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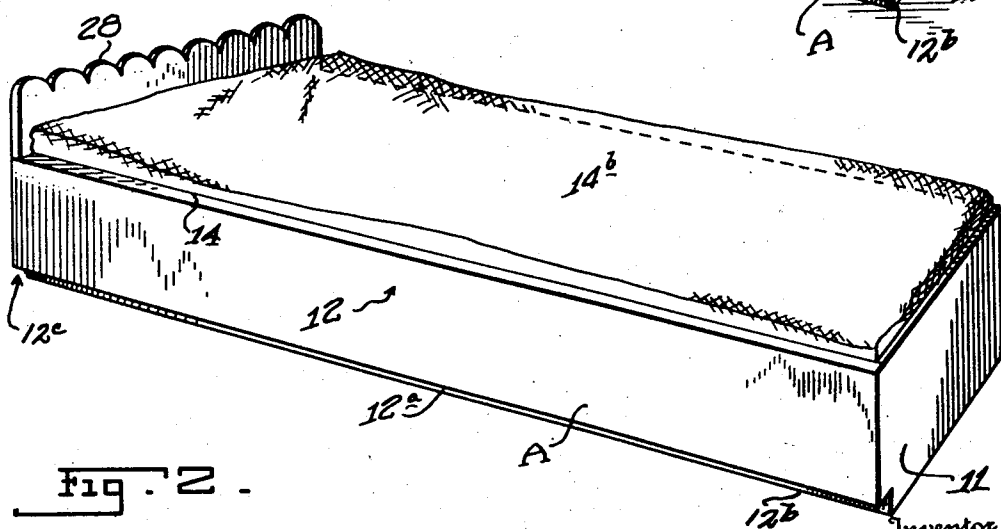
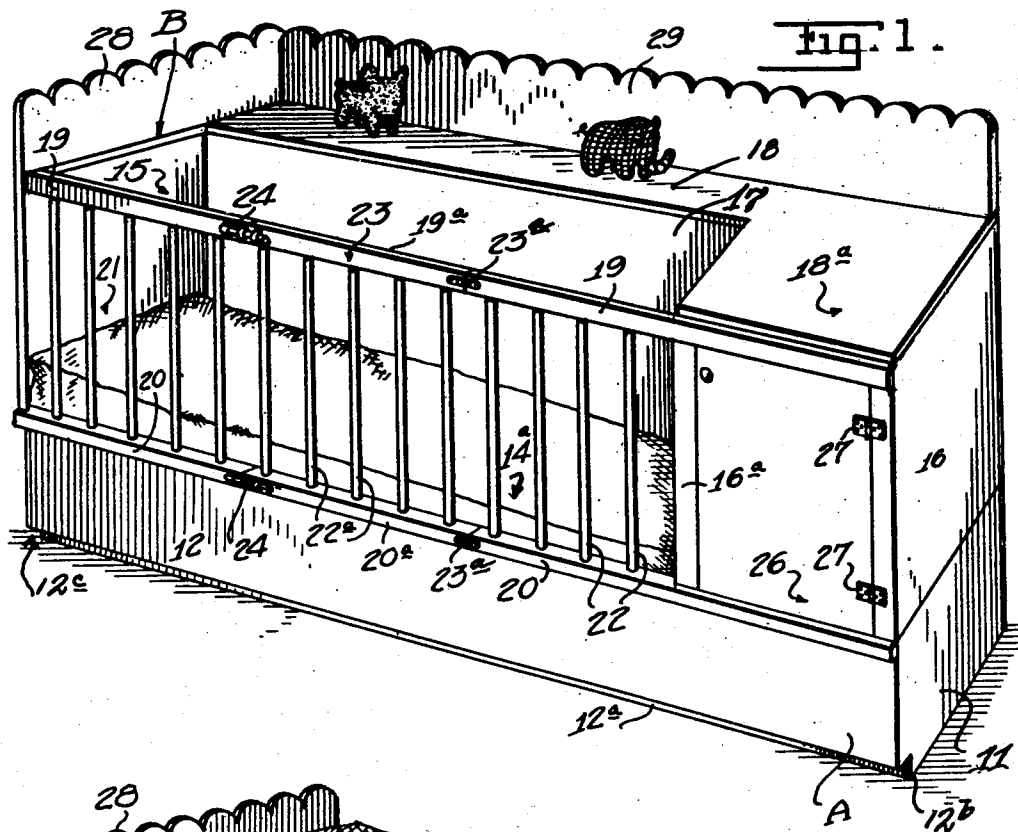
