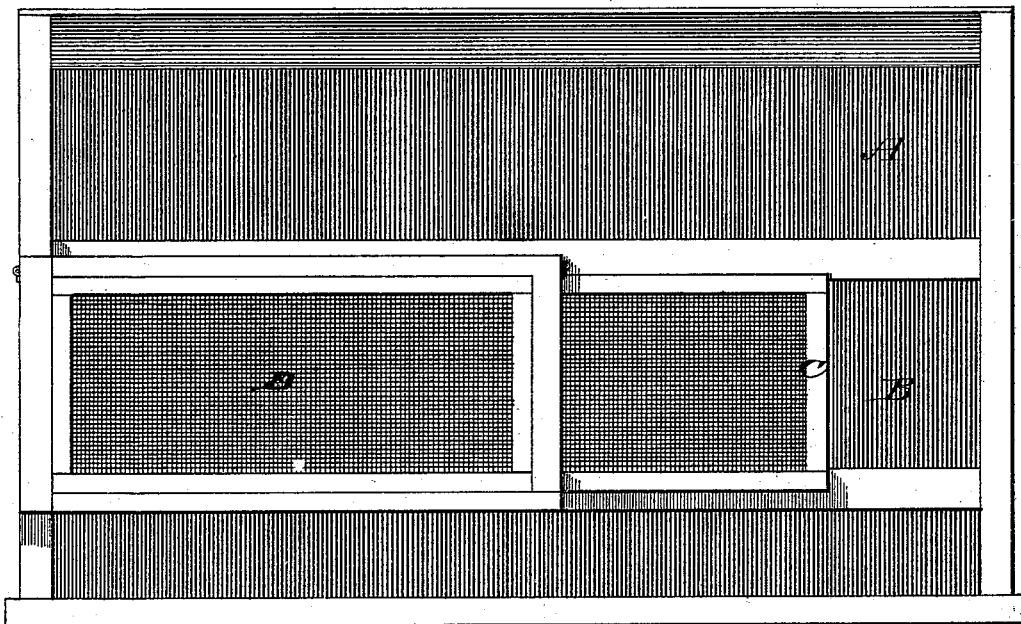


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IMPROVEMENT IN SLEEPING-CARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. CONVERSE, of Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improvement in Sleeping-Cars, of which the following is a specification:

My invention is designed for the more effectual protection of persons while occupying berths in sleeping-cars.

It consists in securing the outer side of the berth by means of wire-cloth screens, so as to prevent the intrusion of thieves or other unauthorized persons.

The screens are fastened in front of the berths in any appropriate manner, the wire-cloth being secured to frames which slide upon each other like window-frames, thus affording the means of access and egress to and from the berths.

The accompanying drawing presents a front elevation of a section of a sleeping-car having my screens applied to one of the berths.

A and B are, respectively, upper and lower berths. D and C are two frames having wire-cloth stretched upon the same. The frame D is fastened to the front of the berth in any convenient manner, so that it can be readily detached when it is desired to fold up the berths in order to put the car in condition for day use. The frame C slides inside the frame D, so that it may be opened for convenience

in getting in and out of the berth, and it may be fastened by means of a bolt, lock, and key, or other suitable fastening. These frames may be applied to either or both upper and lower berths.

I do not wish to be understood as confining myself to sliding frames, as it is evident that they might be hinged to the partitions at the head or front of the berths, or to any convenient part of the berth or car, and answer the main objects of my invention equally well.

I prefer to cover the frames with wire-cloth because it combines security with ventilation, and, while enabling the occupant to see out, sufficiently shields him from the observation of others.

By arranging and inclosing the berths as above described, and fastening the frames by means of lock and key that can be used from the outside, it makes a safe place for keeping valuables when the berth is not occupied.

What I claim as my invention is—

In combination with a sleeping-car berth, the frames C and D, covered with wire-cloth for screening and securing the front of the berths, substantially as set forth.

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