J. MERLETTE, Jr.
Toilet-Stand.

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Fig. 1.

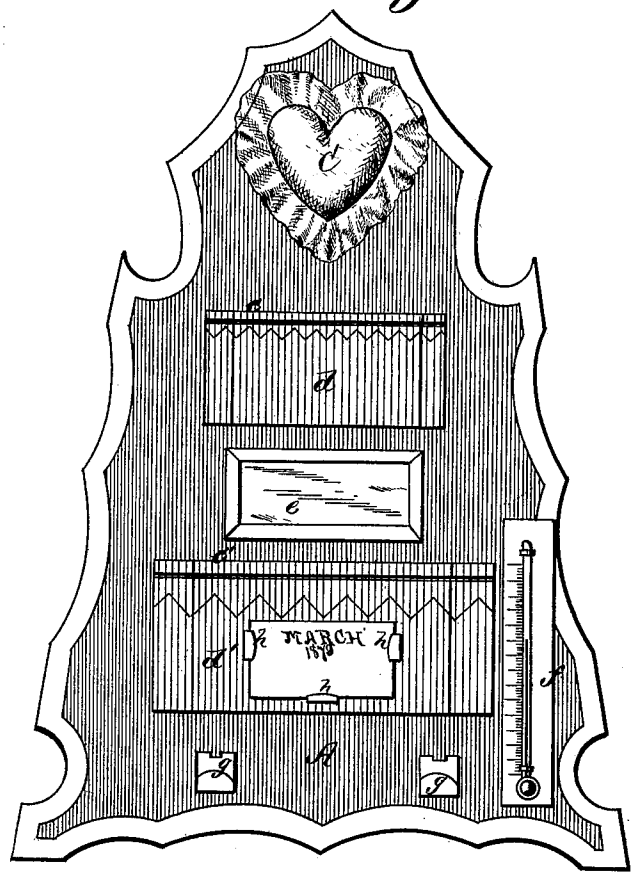
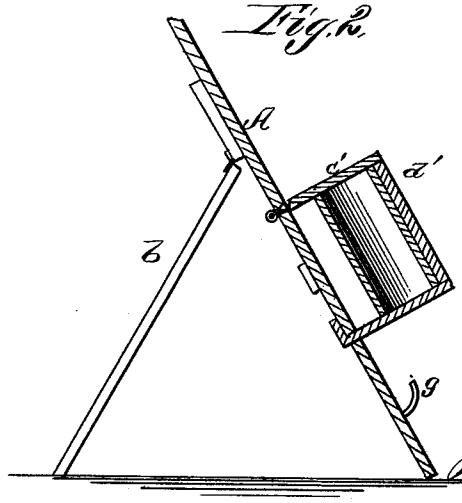


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOILET-STANDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **220,634**, dated October 14, 1879; application filed September 2, 1879.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MERLETTE, Jr., of Boundbrook, in the county of Somerset and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation; Fig. 2, a central vertical section.

My invention relates to toilet-cases for ladies, and consists in its peculiar construction and arrangement, as will be hereinafter more specifically set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction.

A represents the back, which may be either shaped as shown, or made to conform to any other pleasing design which will admit of the attachment of the various devices hereinafter named. The back A is provided on its rear side with the hinged support *b*, thus admitting of the case being adjusted to any convenient angle. C represents a pin-cushion, and *d d'* boxes, each provided with a hinged lid or cover. *e* is a mirror set into the back A between the boxes *d d'*. *f* represents a thermometer; *g g*, brackets for holding pencils, &c., and *h h h* small supports for the reception of calender or visiting cards. On the inside of the lower box, *d'*, I secure a circular upright box for hair-pins, thus forming a complete toilet-case for ladies' use.

To any special method of ornamentation I do not confine myself, as it is obvious the whole or any part thereof may be adorned as fancy suggests, without deviation in the least from the general arrangement of individual parts.

I deem it, however, necessary to describe how the boxes *d d'* are secured to the back A. The inner ends of the sides and bottom of said boxes are formed with tongues, which, after passing through slots made to receive them in the back, are bent and pasted or glued to the rear side of the back. The tops of the boxes are provided on their inner edges with metal lips, which, after also passing through slots in the back, have metal pins inserted in them, thus forming hinges.

I am aware that a sewing-stand has been patented which bears some resemblance to my toilet-stand; hence I do not claim anything more than I herein show.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a toilet-stand consisting of back A, provided with boxes *d d'*, cushion *c*, brackets *g*, and mirror *e*, all constructed and arranged substantially as herein set forth.

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

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