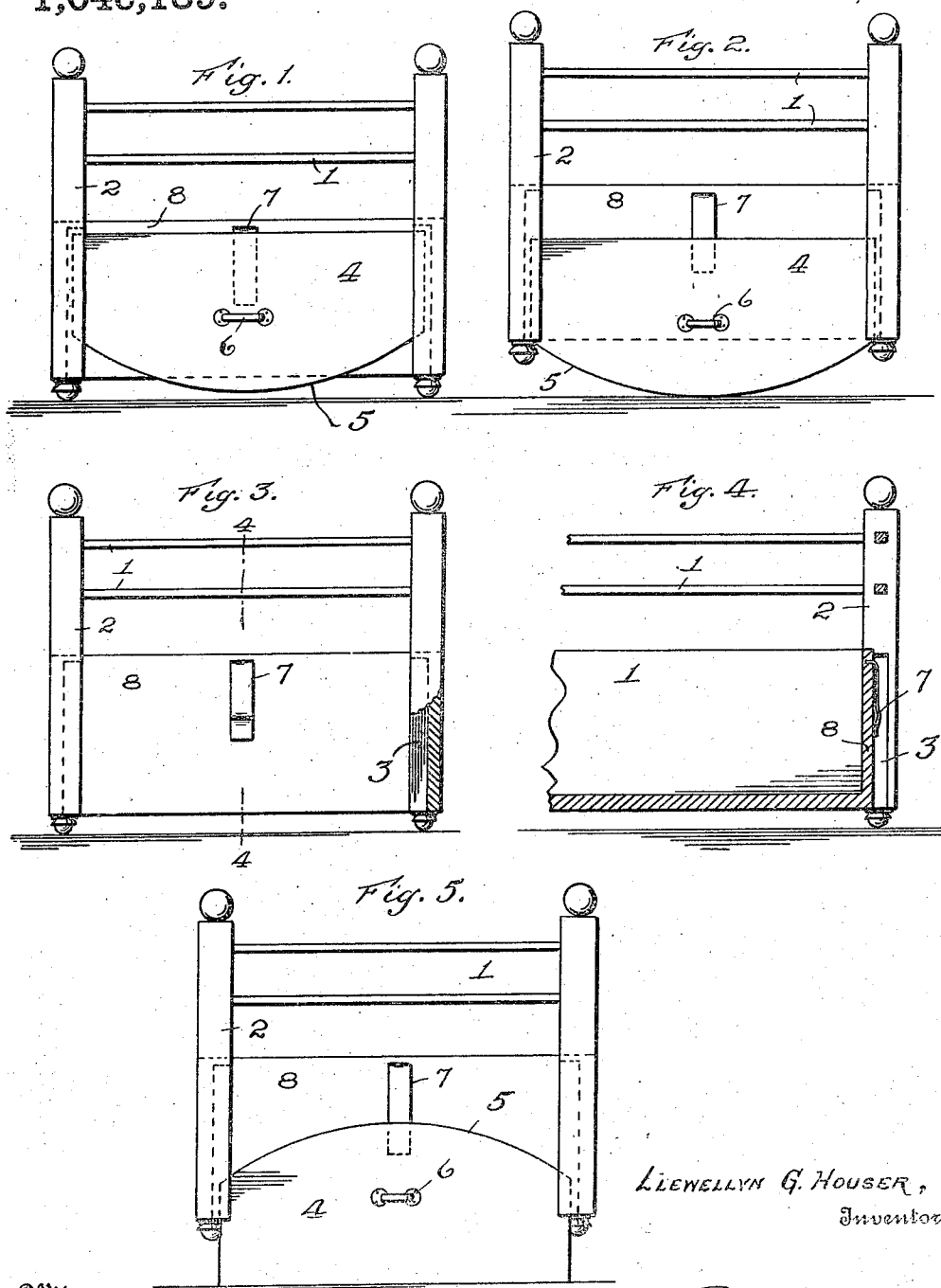


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LLEWELLYN G. HOUSER, citizen of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Cradles and Cribs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in combined cradle and crib construction, and the object in the present invention is to provide a device that may be easily and rapidly converted from a cradle to a crib, or vice versa.

A further object is to provide means for adjusting the height of the crib, either while being used as a crib or as a cradle.

The invention consists of a pair of vertically slidable and adjustable rocker members, together with a crib body having means thereon for permitting the said members to slide in its ends, and means for securing the parts in any position in which they may be placed, said means comprising tension springs carried by the crib body and bearing against the sliding members.

The invention is more fully described in the following specification and clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is an end view of my device with the rockers raised, the crib standing on its casters. Fig. 2 is a like view with the rocker members lowered, the crib body being raised from the floor. Fig. 3 is a like view with the rocker member removed. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is an end view with the rocker member in reversed position and with the crib body raised.

The numeral 1 designates the crib body which may be of any suitable form or design, formed with vertical corner posts 2, each of which is formed with a vertical groove 3 extending upward from its lower end.

The numeral 4 designates the rocker members. These members are formed with a rounded or curved lower edge 5, to serve as a means for rocking the device. The upper edge is straight and at right angles to the sides. These members fit loosely and slide vertically in the grooves 3 in the posts, and

a suitable handle 6 is provided thereon by means of which it may be moved.

The numeral 7 designates a tension spring, located on the end boards, one at each end, of the crib, and these springs are located between the surface of the end boards 8 and the inner surface of the rocker members, and the tension of these springs is such that the rocker members will be held by them in any position in which they are set in the grooves. Inasmuch as the device is intended for infants, the weight of the combined crib body and its occupant will be such that these springs will securely hold them from moving down in the grooves. It is of course possible that more than one spring may be required in some cases, but it has been found that this is not often required.

It is evident that when the device is to be used as a crib, the rocker members are raised, permitting the body to rest upon the floor, or if desired, only one of these members need be raised which will prevent rocking just as effectually as with both raised. When it is desired to form a cradle, both rocker members are lowered, raising the body portion, and permitting the device to rock on the members 4, as a cradle. Should it be found desirable to use the device as a crib, and still have the body raised from the floor, the rocker members 4 may be removed and replaced in the grooves in inverted position, as shown in Fig. 5. By this means the crib may be adjusted as to height very easily.

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

In a device of the character described, the combination of a crib body comprising a box-like member formed with upright corner posts, and a series of rail members joining said posts, each of which posts is formed with a vertical groove on its inner face extending upwardly from the bottom; a flat spring centrally located on the outer surface of each of the end boards of the body, one end of said springs being inserted into the body of the end boards and the free ends being curved to form bearing surfaces for the rocker members; a pair of removable rocker members fitting slidably in said grooves and in contact with the springs, said rocker members being reversible and

capable of vertical adjustment in the grooves; one of the longitudinal edges of each member being straight and at right angles to the vertical edges, and the opposite
5 longitudinal edge being curved, and a centrally disposed handle on each of the rocking members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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