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Fig. 1.

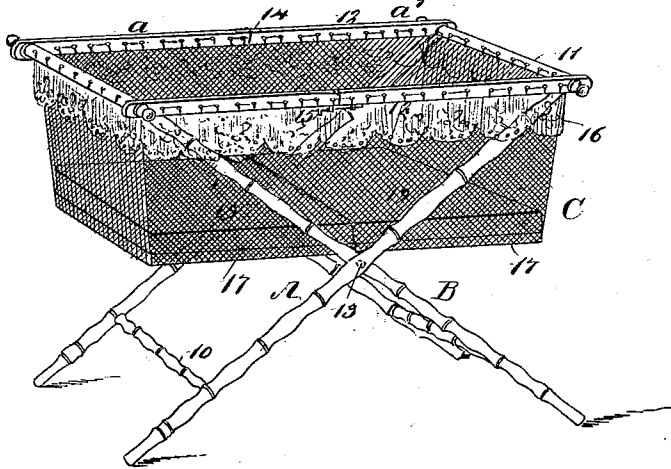


Fig. 2.

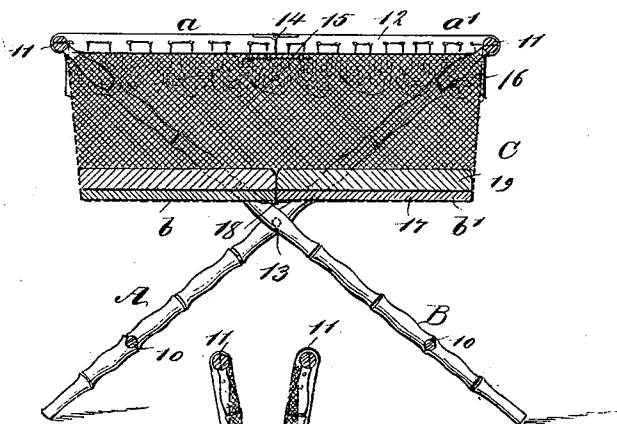
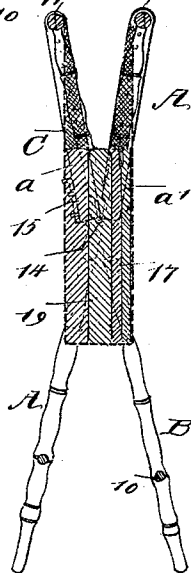


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH C. NEAL, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Folding Crib, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention is an improvement in the class of cribs composed of a folding skeleton frame and a netting attached to and pendent therefrom.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the crib in its open position. Fig. 2 is a central section through the crib; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the crib, representing it in a partially folded position.

The frame of the crib consists of two pairs of legs A and B, each pair of legs being connected near their lower ends by one or more rungs 10, and at their upper ends respectively by a rung 11, which rungs project beyond the legs, and the rungs 11 of each pair of legs are connected by side bars 12, the bars being located at each side of each pair, and connect the pairs of legs at their upper ends, the two pairs of legs being connected at or near their centers by a pivot pin or bar 13. The side bars 12, are made in two sections *a* and *a'*, and each two sections are connected by a hinge 14, the hinge being placed upon the upper edges of the sections, and one or both side bars may be locked end to end by means of bolts 15, of any suitable or approved construction located upon the under surface of one section of the cross bar and adapted to enter keepers attached to the corresponding surface of the abutting section, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The legs and side bars constitute practically the frame of the crib, and it is evident that when the bolts are manipulated in a manner permitting the sections of the side bars to fold, the said sections will drop downward, and the legs may be folded upward

practically to an engagement one set with the other, since the side bars are pivoted to the legs upon the extensions of their upper rungs.

The body of the crib C, is made of a netting, or fabric, as for example canvas, or any equivalent pliable material; netting, however, is preferred, and said netting may be of wire. The netting is cut in such a manner that it will carry out the lines at the top of the frame, as for example, when the frame is rectangular in its open position the netting body C, is made of a like shape, and the netting is secured to the side bars of the frame and to the upper rungs 11 of the legs in any manner known to the trade, the connection between the netting and the frame being usually concealed by a valance 16, or other form of ornamentation or drapery.

The body section C, is held in an expanded position by means of a bottom 17, constructed of a rigid material, as for example wood, and the bottom is usually made in two sections *b* and *b'*, connected by a hinge 18, the sections being preferably of equal size, and the hinge is located upon their under or bottom faces, so that when the sections of the bottom are folded out end to end, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and the bottom is placed in the pliable body, the body will be given its proper shape and will hang properly from the frame.

The sections of the bottom may be upholstered, or a mattress 19, in sections or in one length, may be placed upon the bottom when in position in the body.

When the crib is to be folded up, not being needed, the mattress and rigid bottom 17, or the upholstered bottom when employed, is removed from the body and folded; the bolts are then slid from locking position, and the frame is folded up, the bottom and mattress, or attached upholstered sections, being dropped in their folded position within the pliable body, whereupon the entire body, as shown in Fig. 3, may be compactly folded and placed, for example, behind a door, or in an exceedingly small space.

In Fig. 3 the frame is shown as only partially closed, but it will be understood that the legs may be carried close together in order to fully close it.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

5 The improved folding crib, composed of the frame formed of two pairs of legs pivoted together, rungs, 11, which rigidly connect said legs at their upper ends, side bars, 12, which are hinged at the middle, adapted to fold downwardly, and pivoted to the legs, exteriorly, by means of the rungs, sliding bolts arranged beneath the hinge-joints of the side

bars, and the rectangular netting, attached to said rungs and side bars, and its bottom, 17, consisting of two rigid sections hinged together and adapted to fold upward, between the side-bars, as shown and described.

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