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Fig 1.

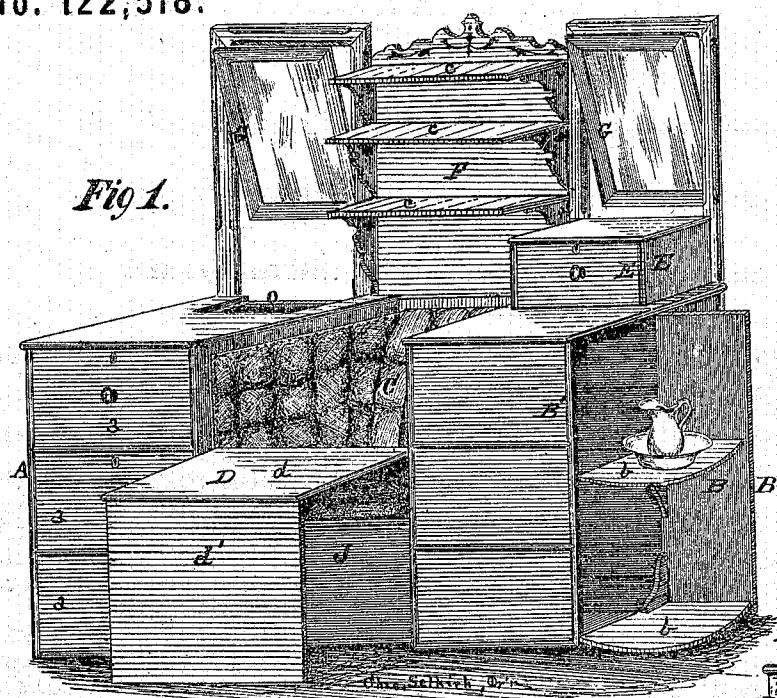


Fig 3.

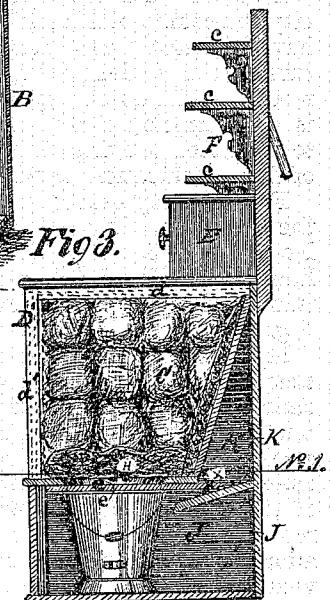


Fig 2.

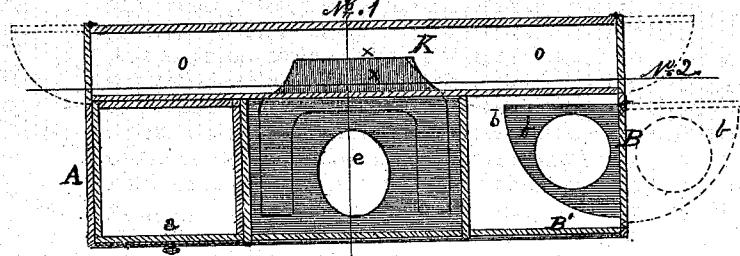
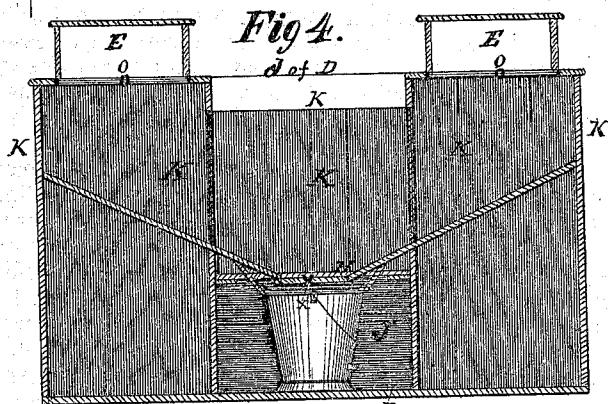


Fig 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHAMBER-COMMODES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS ELKINS, of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new article of chamber furniture which I denominate "Chamber-Commode;" and I do hereby declare the following is a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical view at line No. 1 in Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a side elevation at line No. 1 in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal cross-section taken at line No. 2 in Fig. 2.

My invention relates to a new and useful article of chamber furniture which I denominate chamber-commode; and consists in the combination of a bureau, mirror, book-rack, wash-stand, table, easy-chair, and earth-closet or chamber-stool, or a combination of a number of the said articles in such a manner as to render the said piece of furniture capable of affording the several accommodations and conveniences to be had only in the several articles as they are now constructed, the object of this invention being the rendering of a single piece of furniture capable of serving in several capacities, whereby the several pieces of furniture now required for accommodation and convenience in a chamber may be dispensed with.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it in reference to the drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters indicating like parts.

In the drawing, A represents a bureau, which may be furnished with several drawers *a a a*, of size and number as may be required. B is a swinging wash-stand provided with one or more platforms, *b b*, for holding a wash-basin, pitcher, and other articles used for ablution. The said platforms are attached to the said swinging stand B, which can be swung so as to carry the said platforms *b b* within the stand-case B' or out from the same, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Between the bureau A and wash-stand case B I make an easy-chair, C, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, which easy-chair I upholster in the usual manner. D is a removable table, which, when in use, is placed before the chair C, and held

in position by hooks and staples or other equivalent devices. The said table consists of the top *d* and front *d'*, as may be used for sewing, food, or for writing, or a work-table, as may be desired. When the said table is not required and the chair is not occupied the said table is placed over the recess occupied by the chair C, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, when the whole will present the appearance of a bureau. The said table may be provided with a drawer to hold writing materials or other articles. On both, or either the bureau A and wash-stand case B', I place the toilet-drawers or boxes E, which are intended to hold toilet articles and are to cover the openings to the earth-reservoirs, which I will hereafter describe. F is a book-rack placed above the chair C above the reach of the head of a person sitting thereon, and may be furnished with one or more shelves, *c c*, as shown. G G are toilet-glasses or mirrors, one or more, arranged at the back of either the bureau A or wash-stand case B', or both, as may be desired. H is a chamber-stool, made to consist of the bottom of the chair C, provided with the usual opening *e*, shown in Fig. 2, by which communication is had to the closet below. J is the stool-closet located beneath the chair C, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and is intended to receive any vessel suitable for stool purposes. If desired, the wash-stand B can be arranged at the side of the bureau A, and the chair can be placed at an end shown occupied by the wash-stand. K is an earth-reservoir placed back of the bureau, wash-stand, and easy-chair, as shown in Fig. 2. Entrances are made to the said reservoir through openings *o o*, Figs. 1, 2, and 4, which openings I prefer to place beneath the toilet-boxes E E, one of which is shown removed in Fig. 1. The bottom of the said earth-reservoir is made funnel-shaped, as shown in Fig. 4, to carry the earth to a proper point back of the chair C. A suitable valve or gate is provided to cut off or permit the fall of earth from or to the vessel placed in the chamber J, which valve or gate may be operated by any of the known methods now used.

In some cases I might dispense with some or more of the elements above described, and combine with the chair, stool, and earth reservoir the bureau only, or the wash-stand, or both,

dispensing with the book-rack or the toilet-glass, as might be required by the parties interested in its use or the nature of the room in which the article is to be used, and in such cases, though the article would be abbreviated and reduced in the number of useful elements it would have, yet it would still present several useful and convenient features as to render it a most desirable article of furniture.

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

The arrangement of the chair C with the bureau A and wash-stand B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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