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FIG. 1.

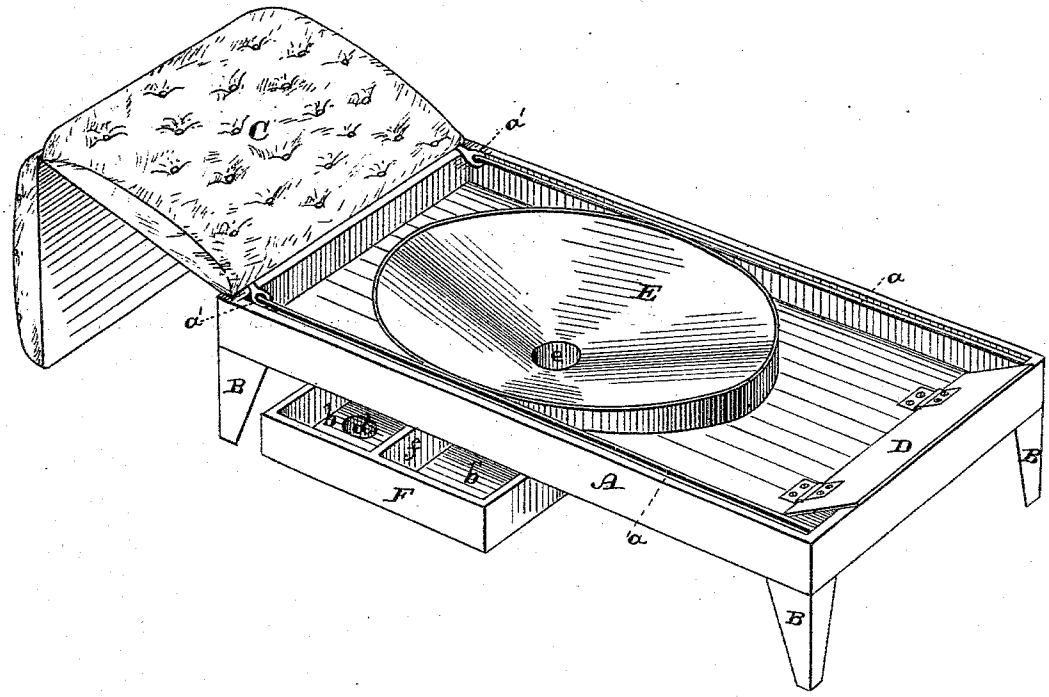
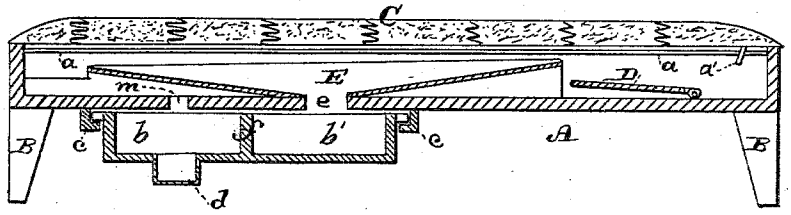


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN RODGERS, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Invalid-Settee; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to an invalid's settee for the use of those afflicted with disorders requiring injections.

My invention consists in a settee or frame having a sliding or removable top, a perforated basin or seat-rest, and a peculiar sliding box or receptacle, all arranged and operating in the manner I shall hereinafter fully explain, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section.

My invention is specially designed for the use of women who are afflicted with uterine or other similar troubles, and who use as remedies therefor medicines applied by injection. It is usual to perform the necessary operation in a reclining posture upon a bed, and heretofore an ordinary bed-pan has been used to prevent the soiling of the bed. This operation is inconvenient and troublesome, requiring a certain amount of previous preparation and great care.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient frame which, when closed, will resemble an ordinary settee, but which may be opened when required, and contain within itself all the necessary means and conveniences for performing the operation without danger of soiling anything, and without inconvenience to the person.

A is a frame having legs B and an upholstered cover, C, loosely lying on the frame. The top of the frame is recessed or hollowed out, and in it are inserted longitudinally the rods *a*, upon which the cover or top C is adapted to travel by means of staples *a'* in its under surface. This top C is made in two parts, jointed or hinged transversely at the center, which adapts it to turn, as shown in Fig. 1, when opened, so that one end rests on the floor, and serves as a brace to sustain the other end or portion in an inclined position, to permit the patient to recline thereon.

In the frame is hinged a foot-board, D, which may be turned up to position or turned down flat out of the way when the top C is drawn full over the frame. In the center of the frame A is a concave basin or receptacle, E, for the seat of the patient. This is centrally perforated at *e*.

F is a box or drawer, made of sheet metal, preferably. It has a central partition, *f*, dividing it into two compartments, *b* and *b'*. This drawer slides on guides *c* under the frame A, in such position that its compartment *b'* is just under the hole *e* in the seat-rest E. The floor of the other compartment, *b*, is inclined or sloped to one end, and has a cup, *d*, at its lowest portion. A small hole, *m*, is made directly over the cup *d* when the drawer is in position.

The use of this device is as follows: The top C is first drawn back to the position shown in Fig. 1. This exposes the seat-rest E. The foot-board D is turned up. In the compartment *b* of the drawer F is placed the water or medicine, as the case may be. The syringe is charged by inserting it down through the hole *m* into the compartment *b'* or cup *d*. The waste liquid passes off through the hole *e* into the compartment *b'* of the drawer, which is then removed. After the operation the top is replaced, and the device becomes an ordinary settee.

The object in having the floor of compartment *b* sloping to one end is to allow it to be completely drained by the syringe if all the liquid is required.

The object of the cup is to contain such medicines as are to be used in small quantities. By flowing down into the cup the whole of it may be taken up.

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

1. In an invalid's settee, the frame A and perforated basin or seat-rest E, in combination with the cover or top C, fitting the frame and covering the seat-rest, said cover being transversely jointed and hinged at its center, and rods and eyes *a a'*, for sliding said cover

to disclose the seat-rest, substantially as herein described.

2. In an invalid's settee, the frame A, having a hole, *m*, through its floor, and the perforated basin or seat-rest E, in combination with the box or drawer F, having two compartments, *b b'*, one of which is in connection with the hole *m*, and the other with the perforated seat-rest, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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