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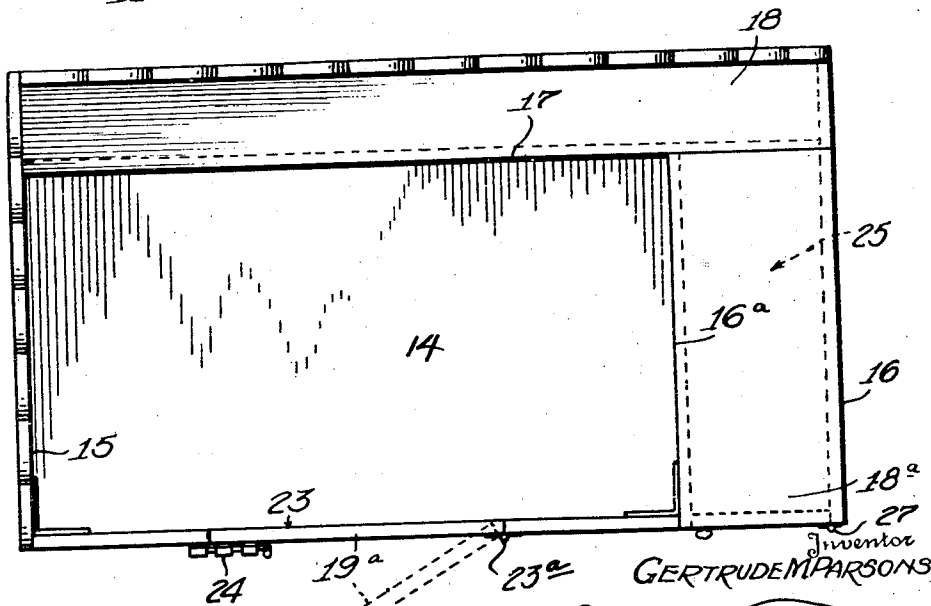
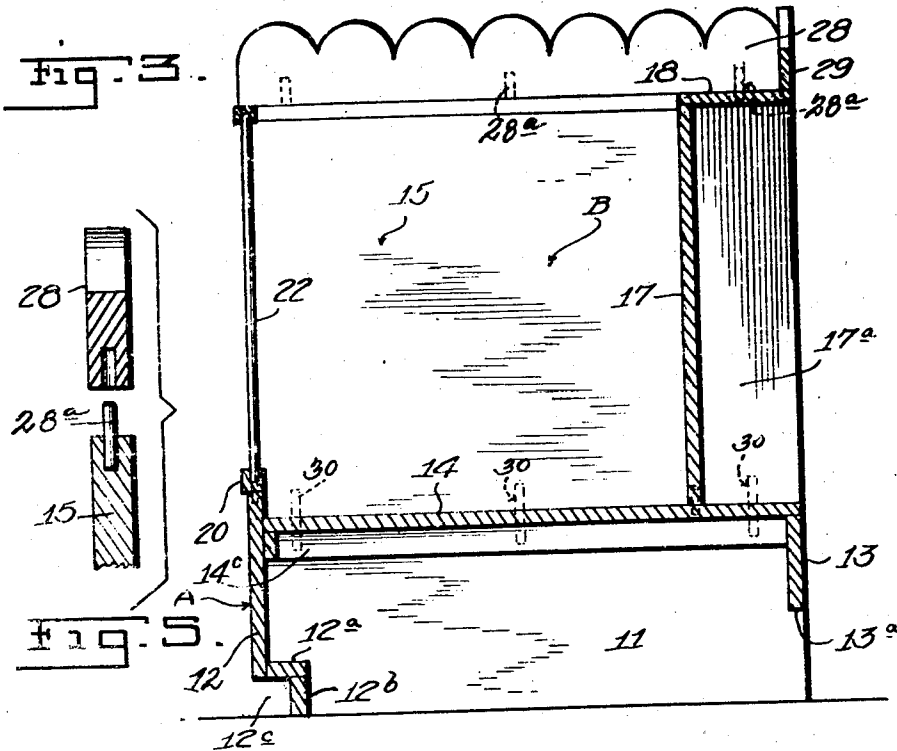


