

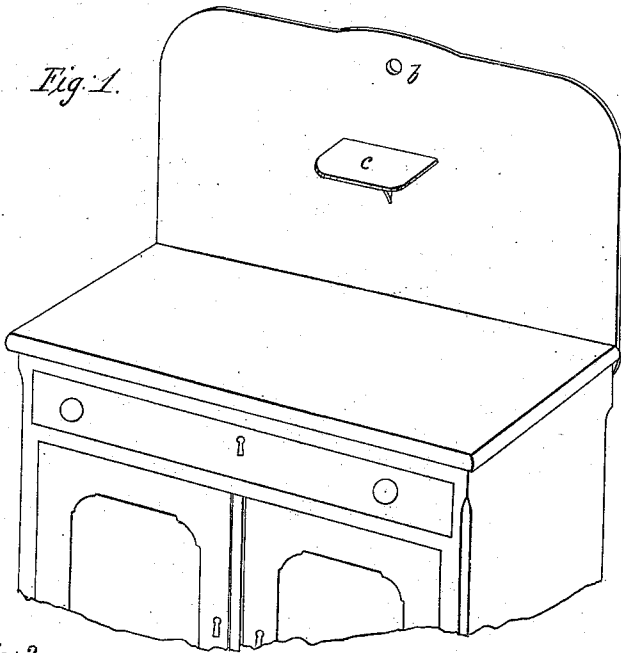
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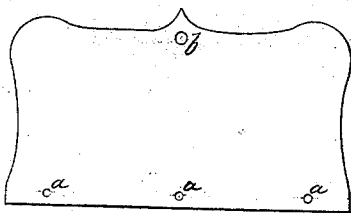
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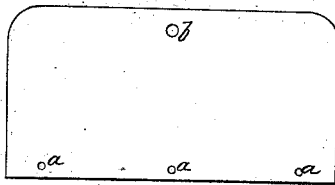
*Fig. 1.*



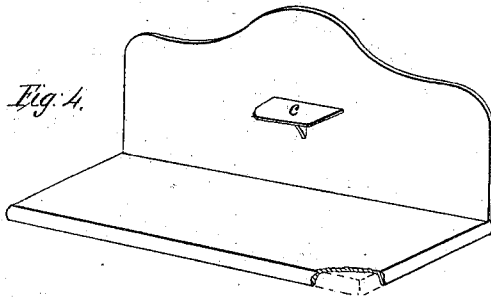
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVED SCREEN FOR WASH-STANDS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, RICHARD NELSON, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Manufacture of Screens or Backs for Wash-Stands, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a sufficiently full, clear, and exact description to enable one skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful manufacture of back or screen for wash-stands, sideboards, and other articles of furniture, the said back or screen being formed of properly-japanned, painted, or enamelled sheet iron, suitably perforated for attachment to the piece of furniture or to the wall behind it.

Figure 1 represents the upper portion of a wash-stand provided with my improved back or screen.

Figures 2 and 3 are front elevations, representing two different forms of my improved back or screen.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a form of my improvement, constituting a combined top and back for a wash-stand.

My back or screen is formed of sheet iron, by cutting the same to the desired size and shape. The lower edge of the sheet thus formed is then pierced with a number of small holes, *a*, for nails or screws, wherewith to fasten it to the rear side or rear edge of the top of the wash-stand or other article of furniture. One or more holes, *b*, may likewise be provided in the upper portion, for the insertion of a nail or screw, wherewith to fasten the back to the wall.

Again, one or more shelves, *c*, may be provided, for a soap-dish or other convenience.

The face or front surface of the sheet is coated with paint, japan, or enamel, according to the taste or views of the user, and may be made to represent marble, or have any other ornamental finish or decoration desired.

The comparative lightness of the material enables it to be of much larger front surface, with less weight, and furnished at much less expense than marble backs, while it is less clumsy and more elegant than wooden ones.

I claim, as a new article of manufacture, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The back or screen for wash-stands and analogous articles of furniture, provided with one or more shelves, *c*, substantially as herein described.

In testimony of which invention, I hereunto set my hand.

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