

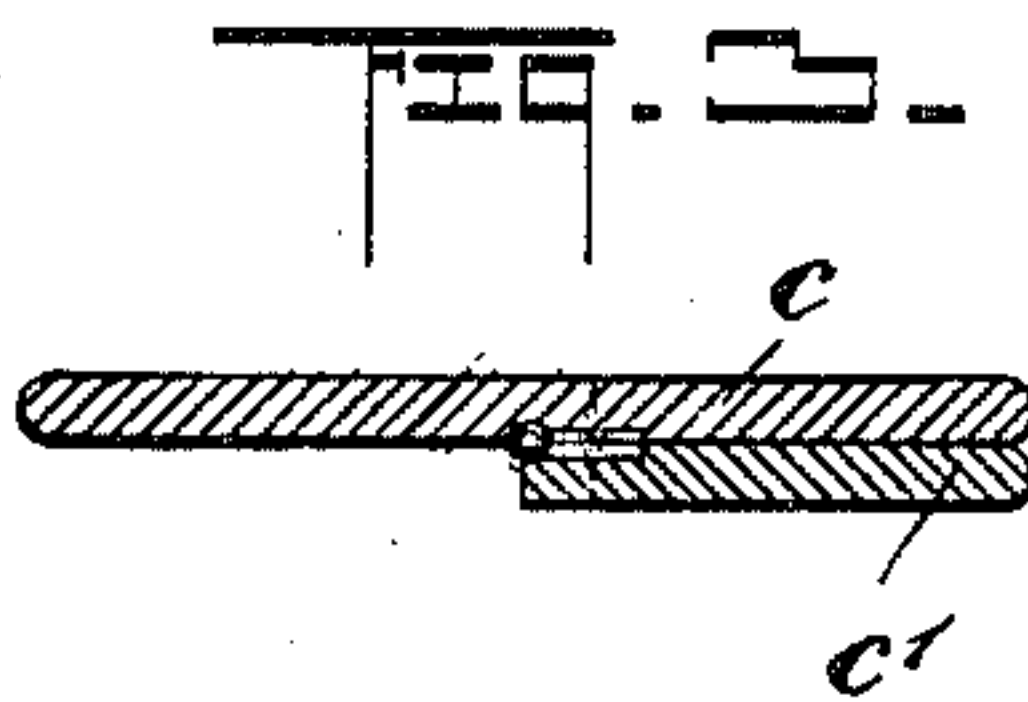
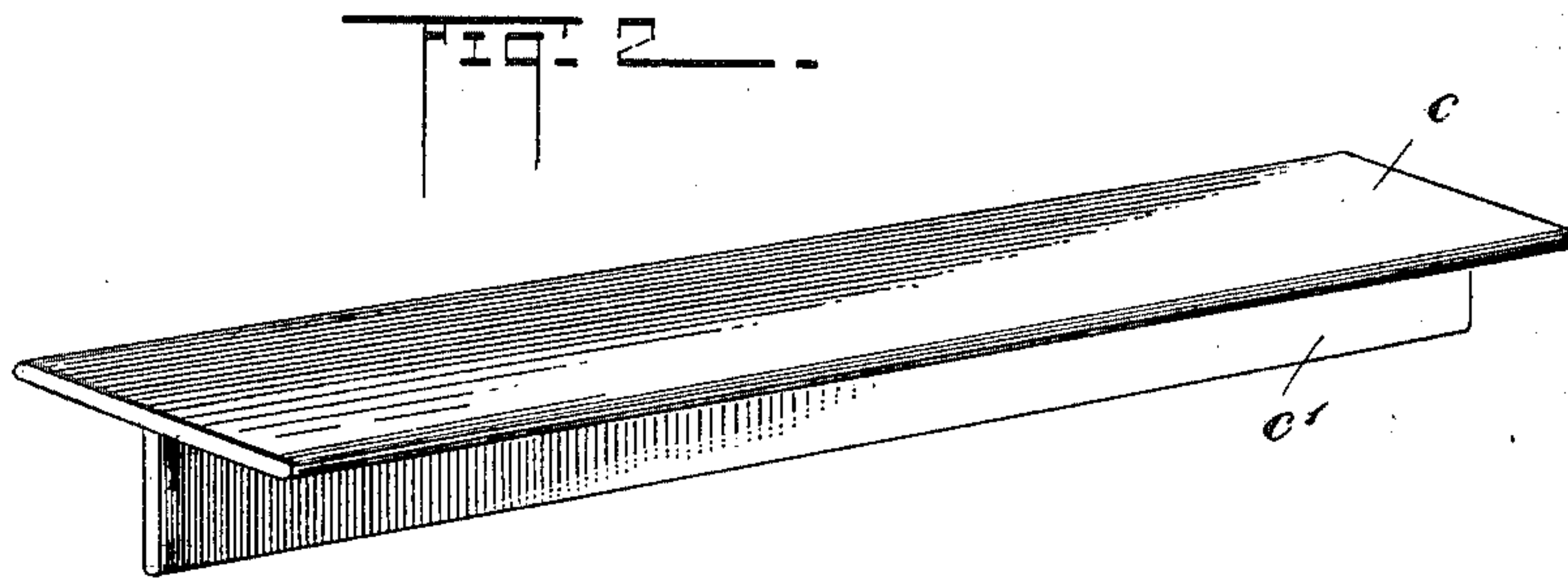
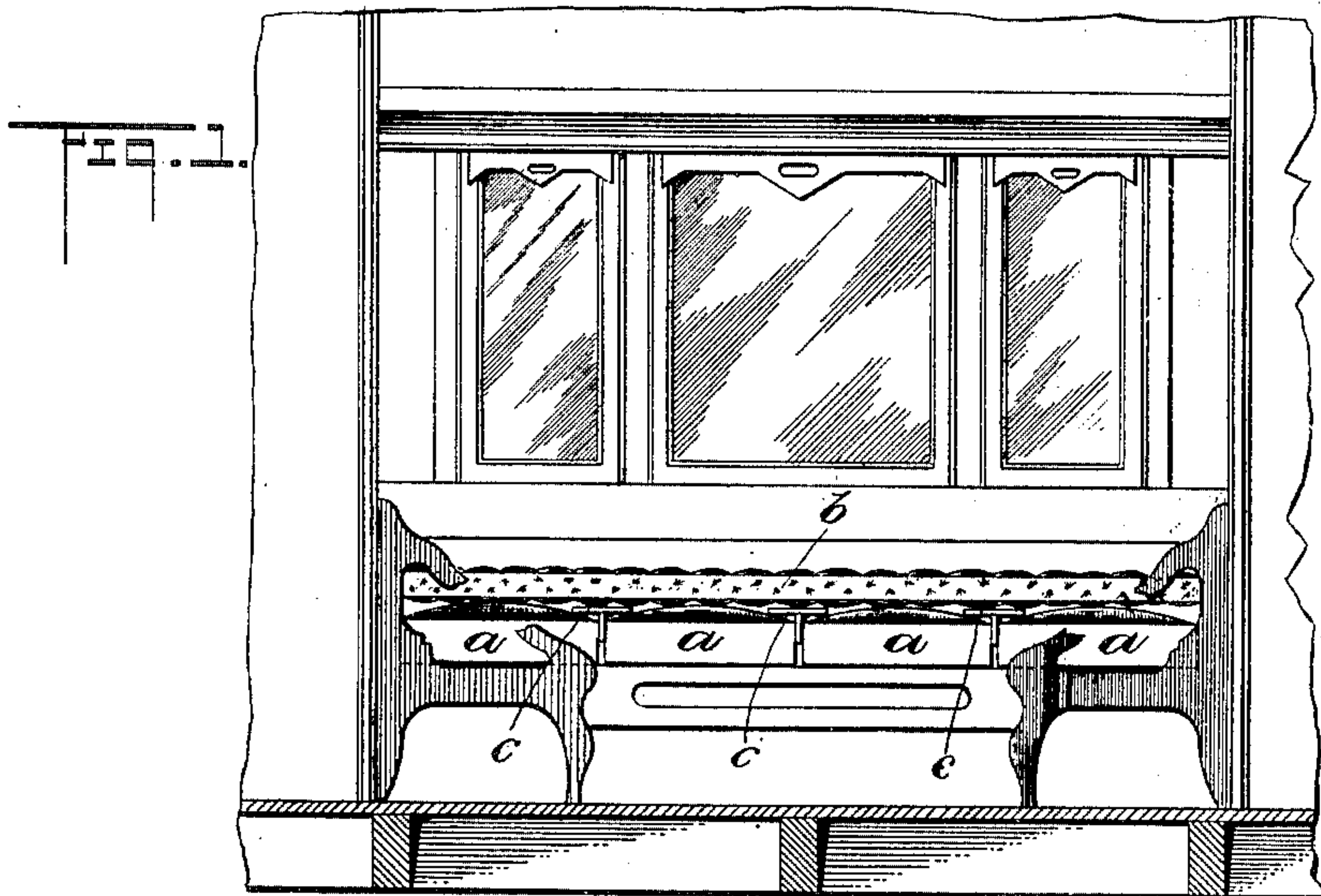
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MATTRESS-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. FRIEDERICH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Hancock, in the county of Houghton and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Mattress-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a device for evenly sustaining a mattress in sleeping-cars. In those sleeping-cars where the berths are formed by placing mattresses over the ordinary cushions of the seats, which cushions are arranged in a horizontal line, the mattresses are apt to sag between the rounding edges of the cushions, thus giving the mattress an uneven form and making an uncomfortable couch.

