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THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.



To all to whom these Letters Patent shall come:

Whereas Sacob B. and William L. Platt, of Augusta, Ga.  
have alleged that they have invented a new and useful  
improvement in Camp-Cots.

which they state has not been known or used before their application have made oath that they  
are Citizens of the Confederate States that they do  
verily believe that they are the original and first inventors or discoverers of the said  
Improvement and that the same hath not, to the best of their knowledge and belief, been previously known or used;  
have paid into the treasury of the Confederate States, the sum of Forty dollars,  
and presented a petition to the Commissioner of Patents, signifying a desire of obtaining an exclusive property in the said  
Improvement and praying that a patent may be granted for that purpose.

These are therefore to grant according to law, to the said Sacob B.  
and William L. Platt their heirs, administrators or assigns, for the term of Fourteen  
years from the Seventh day of January one thousand eight hundred  
and Sixty-two the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, constructing, using, and vending to others  
to be used, the said Improvement a description whereof is given in the words of the said S. B.  
and W. L. Platt in the schedule hereunto annexed, and is made a part of these presents.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made  
Patent, and the Seal of the Patent Office has been hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Richmond  
this Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and Sixty-two

Countersigned and Sealed with the  
Seal of the Patent Office.

James N. White Commissioner of Patents.

W. Gray Attorney General.

Specifications annexed to Patent No. 60 granted to Jacob B.  
and William L. Platt, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1862.

To all whom it may concern,

Be it known that we Jacob B. and William L. Platt of Augusta in the county of Richmond in the State of Georgia, have invented a new and improved Universal Cot for Camp and Hospital purposes and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof reference being had to the accompanying drawings which make a part hereof and to the letters of reference marked thereon. The nature of our invention consists in the providing and arranging the parts of a cot in such a manner that it may be folded or rolled up into a small space when it is to be transported from place to place, or not in use without detaching any of the parts thereof, and still be of a light weight and strong, and durable construction, and also a cot which by means of elevators the body of the person occupying the cot can be raised to any desired angle and there retained in that position without any effort on the part of the person occupying the cot.

Fig. 1. Is a perspective view of the cot with the body elevated, showing the elevators and the mode of attaching the legs to one side of the cot frame and the braces of the legs, and the stay to the legs at the head of the cot when the brace is elevated. Fig. 2. Is also a perspective view of the cot with the head more elevated to show the arrangement of the parts more fully. Fig. 3. Is a view of the cot partly closed, one pair of the legs being folded and the other pair detached from one side ready to be folded, and the braces of the legs on that side folded back into the frame. Fig. 4. Is the cot entirely folded and secured by the means of straps ready for transportation. We construct our cot of the same width and length as the ordinary cot, the legs are the same, on one side they are attached to the side of the cot frame by means of the hinges H, and the other side has a pin on the top end of the leg these pins t. Fig. 5. are inserted into the bottom side at B, and are further secured by the use of light iron braces r, r, r, r, these braces are secured to the sides of the cot frame and to pins on the legs and kept in their places by the use of the drop buttons P, P.

Fig. 6. the legs at the head are further secured from any undue strain upon the sides when the head is elevated by means of a jointed stay of iron L, the sides of the cot frame from the head end are made smaller for about one third the length of the cot and to these are attached the elevating sides A, and the elevated head B, this head is elevated by the means of the two

elevators e.e, which are of iron with holes in them, which pass over pins in the sides this head is also further secured from strain by the use of a head coupling C, from side to side and the use of two ring straps a.a, which pass over the pins i.i in the head coupling, when this cot is folded the coupling is detached from one end, and folded in the other side, the pins i.i passing into the holes c.c. on the other side which secures it in its place.

