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Fig. 1.

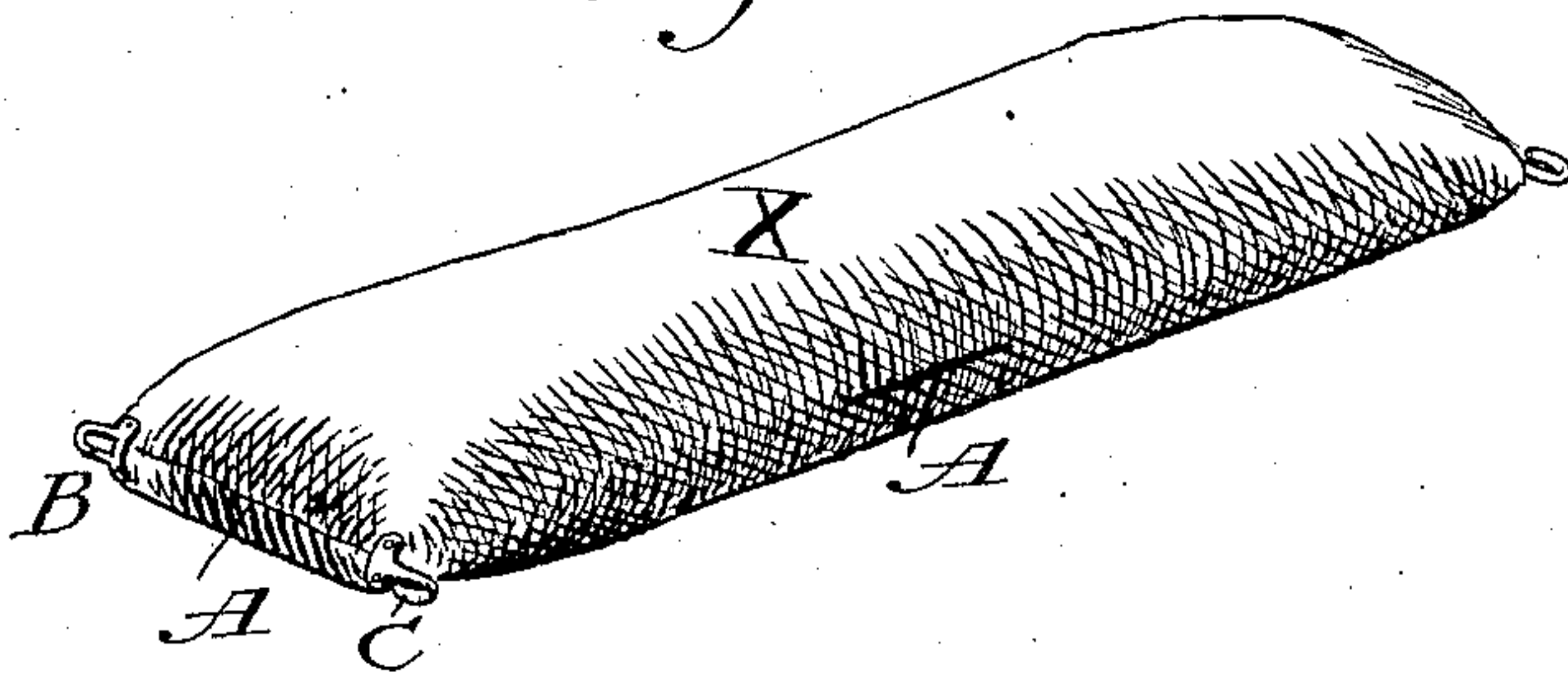


Fig. 2.