My invention seeks to sustain the mattress at points between the cushions, so that it will be held evenly and give the user all possible comfort.

This specification is the specific description of one form of the invention, while the claims are definitions of the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side view of the invention in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing the device folded.

In Fig. 1, *a* represents the cushions, arranged in the ordinary manner to form a berth. *b* represents the mattress, which is arranged on the cushions. My invention comprises a flat support *c* in the form of a board or plank,

which is placed over the meeting edges of two adjacent cushions, so as to form a sort of bridge between the two, thus supporting the mattress evenly at this point. Fig. 1 shows the support in place. As shown in this view, three supports are employed. Obviously any number could be used, according to the number of cushions which are placed under the mattress. For the purpose of preventing the supports *c* from being displaced the supports are provided with longitudinally-disposed tongues *c'*, hinged to the under sides of the supports and arranged to project downward, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to fit between the cushions. When the invention is not in active employment, the tongues *c'* may be folded against the supports, as shown in Fig. 3, thus economizing space. The supports *c* may be constructed of any material desired.

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

1. A mattress-support, comprising an elongated flat member in essentially the form of a board or plank provided at its under side with a longitudinally-disposed tongue.

2. A mattress-support, comprising an elongated flat member in essentially the form of a board or plank provided at its under side with a longitudinally-disposed tongue hinged thereto, for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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