of some colors—such, for example, as cardinal red—the dark or black color of the filling will modify the color of the fabric and impair its appearance.

In carrying out my invention I do not make the filling of one quality of material throughout; but I make the filling of a main layer or body, *b*, and a facing layer, *b'*, very much thinner than the main layer or body and applied to one or each side or face thereof. In the present example of my invention the main layer or body *b* has a facing layer, *b'*, applied to each of its sides or faces.

For economy and warmth I make the main layer or body *b* of the filling of a bat or lap of uncarded wool or other fiber, which may be produced by passing scraps of woolen cloth through a picker and then through a lapper, and for the facing layer *b'*, I use carded material, such as cotton, which gives to the exterior of the comfortable a softness to the touch which is desirable. When the covering fabric A is of a brilliant color, such as cardinal red, on one or both faces of the comfortable, I prefer that the facing layer *b'* of carded batting shall be white or of a light color, which will not modify the color of the covering fabric by showing through the same.

By my invention I provide a comfortable

which is as soft to the touch and of as handsome appearance as one filled with carded cotton, and which is warmer and can be made and sold at a much less price than such cotton-filled comfortable. When a comfortable is made with a filling consisting of a body or main layer, *b*, of any uncarded batting, and a facing layer, *b'*, of carded batting, the advantages of low cost are secured, whether both layers be of cotton or wool or the main layer or body of either cotton or wool.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The comfortable herein described, having a covering fabric and a filling composed of a

main layer or body, *b*, of uncarded batting and a facing layer or layers, *b'*, of carded batting, said layers being substantially coincident and coextensive, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. The comfortable herein described, having a covering fabric and a filling composed of a main layer or body, *b*, of woolen stock and a facing layer or layers, *b'*, of cotton, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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