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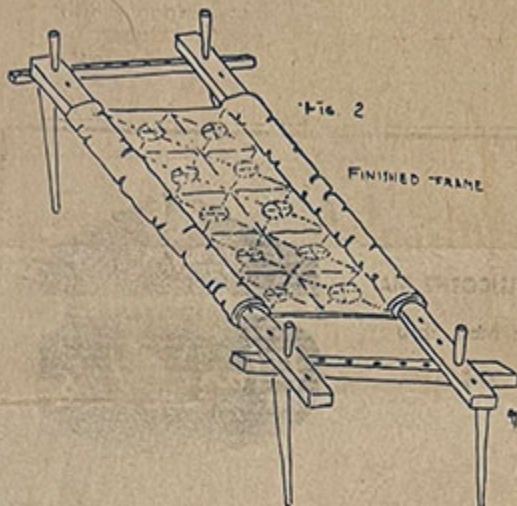


Fig. 2

FINISHED FRAME

Frame for quilting is easily constructed

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I recently received a letter from Mrs. Ann Yarmer of Seneca Falls, N.Y., requesting how-to information on quilting frames. Now that quilting has become so popular again this column should be of interest to many others.

You will need two 2x4's cut 2 feet longer than the width of the quilt you intend to setw. For a double bed quilt 6 feet wide have the 2x4's cut 8 feet long. You will also use two 2x4's cut four feet in length.

Also buy four unfinished tapered table legs, short size about 18 inches long (to be used as pins). This makes a simple frame. To this add four table legs; these should be about 213 inches all for ease of sewing. If your frame is too low, the sewers get a kink in their necks, too high and the sewers get eye strain from swinging too close to the work.

First, each short 2x4 must be drilled with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch bit every six inches (see line Fig. 1). The pieces should be

similarly about four holes on each end, holes spaced about 6 inches apart, thus giving the necessary variable width and length to meet quilting requirements.

Next sand all pieces smooth to avoid snagging the materials and if eye appeal is desired finish with a spar varnish or clear acrylic.

Now fit the shorter pieces with a set of sturdy legs which can be purchased with mounting plates at most hardware stores. Remember to buy 28-inch length, which will really put the working surface at approximately 30 inches. When the quilting frame is not in use these legs can be easily removed and stored with the boards.

Now assemble the frame by placing the two longer 2x4's over the shorter 2x4's and inserting the short table legs as holding pins (Fig. 2). The quilt can now be rolled on the longer 2x4's as it is worked, and this frame will accom-

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