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Fig. 1.

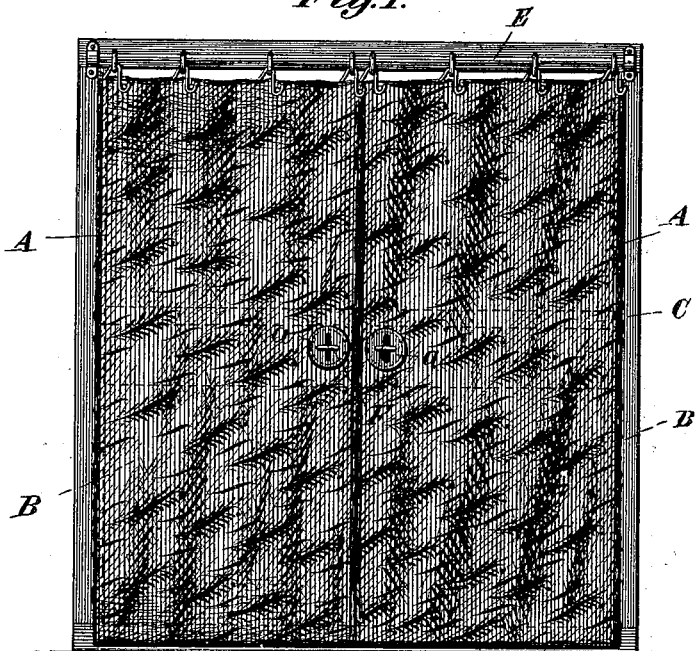
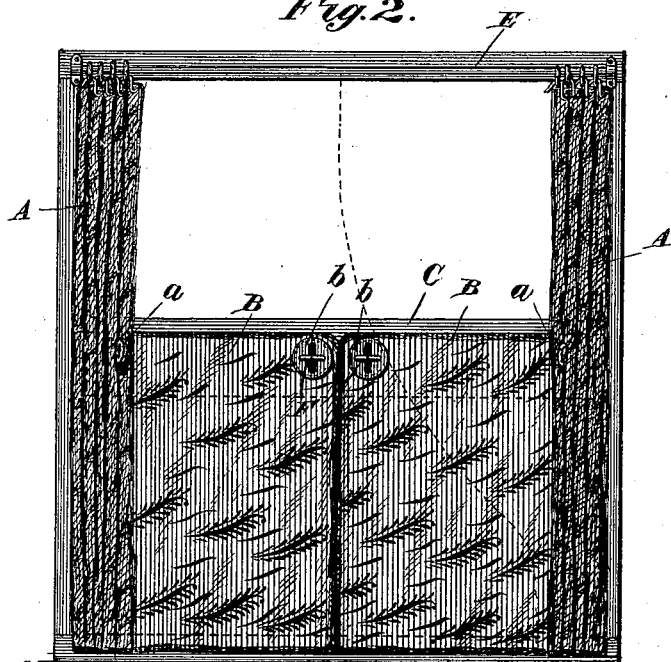


