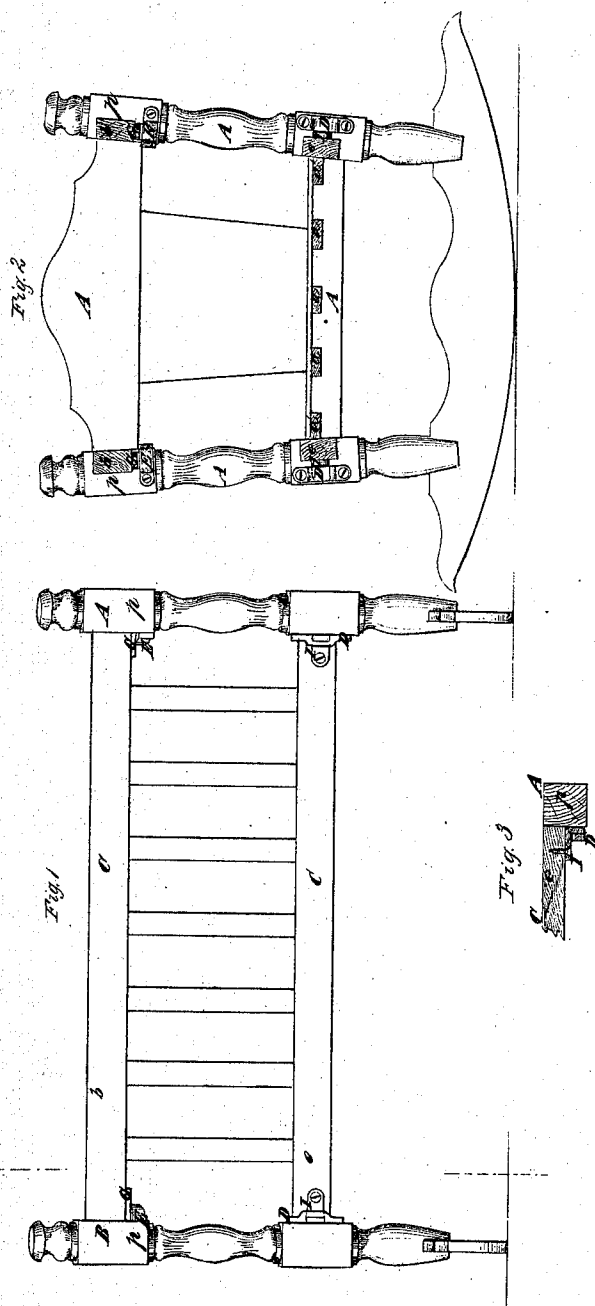


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IMPROVEMENT IN CRADLES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. MYERS, of Glen Gardner Station, (Clarks ville Post Office,) in the county of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Portable Cradle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

Children's cradles as commonly made are very cumbersome and difficult to transport without breaking.

The object of this invention is to obviate this difficulty; and to this end—

It consists in the construction of a cradle of a number of separable sections, which will lie close together when packed, and are secured together by tongued plates, secured to one section and fitting into loop-plates on the adjacent section.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a cradle constructed according to my invention;

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the same; and

Figure 3 is a horizontal section of one of the fastenings by which the sections are secured together.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The cradle represented is divided into four sections, namely, the head A, the foot B, and two sides, C C, which are fitted with slats, *a a*.

On the upper portions of the opposed sides of the posts *p p* of the head A and foot B are metal loop-plates, E E, which are arranged horizontally across the posts, to receive the tongues of angle-pieces or hooks, G G, that are attached to the upper rails of the sides C C, close to the ends thereof, such tongues dropping vertically into the loops of said plates.

Lower down on the said posts, opposite the lower rails *e e* of the sides C C, are loop-plates D D, which are similar to those, E E, just described, but are arranged upright to receive the tongues of angle-pieces

or hooks I I, which are attached to the exteriors of the lower rails *e e*, close to the ends thereof, and which slip horizontally into the loop-plates D D.

The cradle is provided with slats, *a a*, running from head to foot, in the usual manner; those slats *a a* next the sides C C having their outer edges slightly beveled to fit snugly against the rails *e e*, for the purpose of preventing the tongues on the angle-pieces I I from withdrawing from the loop-plates D D on the posts *p p*.

To put the several sections together the tongues on the plates G G are first dropped into the loop-plates E E, and the tongues on the angle-pieces I I are next pushed into the loop-plates D D, thereby locking the upper angle-pieces G and plates E. The slats are now fitted in their places, and the outer ones, *a*, lock the angle-pieces I I and loop-plates D D, and the sections are thereby very firmly secured together beyond all danger of accidental displacement, and the cradle is made as firm as though no provision were made for taking it to pieces.

To separate the sections for packing, the slats are first removed and the angle-pieces I detached from the loop-plates D; the sides are then lifted till the angle-pieces G are detached from the loop-plates E.

This construction is also applicable to a crib which has no rockers.

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

1. A cradle composed of several sections, A B C C, provided with loop-plates and hooks, arranged substantially as described.

2. In combination with the within-described arrangement of sections, loop-plates, and hooks, the side slats *a a*, applied to lock the whole together in the manner set forth.

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