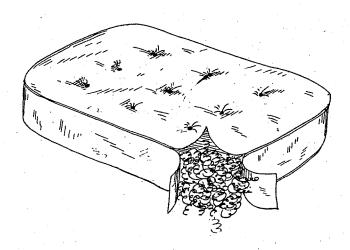
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## J. L. WELLS & H. WESTON. UPHOLSTERY FILLING.

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## UPHOLSTERY-FILLING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Joseph L. Wells and Henry Weston, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, nave invented certain new and useful Improvements in Upholstery-Filling; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

The figure of the drawing shows a pillow or cushion formed of our improved filling, in

perspective.

Our invention has for its object to provide a new and efficient filling or packing for upholstery and similar purposes, which shall possess greater elasticity and be more durable and cleanly than any article for similar uses heretofore employed or produced.

Our invention consists of a filling or packing material composed of fine metallic wire curled in similitude of curled hair, or coiled and

matted.

In carrying our invention into effect we produce fine metallic wire, using any metal suitable for the purpose, preferably steel or brass, such wire being drawn to or about the diameter of horse-hair, such as is used in manufacture of curled filling for mattresses, &c. This wire is curled in any suitable manner—as by coiling on a mandrel—and then matted or

bunched, forming an elastic mass suitable for a filling or stuffing for pillows, mattresses, chairs, and for upholstering in general. This 35 product is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it is designed, being light, flexible, elastic, durable, and cleanly. It is in effect metallic hair, and possesses the excellent attributes of curled hair, being, however, more 40 elastic and durable than the latter.

The material may be used when alone as a packing or combined with hair, moss, or any other kind of upholstery-packing, so as to increase the elasticity of the same, as well as 45 to preserve this quality for an indefinite period.

What we claim as our invention is as follows:

1. The new article of manufacture herein 50 described, consisting of fine wire or metallic hair curled and matted or bunched, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. Metallic hair curled and matted or bunched and combined with animal hair, moss, or other 55 material as a packing for upholstery purposes.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 4th day of August, 1883.

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