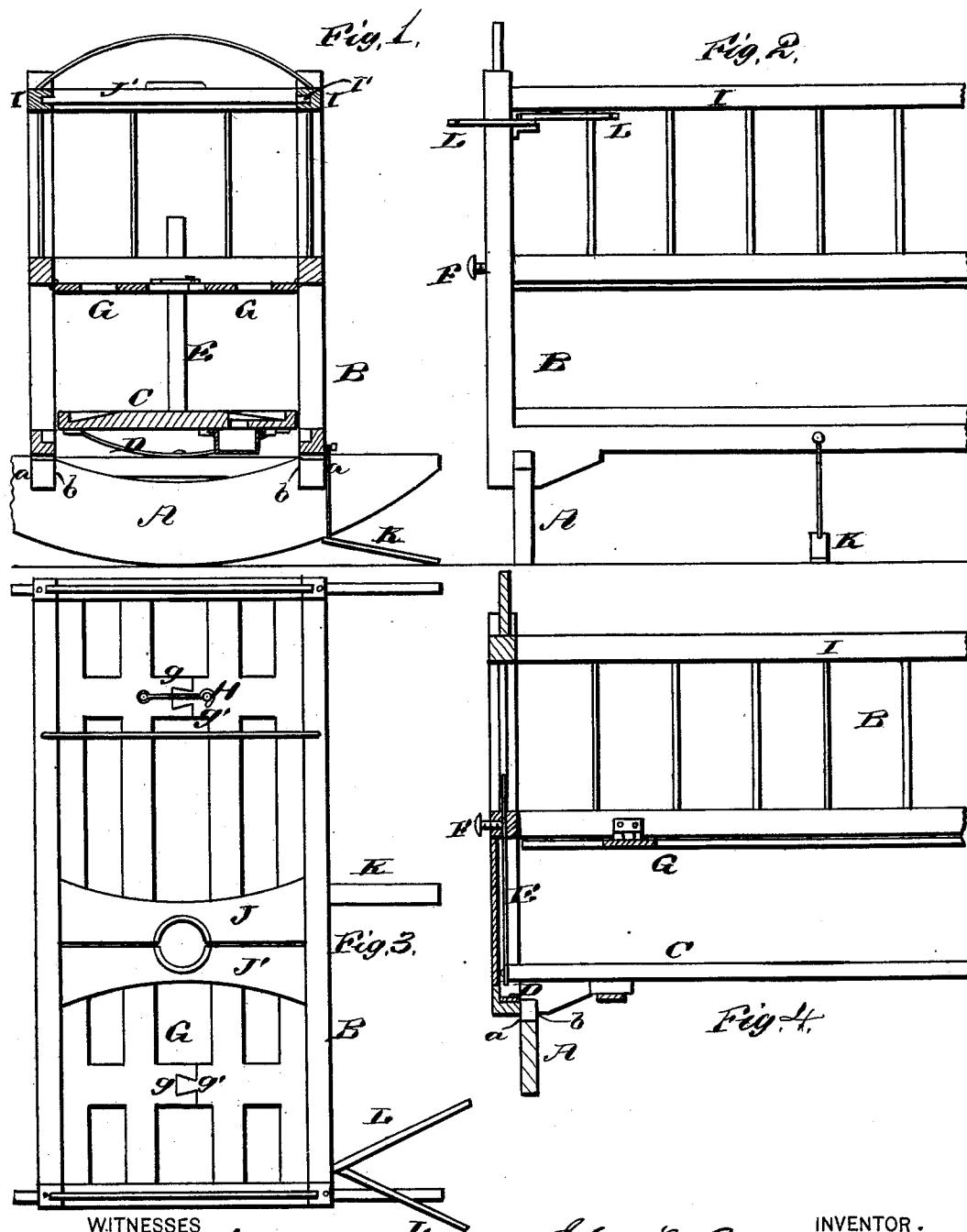


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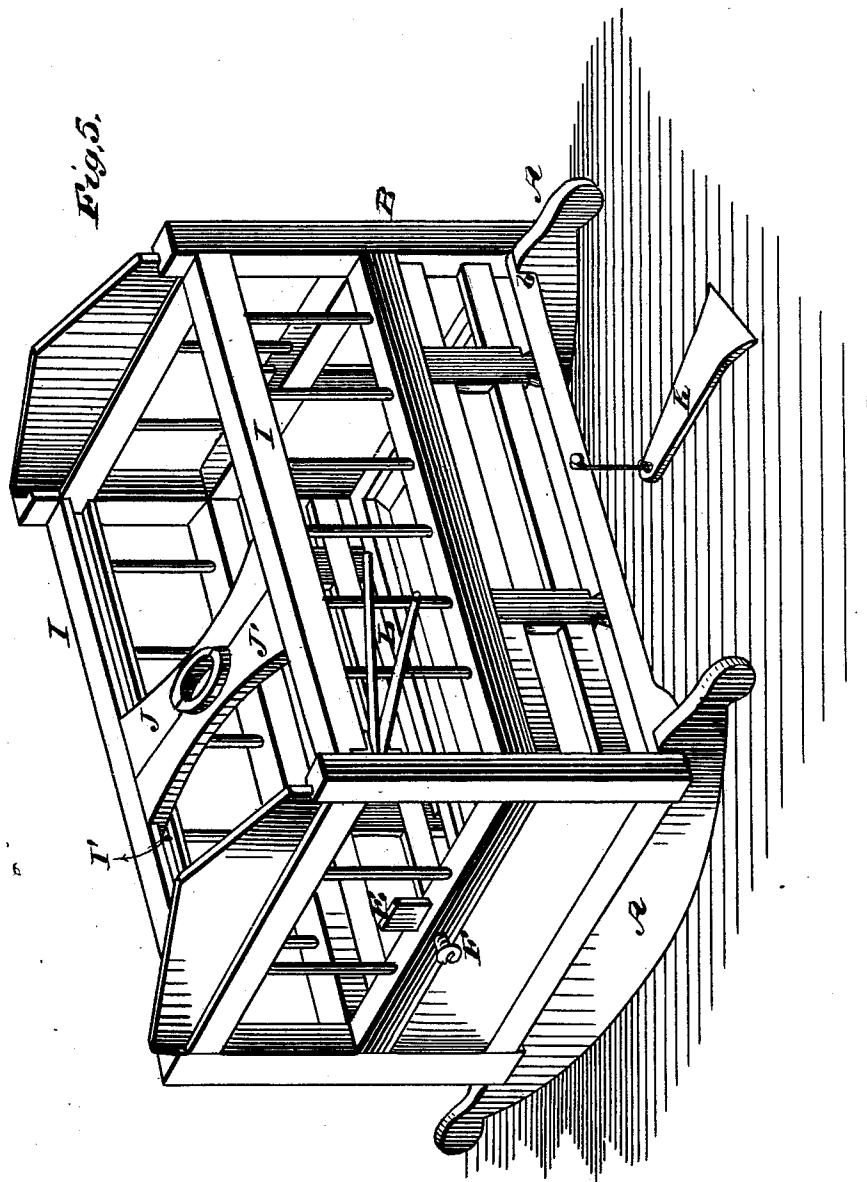
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IMPROVEMENT IN CRADLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. BUTLER, of Osceola, in the county of Clarke and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Cradles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a transverse section of my cradle, and Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view, and Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view, of the same. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the cradle.

This invention relates to baby-cradles; and consists in the construction and arrangement hereinafter particularly set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A designates two transverse detachable rockers, which are set into mortises or recesses b b in the bottom of cradle-frame B, and are provided with shoulders a a, that prevent lateral displacement. C designates the bottom of said cradle, which sets upon springs D D at each end of said frame B, and may be adjusted vertically by means of bars E and clamping-screws F. Said bars are attached to said bottom C, (one at each end thereof,) and said screws work through the ends of said frame B, and bind against said bars. This adjustability allows the said cradle to be made so as to conform to the height of the child. G designates two hinged frames or sections, that constitute the lower parts of the sides of said cradle

when the child stands upon bottom C. They may also be folded inwardly and upwardly together, so as to form an upper flooring or partition for a child's bed, or to receive a sitting child. To adapt them to such use the said frames or sections are provided with dovetailed inward extensions g g', that fit together, and with a locking hook and eye, H, or its equivalent. The side pieces I of the top of said cradle-frame are provided on the inner side with longitudinal grooves or guideways I', in which slide the sections J J' of a baby-support. The upper part of the body of the child, when the latter is sitting or standing, passes up between said sections.

K designates a treadle, attached to the lower part of the cradle, so that the latter can be operated by a person's foot. L designates two pivoted horizontal arms, attached to the cradle near one of its upper corners, and adapted to hold baby-clothes, &c. The rockers hereinbefore described may be removed, and casters substituted, if desired.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of cradle-bottom C with springs for supporting the same, and rods and screws for adjusting its height, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

JOHN L. BUTLER.

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