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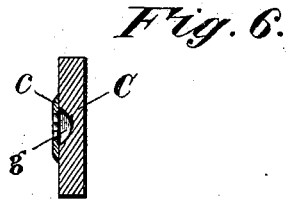
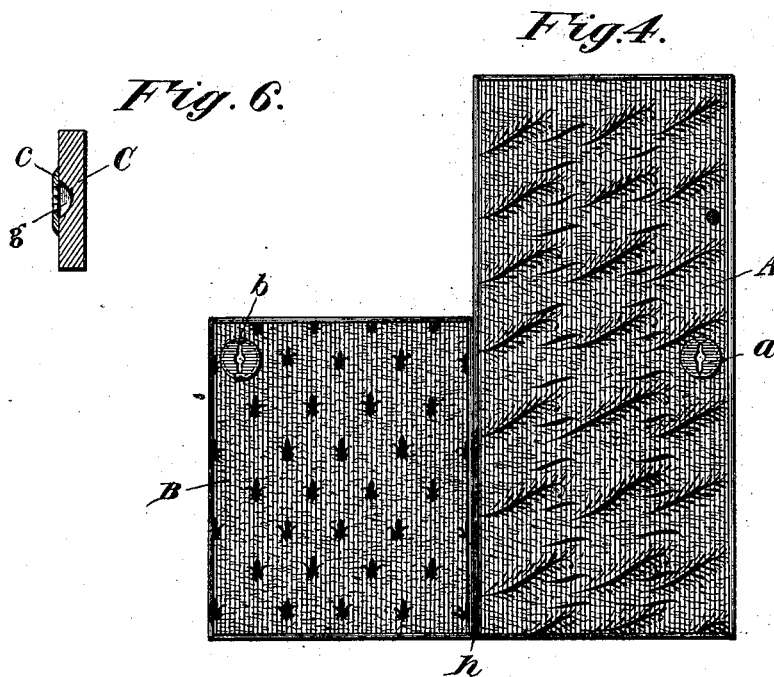
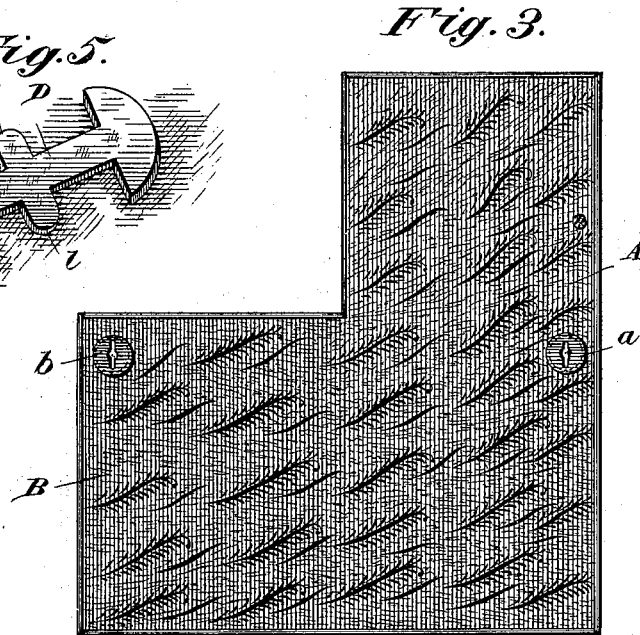
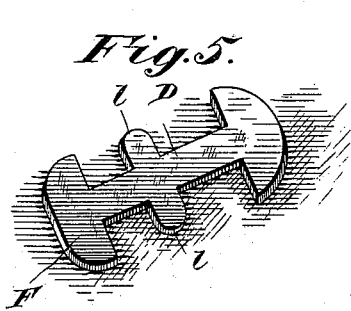
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH GUSDORF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Fé, in the county of Santa Fé and Territory of New Mexico, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Berth-Curtains; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to berth-curtains, and has for its object to provide a berth-curtain that will obviate the disagreeable feature of ordinary berth-curtains—that is, the fact that in throwing aside the curtain to admit a person into either upper or lower berth one of them is necessarily exposed to some extent.

My invention consists of a berth-curtain woven out of a single piece of material or of different textures seamed together, but embodying the features of two distinct curtains while only one.

It consists of an outer or primary curtain attached to a curtain-rod at the top of the upper berth and long enough to cover both upper and lower berth and of an inner or secondary curtain extending from the top of the lower berth, made integral with the outer curtain or seamed to it along its outer edge and detachably attached to the top of the lower berth, so as to screen the under berth independently of the upper berth, by means of an improved fastening-key, which is shown in the drawings and which will be hereinafter more fully and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved berth-curtain in a closed position. Fig. 2 shows the outer or primary curtain drawn aside and the lower curtain closed, screening the lower berth. Fig. 3 shows my improved berth-curtain unfolded to show the inner and outer parts thereof and made of a single piece of material. Fig. 4 shows the same, but made of different materials or textures. Fig. 5 shows my improved fastening-key. Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the lock-plate and cross-bar, showing the recess in which the key revolves.