Fig 1. C, the cot bed, D, the leg, H, the hinge of legs S, the pin on the leg through the side r.r.r.r, the braces x, the jointed stay B, the elevated head A, the sides e.e, the elevators O, the head coupling a.a, the ring straps i.i, the pins for the rings c.c, the holes for the pins i.i, when the head coupling is folded F.F, the sides of the cot frame. Fig 2. F.F, the sides of the cot frame C, the cot bed D, D, the legs H, the hinge of legs S, the pin on the leg through the side r.r.r.r, the braces x, the jointed stay B, the elevated head A, the sides e.e, the elevators O, the head coupling a.a, the ring straps i.i, the pins for the rings c.c, the holes for the pins i.i, when the head coupling is folded.

Fig 3. F.F, the sides of the cot frame C, the cot bed D, D, the legs one set folding and the other ready to fold H, H, the hinges of the legs t.t, the pins on the legs through the side r.r, the braces folded back into the side s.s, the holes in the side in which the pins t.t, are inserted, O, the end of the head coupling. Fig 4. F.F, the sides of the cot frame C, the cot bed rolled around the sides n.n, straps to confine the parts in their places when the cot is folded for transportation.

To set up the cot for use, loose the straps lay the cot on the floor with the side upon which the straps are full out, the sides and raise the legs, insert the pins t.t, into the holes s.s, and attach the braces to the legs, turn it over and it is ready for use.

What we claim as our invention and desire to secure by letters patent, is the combination of the cot bed with the hinges H, pins T.T, braces r.r.r.r, drop buttons p.p, iron stays x.x, elevating side A, elevated head B, elevators e.e, head coupling or ring straps a.a, when the same parts are arranged and constructed in the manner described and as herein specified. We also claim the graduating elevating head when applied to a folding or portable cot.

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FIG 1.

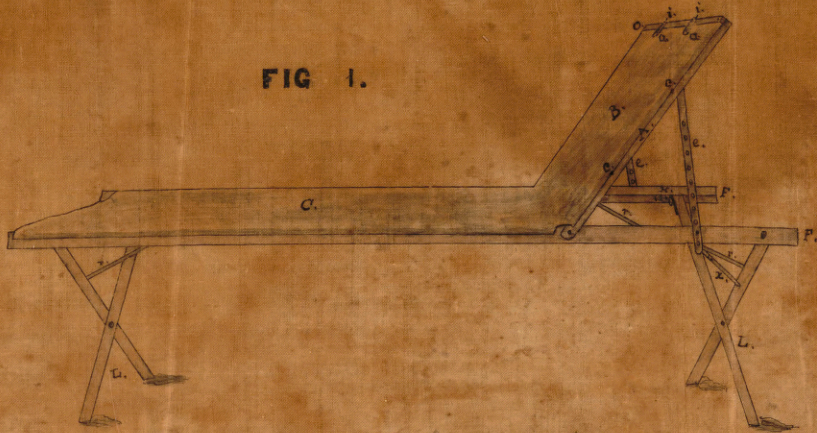


FIG 2.

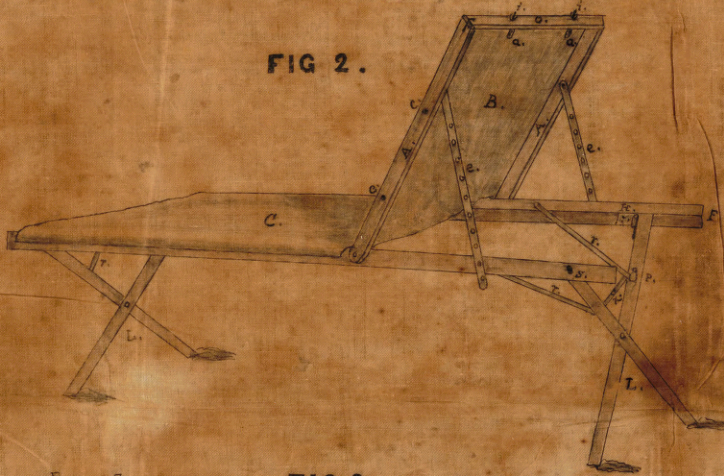
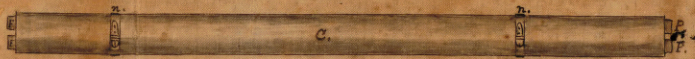


FIG 3.



FIG 4.



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