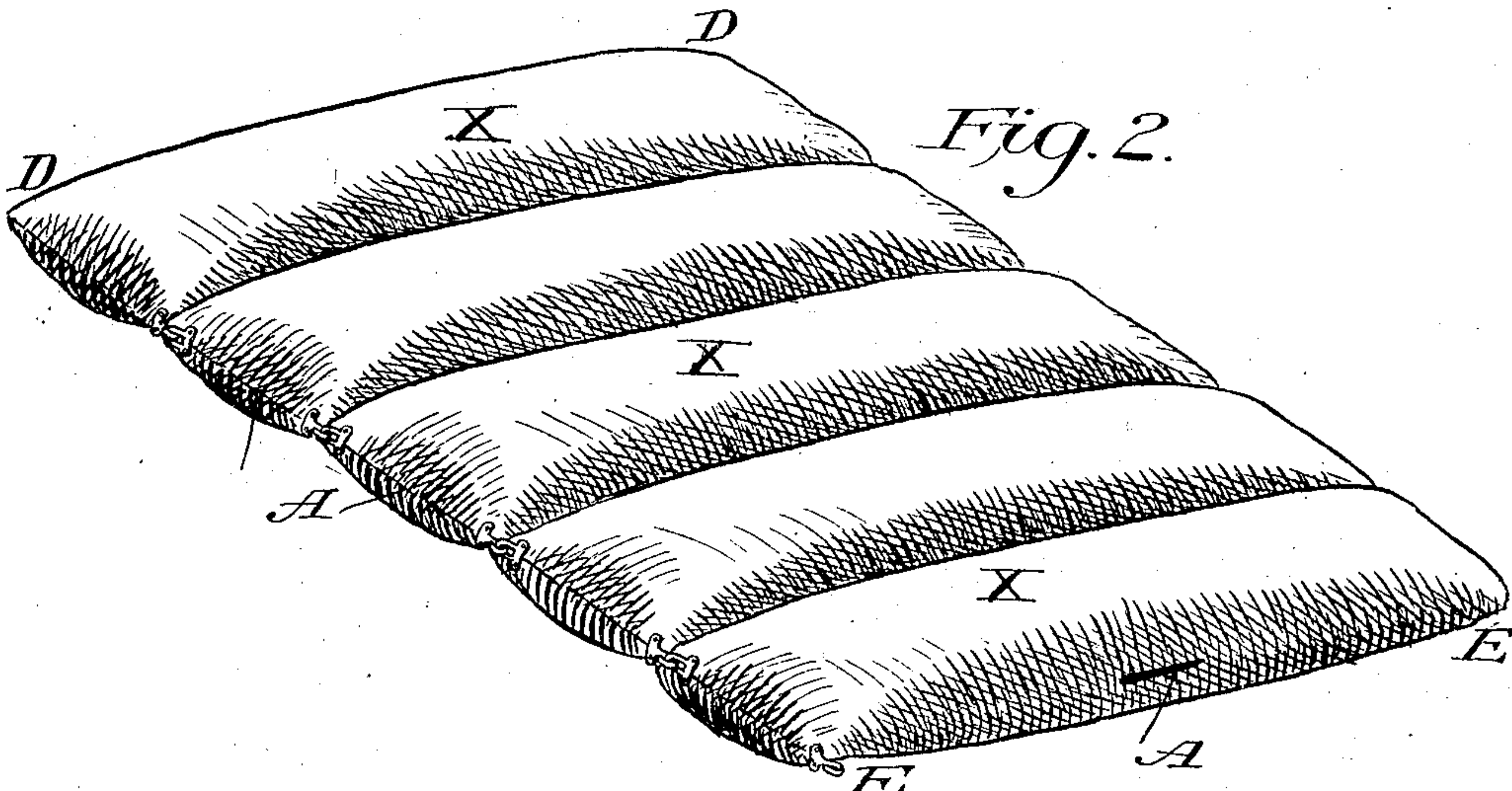
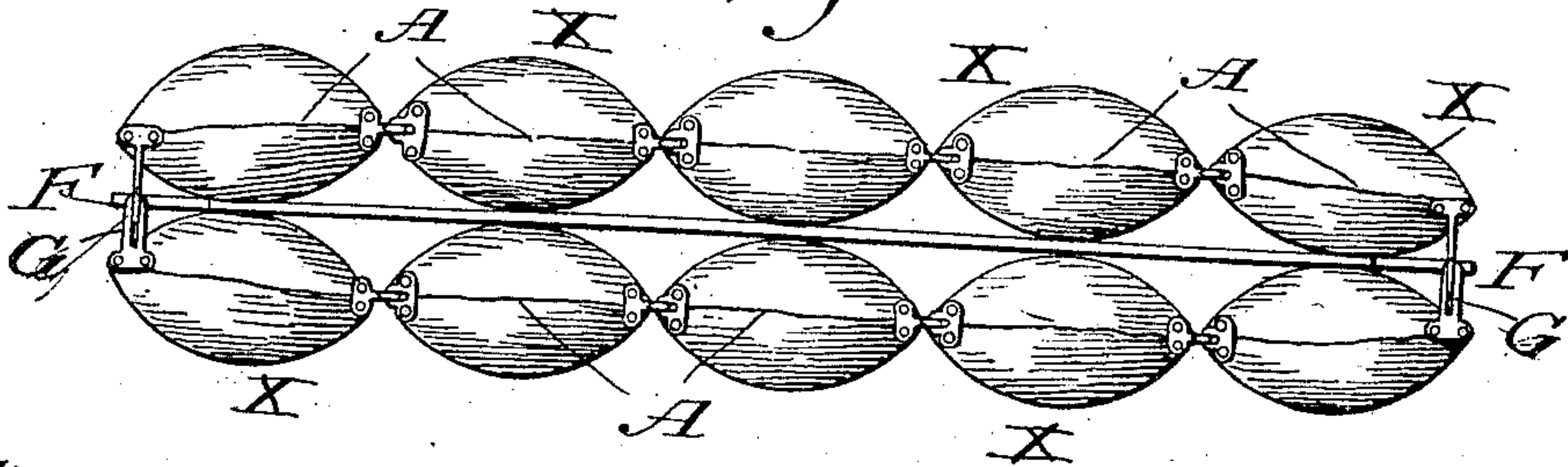


