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 QUILTING FRAME.

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Fig: 1.

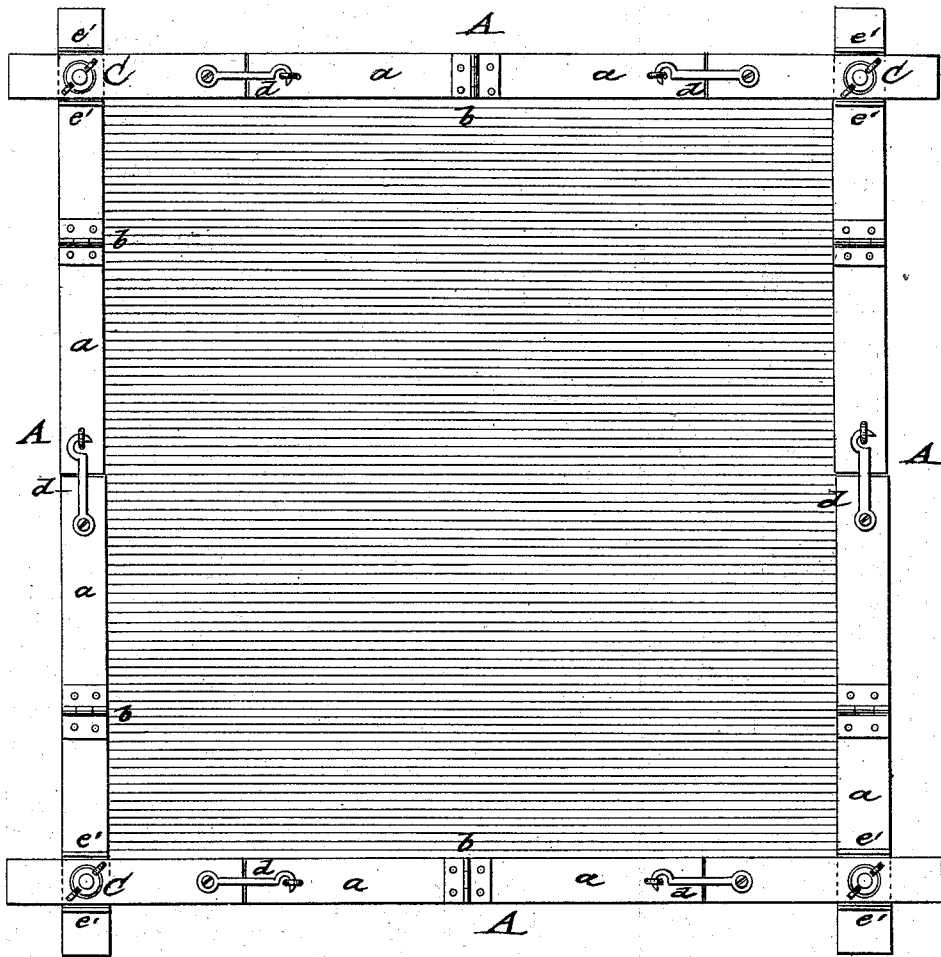


Fig: 2.

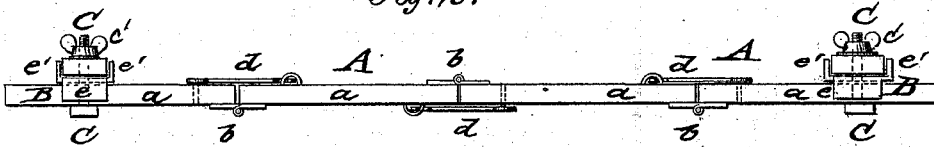
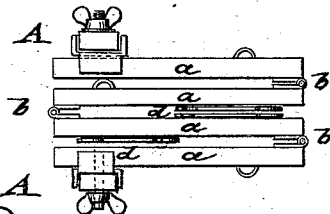


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN QUILTING-FRAMES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCES M. TOUSLEY, of Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and Improved Quilting-Frame, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved quilting-frame; Fig. 2, a side view, and Fig. 3 an end view, of the same, shown folded up with the quilt.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved quilting-frame that is capable of being folded up into convenient and compact shape with the quilts, for taking up less room when setting away the work, and which may also be folded up for storing or shipping into a very small space after use.

The invention consists of a quilting-frame composed of rails made of hinged pieces, that are stiffened at the joints by locking hooks and eyes, and connected at the corners by flanged metallic seats and fastening thumb-screws. By loosening the hooks of parallel rails the frame and quilt may be folded; by detaching the rails and loosening all the hooks the entire frame may be folded up.

In the drawing, A A are the folding rails, of which four constitute my improved quilting-frame. The rails are made of several pieces, *a*, connected at alternately opposite sides by hinges *b*, and by locking hooks and eyes *d*, for the purpose of forming one rigid rail or folding the same up, as desired.

The rails A are connected at the corners by intermediate metallic seats B, having parallel downward-bent flanges *e*, to bind on the lower rail, and parallel upward-bent flanges *e'*, at right angles to the former, to bind on the upper rail. Through holes of the rails A and seats B are passed the fastening screw-bolts C, which, by thumb-screws C', secure the rails tightly to each other, and admit, on being unscrewed, the ready detaching of the rails for being folded up. The quilt is stretched on the frame in any suitable manner, and readily folded up with two parallel side rails, A, when it is desired to put it away at any time during the continuance of the work, the quilt and frame taking up thereby less room, and being easier handled.

When the quilt is finished the rails are detached, folded up, and stored, with the fastening screw-bolts, out of the way, taking up but little room, and being at any time readily and conveniently arranged for the work.

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

A folding quilting-frame, composed of sectional rails A, hinged at alternate sides, and locked by stiffening hooks and eyes of flanged seats B, and binding on the rails by connecting screw-bolts C, passing through rails and seats, and fastened by thumb-nuts C', substantially as described.

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