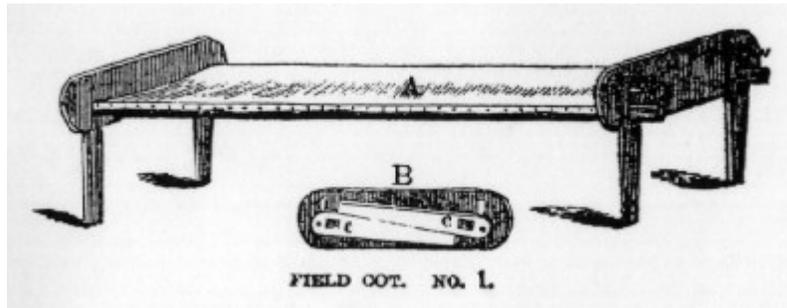


The Cots

The Cots that we sleep on, were originally described in an 1859 book, called the *Prairie Traveler, A hand-book for Overland Expeditions*. By Randolph B. Marcy Captain U. S. Army

A Digital version of the book is available at http://www.kancoll.org/books/marcy/mar5_14b.htm

They are described and illustrated as such:



FIELD COTS. In No. 1, A represents the cot put up for use; B. the cot folded for transportation. The legs turn upon iron bolts running through the head and foot boards; they are then placed upon the canvas, and the whole is rolled up around the side pieces.



I originally found the plans in a book called the *Civil War Woodworking*, by Master Woodworker A. J. Hamler – I've found volume one and volume two to be a great asset in developing items for our camps.

I chose to make our cots completely out of hard maple; however the header/footer and legs may be made from other hardwoods – each of the cots are made from two boards. The side rails are always made from hard maple they are finished with Danish Oil and pined using solid rivets.

They are easy to setup and tear down using simple mortise and tenon joints for assembly.

Conventional size, provides a sleeping surface of
27" x 72"

Typical mortise and tenon
Joint, shown here on an
Unfinished cot



These cots are made upon request, I charge \$350 per cot, they are hand made from Hardwoods. I require a half down deposit. It takes about one week to make a cot. – Multiples can be made at a time add about half a day extra per cot. Please specify if you need special modifications for size & weight. Note, these are functional, working cots if requested for a rush order add 25% to the total cost. Please arrange to pick-up the cot at an event, or shipping & handling fees are applied, Paypal fees applied.

Please contact me directly at McNary@Minn.net for orders.