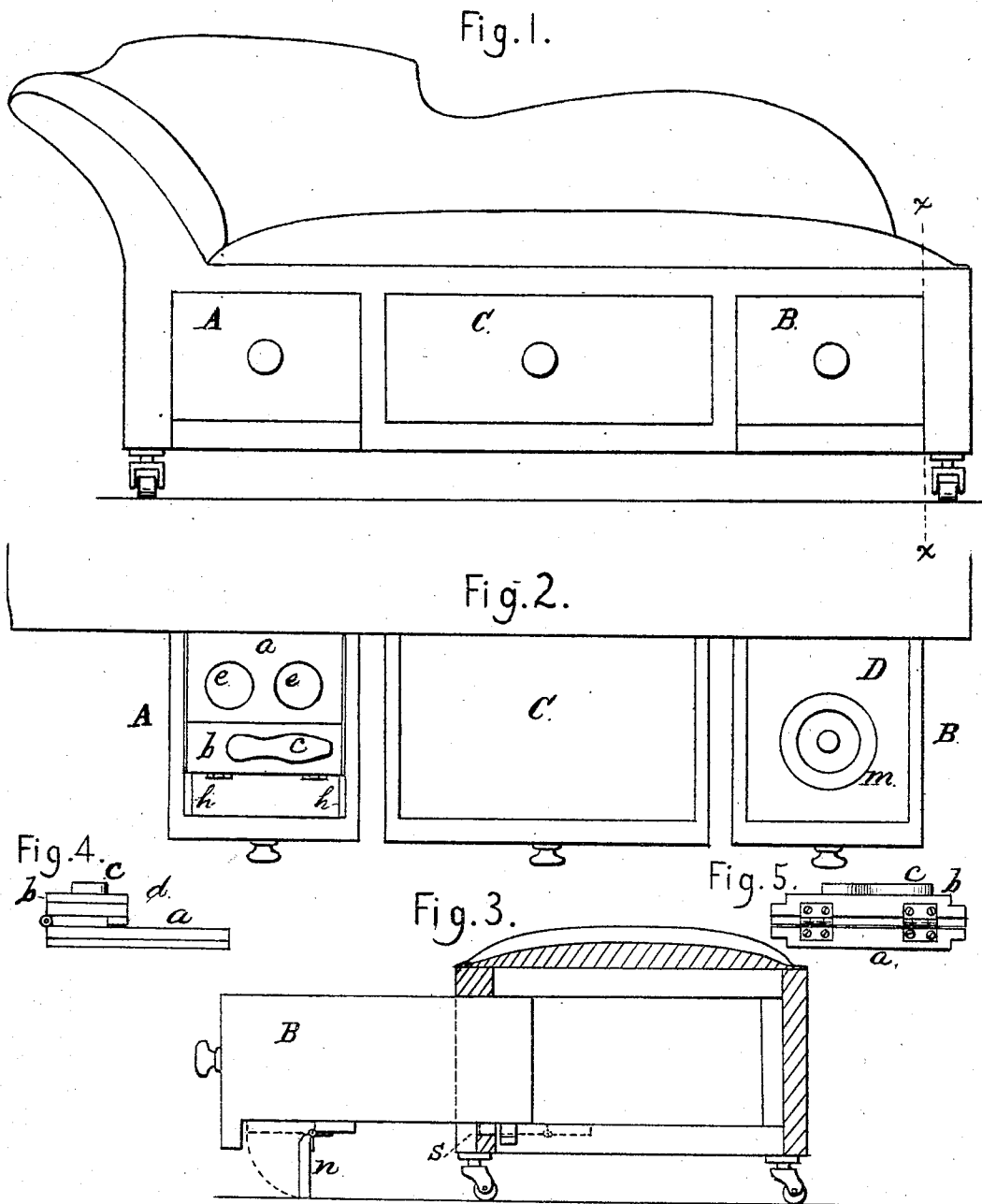


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONATHAN Q. RAND and JOSEPH F. MCSHERRY, of Baltimore city, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lounges; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a front view of lounge. Fig. 2 is a top view, showing sliding commode and blacking-box, drawn out ready for use. Fig. 3 is a transverse section, as indicated by the dotted lines *xx* of Fig. 1, the commode being drawn out to show position of hinged leg for supporting it. Fig. 4 is an end view of blacking-box arrangement removed from drawer. Fig. 5 is a view showing clearly the hinged portion thereof.

Like letters in the different figures of the drawings indicate like parts.

This invention consists in a combination of devices with sliding drawers arranged under the seat of a lounge, so as to form and combine therewith the conveniences of a commode and blacking-box; the object being to utilize the waste space under the seat of the lounge, in order that the said articles may be kept perfectly private and out of the way, and yet be easily accessible, when desired for use; the said devices being constructed and arranged so that they can be readily removed at any time, and the drawers used without them. Also, in the combination of hinged legs, with the sliding commode and blacking-box, so that by means of slots in the bottom-rail of the lounge the said legs will fold up automatically against the bottoms of each when closed, and will fall or drop down by their own gravity in a position to support the commode or blacking-box when opened, as will be hereinafter more fully explained and claimed.

A B are drawers arranged to slide freely under the seat of the lounge, and having a suitable knob on the front for drawing them out. The drawer A, upon which the blacking-box

arrangement is formed, is placed in the head of the lounge; while the drawer B, upon which the commode is formed, is placed at the foot thereof. A drawer, C, proper, is arranged between the two, which may be used for keeping clothes in.

The blacking-box arrangement consists of a plate, *a*, with a portion of it, *b*, hinged and provided with a foot-rest, *c*, and bar *d*, so as to fold down and rest upon the plate, and thus form a support for the foot. (See Fig. 4.) The plate having circular recesses *e e* to receive the box or boxes of blacking, and rabbeted under and at each side thereof so as to fit and slide freely on cleats *h h* attached on the inside to the sides of the drawer A, and enough below the top thereof to let the bar *d* of the plate clear the upper rail of the lounge when closing the blacking-box.

The commode consists of a plate, D, having a hole and cover, *m*, and made to fit on the inside close to the sides and ends of the drawer B, cleats being attached thereto for it to rest upon. The chamber is placed in the bottom of the commode, opposite to the hole of the plate, which latter can be easily removed to remove the chamber.

If desired, the commode and blacking-box can be converted into drawers at any time, and be used as such by removing plates *a* D.

After the blacking-box has been used the plate *a* is slid back to let the hinged portion thereof fold back flat upon the cleats, when the box can then be closed. The brushes, of course, are kept in the bottom of the box.

The commode and blacking-box are both supported by legs *n*, to keep the strain off from the upper rail of the lounge when in use, or otherwise the weight of the person would soon wrench the rail out of place. The legs are hinged either to the bottoms of each or to plates attached thereto; the bottom rail of the lounge being cut out enough in depth and width to allow the legs to pass through the cut or opening *s* thus made, the legs resting in and upon the cut-out part of the rail. The legs fall down by their own gravity in a position to support the said articles, when drawn out for use, (see Fig. 3,) and fold up automati-

cally and slide through the slot or opening in the rail, and rest therein when shut up.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A lounge provided with drawer A, having removable plate *a*, with hinged portion *b*, foot-rest *c*, and recesses *ee*, drawer B, having removable plate D, with cover *m*, all constructed and combined substantially in the manner and for the purposes as shown and set forth.

2. The combination of hinged legs *n*, with the drawers A B and slots *s* of the bottom rail of the lounge, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 24th day of April, 1873.

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