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BAILEY TOWNSEND MILLIKEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Epperson, in the county of McCracken and State of Kentucky, have invented an Improvement in Beds and Cushions, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sectional beds and cushions to be made up by uniting and combining independent sections, as hereinafter described and shown.

One object is to provide a new and useful article of this character so constructed as to allow its parts to be readily united or separated, thereby facilitating handling, repairing, and cleaning, as well as providing for extension or contraction of the article in respect to length as different conditions of use may require.

Another object of the invention is to construct a bed or cushion in a novel manner whereby a better ventilation is secured and the article regulated by the tension and filling of the sections, which may be tight or slack or varied from coarse to fine in the different sets of sections and adjusted by manipulation when the parts are separated.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the independent detachable sections of which the bed, sofa, or cushion may be made up. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a bed composed of such sections detachably connected. Fig. 3 is an edge or side view of a bed composed of two rows of superposed sections with an intervening partition.

The several sections X are oblong and preferably cylindrical when distended, the ends being what is commonly termed "square." The sections are thus in the nature of bags, adapted to contain air or any suitable filling or stuffing of coarse or fine material. It is intended that several sections shall lie side by side, as in Fig. 2, horizontally at right angles to the length of the space to be filled, and the seam, if any, should range through the section centrally between the top and bottom surface, thus giving it a top and bottom surface free from seams or lumps. The section may be filled through an opening in the end or

side, as shown at A A, and securely fastened after the section is filled. To connect one section with another, detachable fastenings are put on the ends of the section, the receiving part of fastening put on one side and the engaging part put on the opposite side of the section, as shown at B and C, where B indicates a loop or eye and a corresponding hook.

Fig. 2 shows how a set of sections may be united for use, the receiving and engaging parts of fastenings united, as shown, on a line from D to E. Thus the hooks C of each section are engaged with the eyes B of an adjoining section, whereby the several sections are held detachably side by side. Fig. 3 also shows one set or row of sections arranged or superposed upon another with an intervening sheet F of some flexible material which is impermeable to air. Thus the said sheet serves to prevent passage of air between the sections, which is not desirable in cold weather. The two rows of sections are detachably connected by means of long hooks and eyes G, arranged vertically and attached at the ends of the rows, as shown.

A soft filling may be used in one set or row of sections X and a harder and coarser one in the other row, so that the bed or cushion will have a soft top and relatively harder and stiffer bottom.

The described construction of the bed or cushion in independent sections which may be easily and quickly connected and disconnected, as described, has obvious advantages in respect to convenience of handling, transportation, cleaning, adjustment for use, and contraction or expansion in length to suit varying conditions.

What I claim is—

1. The combination, with a series of independent bag-like bed-sections having an oblong rectangular form and provided with detachable fastenings whereby they are held in close contact side by side, of a like row of similar bed-sections superposed on the first-named series, the end sections of one row having elongated eyes, and the other elongated hooks, which are extended vertically and detachably engaged, as shown and described.
2. The combination, with a row of inde-

pendent bag-like bed-sections which are rectangular and provided with detachable fastenings and arranged side by side, of a series of like sections superposed on the first row of sections, and engaged fastenings applied to the end sections of the respective rows and adapted for detachment as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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