

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JAMES MCSHEA, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRIE-DIEU.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 477,440, dated June 21, 1892.

Application filed August 13, 1891. Serial No. 402,558. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES MCSHEA, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Prie-Dieus, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a prie-dieu formed of a frame for supporting the kneeling-cushions thereof, the same being of novel construction, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a prie-dieu embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section of a portion thereof. Fig. 3 represents a horizontal section of a portion on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view, partly sectional, of one of the cushions. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of portion of the surrounding frame of the cushion. Fig. 6 represents a perspective view of portion of the frame for supporting the cushion. Fig. 7 represents a vertical section of a portion on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the uprights or side pieces of the frame of a prie-dieu, at the front of each of which is a vertically-extending shoulder B and adjacent to the same the inwardly-projecting lugs C, which extend vertically one under the other or may be continuous, the same forming, with the shoulders B, the ways D for receiving the vertical front panel E of the device, it being seen that said panel may be directed into the ways D at the top of the pieces A and moved down into the same, after which when it is in position it may be secured in any suitable manner.

F designates the upper kneeling-cushion, and G designates the lower kneeling-cushion, the same being formed of any suitable material.

Secured to the upper end of the side pieces A are longitudinally-extending bars H, having upwardly-extending ears J. Surrounding said bars is a removable frame K, on whose inner face are inwardly-projecting forks or

slotted ears M, the latter being placed back of the ears J, as will be most plainly seen in Fig. 7. Bolts N are passed through the ears and forks, thus connecting the bar H with the frame K and bracing said bars and the top of the side pieces A, besides holding the latter in proper position apart. The cushion F is placed within the frame K and rested on the ledges L, it being evident that said cushion is firmly supported and may be readily removed and reapplied, as desired. The frame K may also be adjusted true on the bars H, owing to the forks M and bolts N, and removed, whereby the front panels E may be withdrawn upwardly through the ways D without disturbing the side pieces A or bars H. Below the cushion F is a shelf P, which is supported on ledges Q on the inner faces of the side pieces A, and is adapted to hold books, &c.

The pieces A are connected with the side pieces R of the base by means of ears S, which are connected with said pieces R by means of bolts T. The rear legs U, below the cushion G, are also bolted to the pieces R, as at V.

The cushion G is supported on a frame W, similar to the frame K, and the latter connected with the pieces R and legs U, similarly to the bars H, by means of bolts X.

The side pieces A and legs U are provided with plates Y at the bottoms thereof for connection of the caster-rollers Z. The sides of the pieces A and legs U have ornamental panels A' U' bolted or otherwise secured thereto, and all of the parts, excepting the coverings and upholstery of the cushions, may be formed of metal, (cast malleable iron being preferred,) permitting the device to be made light, inexpensive, strong, and durable and in various designs.

The part of the base in front of the cushion G may have flooring R', and this, with the panel E, may be made of wood, if so desired.

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

1. A prie-dieu having front side pieces A, with shoulders B and lugs C, forming vertical ways D, located near the front of said side pieces and open at the top, panels fitted in said ways and pressed thereby against the front portion of said side pieces, removable

side panels A', said side pieces A also having ears S, base-pieces R, removably secured to said ears of the side pieces, rear legs U, removably connected to said pieces R, and removable cushions F and G, the cushion G being adjustable, said parts being combined substantially as described.

2. A prie-dieu having a frame comprising side pieces formed with bars H at top and ears J on said bars and a cushion-supporting frame K, removably surrounding said frame and provided with the lugs L and slotted ears M, bolts for connecting the ears J and M, and the cushion G, said parts being combined substantially as described.

3. In a prie-dieu, front side pieces, a cushion-supporting frame K, having lugs L for sustaining the cushion and slotted ears M for

connection with said side pieces, the ears J, the bolts N, and a cushion F, adjustably mounted on said frame K, said parts being combined substantially as described.

4. A prie-dieu having front side pieces, a cushion-supporting frame at the top thereof, vertically-extending shoulders and lugs on said pieces, a front panel retained between said shoulders and lugs, base-pieces connected with said side piece, rear legs secured to said base-pieces, and a cushion-supporting frame secured to said base-pieces and legs, the parts named being combined substantially as described.

JAMES MCSHEA.

Witnesses:

JOHN A. WIEDERSHEIM,
L. JENNINGS.