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Fig. 1.

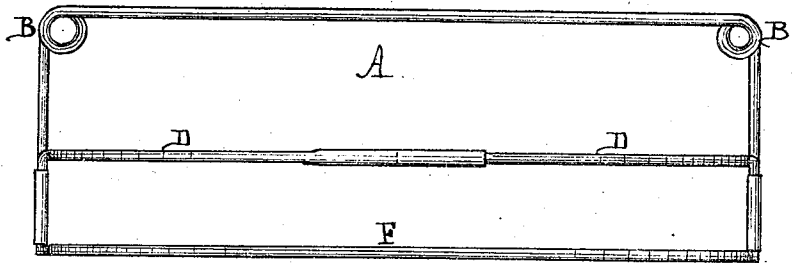


Fig. 2.

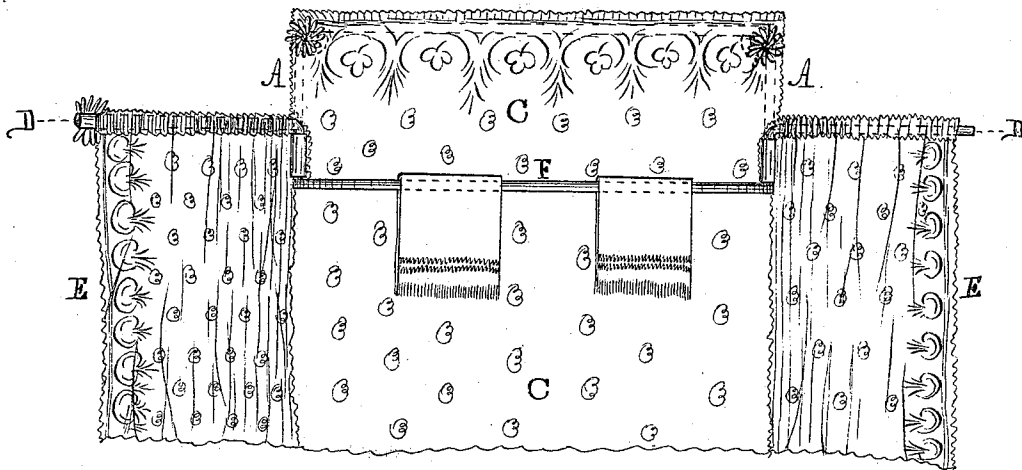
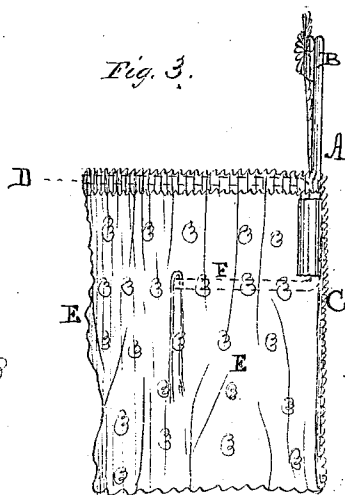


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SCREENS FOR WASH-STANDS, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 129,667, dated July 23, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLOTTE A. JOHNSON, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Screen for Wash-Stands, Commodes, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear and exact description of the nature thereof, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to fully understand and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the supporting-frame and other parts, the skirts or screen being removed. Fig. 2 is a front view of the completed device in an open state, and Fig. 3 is a side view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention relates to a device for covering wash-stands, commodes, &c., and preventing the soiling of the wall or other place by splashing, &c. It consists in a light frame for attachment of the back skirt, supporting the arm or arms of the front skirt, and affording means for securing or hanging the screen to the wall or elsewhere. It also consists in adapting a portion of the frame as a towel-rack.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a frame, which is constructed of wire, in order to be light, durable, simple, and cheap, for the purpose intended. B represents eyes formed with the frame, whereby the latter may be hung or secured to the wall or other intended place. The back skirt C will be sewed or otherwise attached to the frame, and is designed to protect the place over and behind the wash-stand, commode, toilet-table, or other like articles. To the side or sides of the frame I hinge an arm or arms, D, which are constructed of wire, and adapted to swing outward or upward.

When said arm or arms are closed or lowered, the front skirt E, secured thereto, may be made to cover the pitcher, basin, cups, &c., on the wash-stand, commode, or other places and articles relatively to the intended use of the screen. When the articles are required for use the support D is swung up or out, and thus the said articles are exposed to view and accordingly accessible. Should said support be opened outwardly, the skirt or skirts thereon will serve to protect the wall or place at the side or sides of the back skirt.

The lower portion of the frame is formed into a towel-rack, F, which will be in front of the back skirt (when applied) and behind the front skirt. It will be seen that the towels, &c., may be hung on the rack without interfering with the other parts of the screen, and if desired, when the support is closed or lowered, said towels may be removed without disturbing the front skirt, by simply reaching over the latter.

If the support D consists of two arms, their ends may be locked to prevent accidental opening thereof.

The device will be found to be useful and ornamental.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The supporting-frame A and the adjustable or jointed support D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The towel-rack F, in combination with the frame A of the screen, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above signed by me this 14th day of December, 1871.

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