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Bed-Bug Trap,

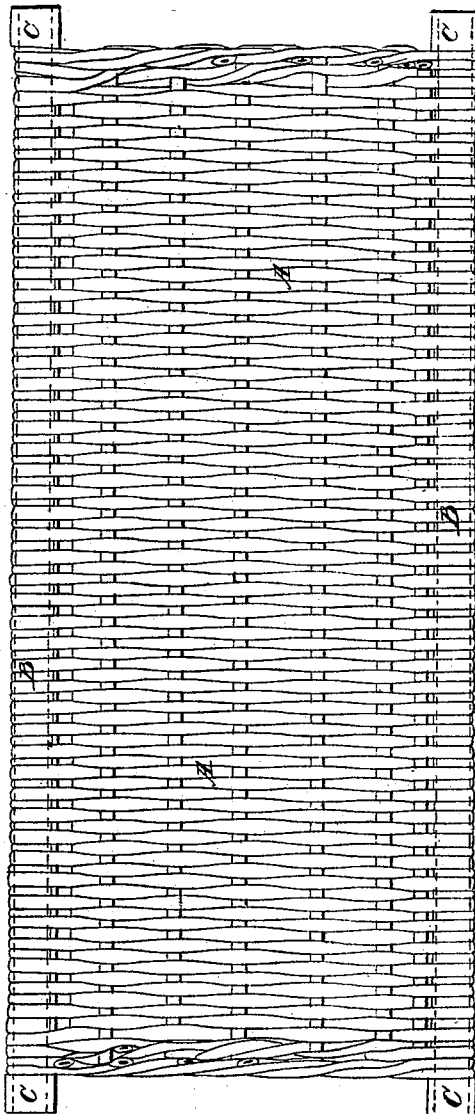
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Fig. 2.



Fig. 1.



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BED-BUG TRAP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TAPPER, of the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bed-Bug Trap; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure I is a front view, and Fig. II is a cross section, of my improved bed-bug trap.

This trap consists of a long, narrow frame, A, the length about equal to the inside width of the bed, and the width of the frame about equal to the thickness of the mattress, made of split willow, rattan, reed, or similar substances, and basket-braided. On the upper and lower sides round or cornered sticks or bars B B are arranged for the purpose of giving strength to the frame-work. On the ends of the rods B, outside of the braided work, caps C C, made either of wood or india-rubber, are fastened to hold the basket-braided work in its position on said rods B during any violent shaking or knocking of the frame. This frame is placed either at the head or foot of

the bed, or two or more frames may be put into a bed at the same time, edgewise. The nature of the bug being to crawl into crevices, they will naturally go to this frame, offering, from the manner of its construction, innumerable creep-holes.

Before the bed is made in the morning the frame or frames are carefully taken out, and by knocking the same violently with the ends of the rods B upon the floor or a stone, the bug will loose its hold on the wood-work and fall off, when the same may be readily killed. If bugs are in any other household furniture similar frames of suitable dimensions may be used in those articles, when the bug will easily be caught and got rid of in the same manner.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement and use of a braided frame, made of split willow or its equivalent, for the purpose of acting as a trap for bed-bugs, in the manner substantially as described.

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