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FOLDING TOILET-SCREEN.

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Fig. 1.

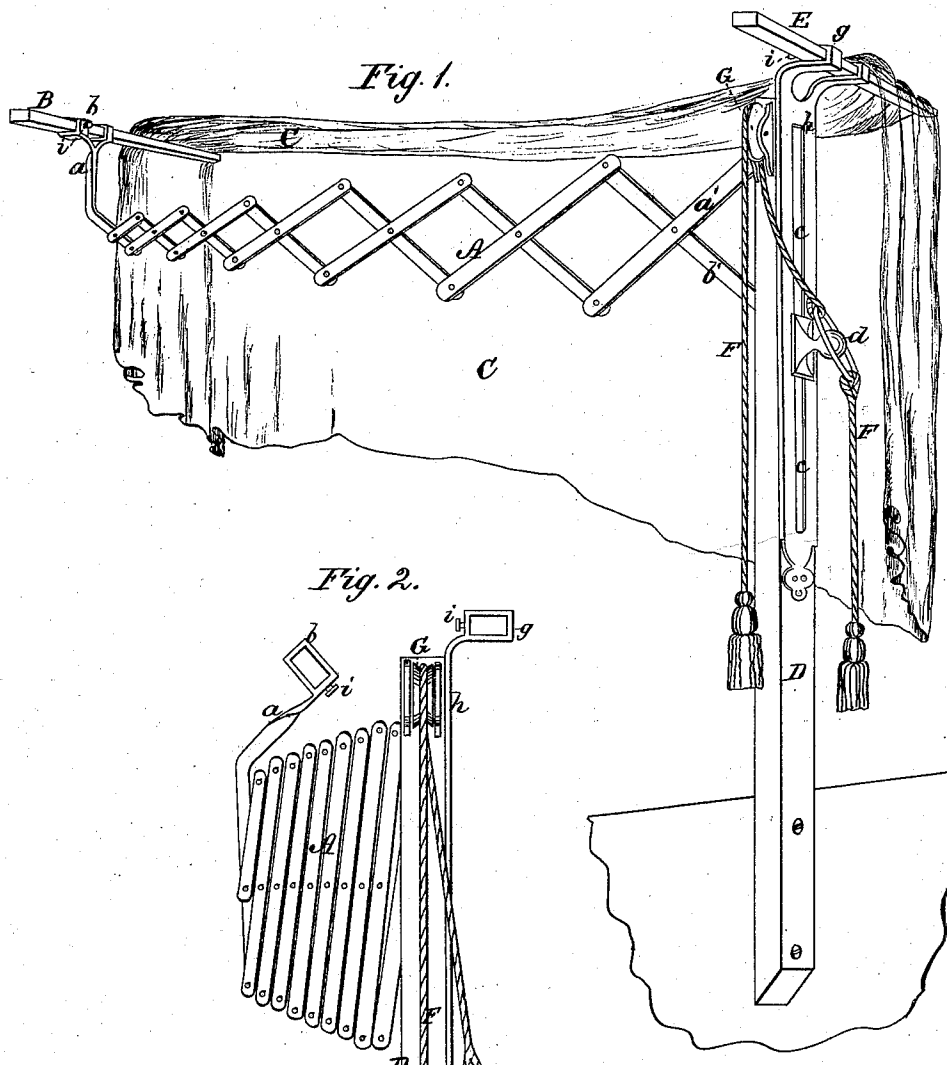


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING TOILET-SCREENS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD S. LATHROP, of Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented a new and Improved Folding Toilet-Screen; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The object of my present invention is to furnish an improved folding toilet-screen for use in sleeping-apartments for shielding the person from observation while bathing, dressing, or performing other operations of the toilet.

The construction and arrangement of parts are as hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, representing the screen-frame extended, and Fig. 2 is a side view, representing the same folded.

The lazy-tongs A are constructed in the usual manner. The outer end terminates in a curved bar, *a*, which is constructed with a socket, *b*, to receive the cross-bar B, that sustains one end of the screen proper, C. The other end of the lazy-tongs terminates in the bars *a'* and *b'*, the former of which is pivoted to a fixed point on the standard D, and the other, *b'*, projects through and works in a vertical slot, *c*, in said standard. A knob, *d*, is affixed to the end of bar *b'*, for convenience of attachment of a cord, F, which passes over the pulley G, and is used to extend or retract the screen C. The rear end of the screen or curtain C is supported by a cross-bar, E, which is held in a socket, *g*, formed on the upper end of a metal bracket, *h*, attached to the standard D and similarly slotted.

The cross-bars B E may be readily inserted in or removed from the sockets of arm *a* and bracket *b*, thus providing for the use of bars of different lengths to support screens of different sizes; also to facilitate packing the frame in small space. The said bars B E may also be adjusted so as to project more or less on one side of the wash-stand, as the form of the apartment or convenience may require. They may be secured in any adjustment by clamp-screws *i*.

I disclaim in this patent anything shown or described in the patent granted to me January 23, 1877, No. 186,583.

What I claim is—

In combination with the lazy-tongs arm *a* having socket *b*, and the bracket *h* having socket *g*, the adjustable screen-supporting cross-bars B E, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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