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Bed-Bottom.

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Fig:1.

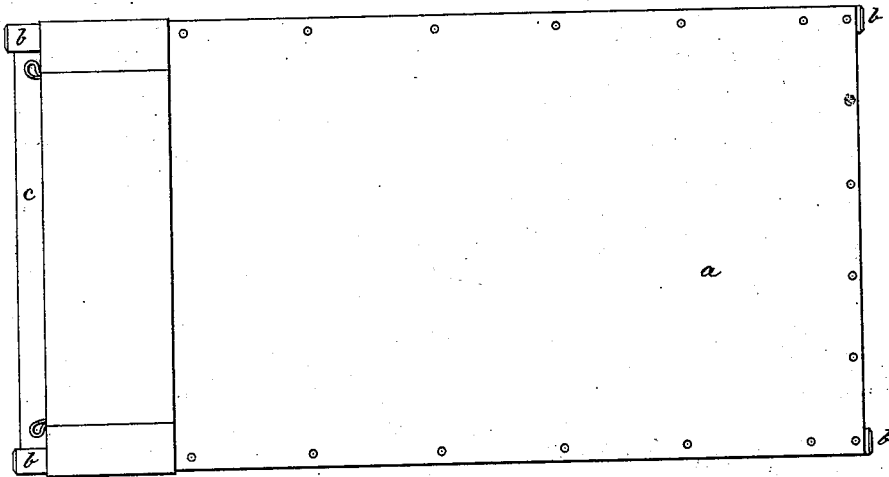


Fig:2.

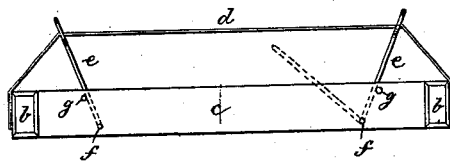
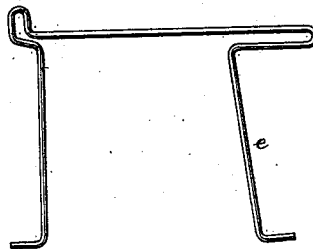


Fig:3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-BOTTOMS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, TYLER HOWE and OTIS HOWE, both of Cambridge, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Bed-Bottoms, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to bed-bottoms, and has for its object to provide a cheap and efficient bolster or pillow section.

The invention consists in the combination, with a bed-bottom, of a flexible bolster or pillow section, and rests to elevate it above the bed-bottom.

Figure 1 represents, in top view, a bed-bottom embodying our invention; Fig. 2, an end view of the head of the bed-bottom, and Fig. 3 one of the bolster rests or supports.

The bed-bottom shown in this embodiment of our invention is made of suitable cloth, *a*, secured to a frame-work, *b c*, of any usual size; but it is obvious that the portion *a*, to support the body of the person, may be of woven wire, slats, or any other usual material.

The bolster or pillow section *d* is composed of a flexible strip of suitable cloth, or material commonly used for bed-bottoms. Such strip is fastened at its end to the side rails *b*, and is elevated and held up, when it is desired to use the bolster or pillow section, by means of rests *e*, shown pivoted at *f*.

When the rests are turned up and back so as to strike the stops *g*, the bolster or pillow section will be held up; but when it is desired to place the bed-bottom in most compact space, the rests are turned over in the direction of the dotted lines, and then the section *d* may be completely lowered.

This invention is specially applicable as a cheap bed-bottom for hot climates, and then the portions *a d* will be made of canvas. The open space between the pillow-section *d* and portion *a* permits free circulation of air. The rests *e*, bent as shown in Fig. 3, enable the bolster portion *d* to yield somewhat at the edge next portion *a*.

We claim—

In a bed-bottom, the bolster *d*, separated from the main bottom, in combination with the movable rests *e*, pivoted at *f*, and stops *g*, the whole adapted to be folded within the bed-bottom and extended for use at will, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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