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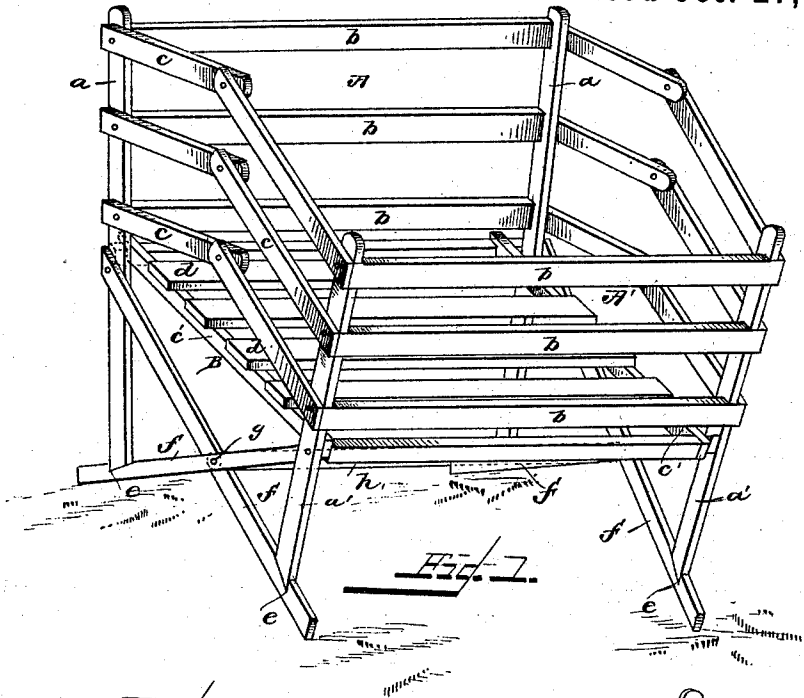


Fig. 1.

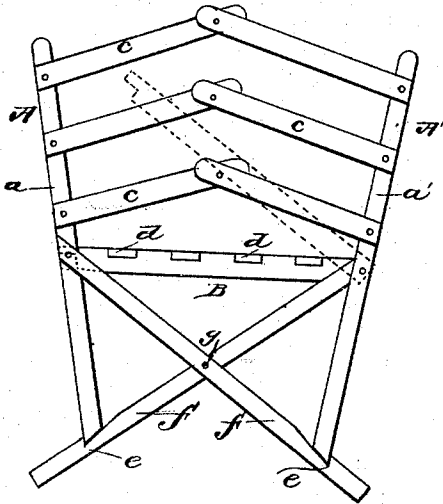
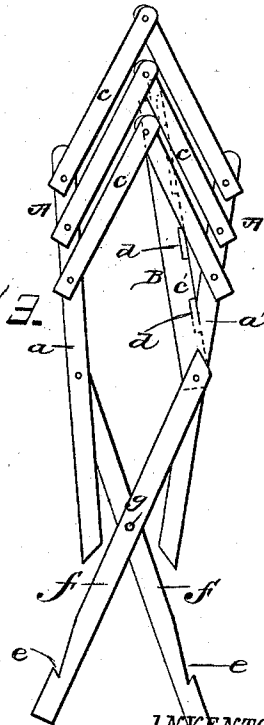


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Granville, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cribs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to cribs, the object being to provide a light, cheap, and durable article of this class, and one that may be folded to occupy a minimum amount of room. With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a crib constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an end elevation, and Fig. 3 is a view showing the crib folded.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A A' represent the sides of the crib, each of which sides is composed of the legs or standards *a a'*, which are connected by a series of side rails, *b*, which are preferably mortised to said legs *a a'*.

Pivotally connecting the sides A A', at the ends thereof, are bars *c*, which are pivoted to the uprights or legs *a a'* at their outer ends, and are pivotally connected together at their inner ends.

It will be seen by the arrangement above described that the crib is collapsible, and may be folded to occupy a small amount of room.

B represents the bottom of the crib, which is composed of the end rails, *c'*, connected by a series of longitudinal bars, *d*.

The end rails, *c'*, of the bottom of the crib are pivoted upon the lower rail of the side A of the crib, and the free ends of the end rails are notched, and are adapted to fit over the lower rail of the side A of the crib, thus locking said crib in an open position, as shown in Fig. 1.

The lower ends of the legs of the crib are beveled off, as shown, and said beveled ends

of the legs are adapted to engage notches *e*, formed upon the upper sides of slats *f*, which are pivoted to the ends of sections A A', and are lapped and pivoted together, as shown at *g*, by a bar, *h*, which connects the slats *f* at the opposite ends of the crib, running the entire length of the same.

A crib constructed as before described is simple in its construction, may be manufactured and supplied at a slight cost, is strong and durable, and may be folded to occupy a minimum amount of room.

I am aware that it has been proposed to construct a cradle-body with folding sides connected by jointed rods and provided with a hinged bottom formed in two sections, each section being carried by one of the sides; but this cradle-body was suspended from rigid standards, which are not capable of folding with the body, as in the present invention. Furthermore, in my case the bottom is made in one piece, it being pivoted to one of the sides at one end, and resting on its free end on the other side, so as to retain the cradle-body in the extended position.

I am also aware that a chair or settee having crossed legs has been provided with supplemental braces pivoted to the bottom, and adapted to bear against projections formed on the legs.

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

1. In a folding crib, the combination, with the sides, of a series of jointed bars or slats pivoted thereto and to each other at intermediate points between the sides, and a bottom pivoted at one end to one of the sides, and having its opposite end notched and adapted to engage the lower bar of the opposite side, whereby the bottom will retain the sides extended and prevent collapsing of the cradle-body, as set forth.

2. The sides connected together by jointed rods or bars, in combination with the hinged or pivoted bottom, the rigid supporting-legs and the pivoted cross-slats to receive the lower ends of the legs, as set forth.

3. The combination, with the folding cradle-

body, of the rigid supporting-legs arranged
at the corners of the body, the crossed slats
pivoted together at an intermediate point of
their length, and also pivoted to one end of
5 the legs, the outer ends of the slats resting
on the floor and provided with notches to re-
ceive the lower ends of the legs, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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