A A represent the outer or primary berth-curtain.

B B show the lower or secondary berth-curtain.

C represents the cross-bar which forms the bottom of the upper or top of the lower berth.

E shows the curtain-rod.

a a represent the leather eyelets of the outer or primary curtain.

b b show the leather eyelets on the lower or secondary curtain.

c c represent the lock-plates on the cross-bar C.

D shows the key, the ward of which (shown at a) is passed through the eyelet b of the lower or secondary curtain and then into the lock-recess g on the cross-bar C. Both the keyhole in the lock and the eyelets on the curtains are vertical, so that when the key is passed through the eyelet of the lower or secondary curtain and inserted into the lock it is then given a half-turn and the curtain is secured to the frame.

ll represent the wings on the key, which are slightly farther from the ward than from the handle F of the key, so as to allow for the thickness of the lock. The purpose of these wings is to separate the outer or primary curtain from the lower or secondary curtain, so that when the key is turned so as to throw back the outer or primary curtain the wings prevent the lower or secondary curtain from becoming detached.

The advantages of this device and berth-curtain can readily be seen, giving absolute privacy and allowing travelers to enjoy seclusion and undisturbed rest, which were almost impossible under the use of the ordinary berth-curtain.

This curtain performs the functions of two curtains and has the advantages of one. It can be folded and stored away as easily and with as much despatch as the ordinary single curtain and dispenses with a separate and independent curtain rod and fixtures for the lower berth. The key is withdrawn from the lock in the cross-bar and allowed to remain in the eyelets of the over and under curtain, where it will become fixed if turned crosswise in the eyelets.

This curtain can be woven out of one piece of material, as shown in Fig. 3, or when it is desired to have the under curtain of lighter texture than the over curtain the different

textures may very easily be seamed, as shown at *h* in Fig. 4.

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

1. A berth-curtain comprising an outer curtain adapted to be attached to the top and to the bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly to the bottom of the lower berth; an inner curtain integral with the former adapted to be attached to the top of the lower berth or bottom of the upper berth, and to extend to the bottom of the lower berth provided with means for such attachment, substantially as shown and described.

2. A berth-curtain for two or more berths comprising an outer main curtain, an inner curtain of less length integral with the outer curtain, the main curtain to hang from the top of the upper berth, and the short curtain to hang from the top of the intermediate or lower berth, whereby when the outer curtain is drawn aside the inner or short curtain will remain in a closed position.

3. A berth-curtain comprising an outer curtain adapted to be attached to the top and bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen the upper and lower berths, provided with a wing forming an inner curtain, and adapted to be attached to the top of the lower berth or bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen the lower berth independently of the outer curtain substantially as described.

4. A berth-curtain adapted to be attached to the top and bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen both upper and lower berths, provided with a wing at the bottom of the upper berth, which wing

forms an inner curtain, for the lower berth, and is adapted to be attached to the top of the lower berth or bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen the lower berth independently of the outer curtain, substantially as described.

5. A berth-curtain adapted to be attached to the top and bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen both upper and lower berths, provided with a wing at the bottom of the upper berth, which wing forms an inner curtain for the lower berth, and is adapted to be attached to the top of the lower berth or bottom of the upper berth, and to extend downwardly so as to screen the lower berth independently of the upper curtain, and provided with eyelets through which a key is adapted to pass, said key having a ward at one end and handle at the other, and wings placed between the ward and the handle substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

6. A berth-curtain provided with a wing forming an inner curtain adapted to screen the lower berth independently of the outer curtain, and attached to the bottom of the upper berth by means of a key adapted to pass through eyelets in the curtain and through and into a lock-plate on the bottom of the upper or top of the lower berth, which key is provided with wings placed between the ward and the handle substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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