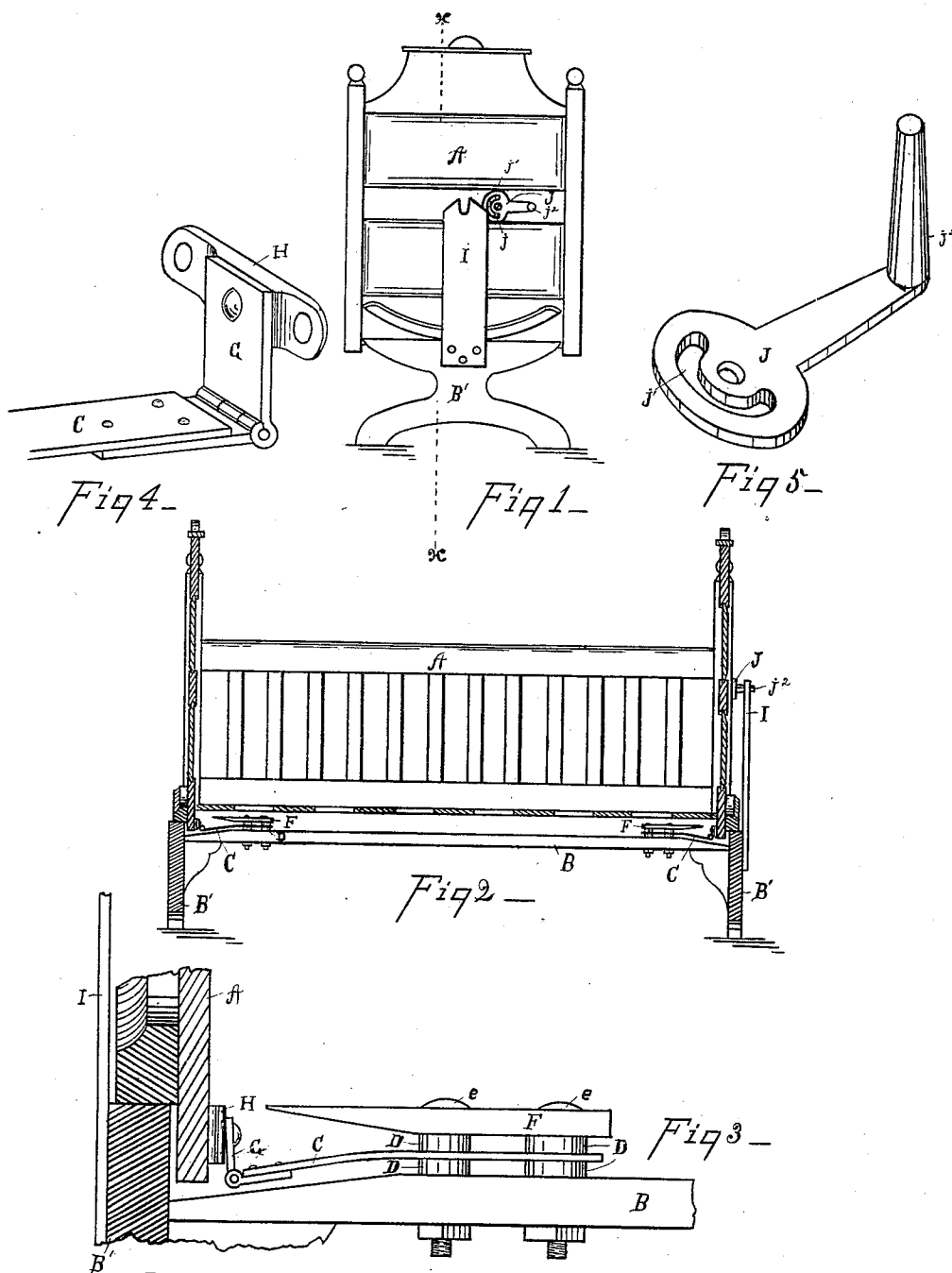


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES STREIT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cradles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of cradles in which the rocking member is mounted upon a platform, and which are adapted to be readily changed from a rocking cradle to a stationary crib. Its object is a convenient means to retain the cradle upon the platform, and yet permit an easy rocking motion, and also a convenient means to lock the rocking member when desired.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which like parts are represented by similar reference-letters wherever they occur throughout the various views, Figure 1 is an end elevation of a cradle having my improved locking devices secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section taken through line *x x* of Fig. 1, and looking toward the center of the cradle. Fig. 3 is a similar view, greatly enlarged, of a portion of one end of the cradle. Fig. 4 is a perspective view, drawn to about full size, of the means for connecting the platform and rocker. Fig. 5 is a perspective view, also drawn to full size, of the swinging latch, which locks the cradle to prevent it from rocking.

The cradle-body A is of ordinary construction, as is also the platform which supports it, except that the longitudinal rail B, which connects the feet B', is beveled downward at the ends to afford more play for the strap-springs C, which connect the rocker and the platform.

The springs C are secured above the longitudinal rail B and between elastic washers D by screw-bolts *e*, which also pass through buffers F, the beveled ends of which overhang the springs C, to prevent the cradle from rocking too far over or the springs from being injured by lifting the cradle up by the body to move it about.

To the end of the spring C is riveted one leaf of a hinge, G. The opposite leaf of this hinge is pivoted to a metal plate, H, and this plate is secured to the ends of the cradle-body upon the inside.

To avoid friction a small washer may be placed between the hinge-leaf and plate H.

The means for locking the cradle-body are the upright standard I and the swinging latch J, Fig. 5. The standard is secured to the outside of one of the feet B', and projects up some distance in front of the cradle end. Its upper end is beveled, forming inclines upon each side of a central notch.

The latch J is secured to the cradle end by a screw, upon which it turns, and its motion is limited by another screw or pin, *j*, which passes through a slot, *j'*, into the cradle body. The arm *j''* of the latch is thus held in either position slightly above the lower ends of the inclines upon piece I, so that in whatever position the cradle may be when it is thrown over from the position shown in Fig. 1 it will be carried up the inclines and into the notch between them, and the cradle firmly locked until it is again thrown back.

What I claim is—

1. The rocking body A and the stationary platform B B', in combination with a standard secured to said platform, and extending up in front of the cradle-body, and a latch pivoted to the said body to engage the standard and lock the cradle, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, substantially as specified, of the platform, the upwardly-projecting standard I, secured to one end thereof, and having inclines at the top and a notch between said inclines, with the rocking body mounted upon said platform, and having the latch J, pivoted to said body, said latch having an arm, *j''*, adapted to engage with or be disengaged from the notch in the standard, for the purpose set forth.

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