Fig. 4

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My invention relates to a combination bed and crib and has for its primary object to provide a structure as specified, which can readily be converted to provide a bed or a crib as the case may require although its primary utility is in providing a sleeping place for a child from infancy through adolescence, if not until maturity, thus saving the expense of buying several beds.

Another object of the invention is to provide, in the novel combination specified, a removable crib-defining superstructure which provides along one or more of its walls shelving for the support of toys or other articles, such shelving preferably having bounding walls to prevent such articles from being knocked outwardly.

A still further object of the invention is to provide, in a device as characterized, storage spaces or cupboards in the crib-defining superstructure.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent as the description proceeds, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in connection with the detailed description appearing hereinafter.

It will be understood, of course, that the drawings and description deal with what is now regarded as a preferred embodiment of the invention. However, it will be obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the invention as disclosed herein without, however, departing from the spirit and scope of the subject matter hereinafter claimed.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my novel combination bed and crib structure with the crib-defining upper portion in place;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my combined crib and bed with the crib-defining superstructure removed, and illustrating the bed-defining lower portion of the device;

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view with the crib-defining superstructure in place;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the device as shown in Figs. 1 and 3; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the combined head board and shelf bounding wall element and its fastening means.

Referring to the drawings by reference characters, A designates generally the bed-defining base portion while the letter B designates the crib-defining superstructure which is removable.

The base or bed-defining portion A comprehends the end walls 11, back wall 13, and front wall 12, as shown. Adjacent its lower end the front wall 12 is provided with the inwardly ex-

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tending offset 12a extending throughout its length; and this offset 12a carries the floor engaging wall portion 12b so as to provide the toe space 12c for an attendant when it is necessary to reach over the crib to deal with the infant therein.

As illustrated, the rear wall 13 of the bed-defining base B has its lower portion cut away as at 13a, so as to provide an entrance opening through which various articles may be inserted for storage purposes beneath the top portion 14 of said bed-defining base.

The top portion 14 of the bed-defining base portion A serves, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, for supporting either the bed mattress 14b or the crib mattress 14a. Said portion 14 is supported by the rear wall 13 of said base and also by cleats 14c which are secured to the inner surface portions of the end walls 11 and front wall 12.

Coming now to the crib-defining superstructure B it will be noted that the same includes an end wall 15 at the head end; an end wall 16 at the foot end of same; and also a rear wall 17.

As disclosed in the drawings, the rear wall 17 of the crib-defining superstructure A is disposed a substantial distance inwardly of the plane of the rear wall 13 of the bed-defining base portion A, thus defining a storage space 17a above the top portion 14 of the base A, which space 17a will ordinarily be backed by a wall of the room, and may be used for storage of various articles not required for regular use.

Inwardly of the foot end wall 16 of the crib-defining superstructure B there is disposed the parallel vertical wall 16a which extends outwardly from wall 17 to the front edge of the crib-defining superstructure B and combines with rear wall 17 and the opposed foot end wall 16 to provide the cupboard or storage space 25. The front wall of the crib-providing superstructure comprises the top and bottom rails 19, 20, connected by spaced vertical bars 22; and by the outwardly swingable gate 23 which has the top and bottom rails or bars 19a, 20a, connected by the vertical bars 22a. Hinges 23a serve to connect the gate to the rail portion 19, 20 adjacent the foot portion of the superstructure A while slide bolts 24 carried by the gate 23 serve to engage keepers of the rails 19, 20 for keeping the gate closed.

A horizontal shelf 18 at the rear side of the crib-defining superstructure B is secured to the top of rear wall 17; and a corresponding horizontal shelf 18a is secured to the top of the foot

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end wall members 16, 16a, rear wall 17 and to rail 19 to close the top of the cupboard 25.

A door 26 hinged as at 27 to end wall 16 of the crib-defining superstructure B serves to close the front of cupboard 25.

At the head end of the crib-defining superstructure B there is a head board 28—preferably scalloped or otherwise ornamented—secured by dowels 28a to the upper end of the end wall 15; and secured by similar dowels, or otherwise, to the rear portion of the rear shelf 18 is the corresponding upstanding wall 29.

As will be appreciated, walls 28, 29 not only are ornamental but also serve to confine against outward displacement articles placed upon the shelves 18, 19. Furthermore, when the crib-defining superstructure is not in use, the head board 28 may be removed to serve as the head board of the bed, as shown in Fig. 2. It is secured to the end wall of the bed-defining base A by the dowels 30 which serve to retain the crib structure B in place.

As intimated hereinabove, the crib-defining superstructure B is dimensioned to conform to the base A and its front and end walls rest upon corresponding walls of the base and are removably doweled thereto as at 30.

It is further to be noted, as shown in Fig. 3, that the front wall 12 of the bed-defining base A extends above the plane of the mattress-supporting top 14 thereof so as to provide a mattress-confining abutment coextensive in length with said base "A."

If desired, the crib-defining superstructure B can be removed to the floor or lawn and used as a play pen.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. A convertible crib and bed comprising a substantially full-sized bed-defining base member having an upper mattress-supporting portion, a

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mattress-confining wall rising above the plane of the mattress-supporting portion at the front of said base member, a crib-defining superstructure substantially conforming to the outline of said base and adapted to be supported thereupon, means detachably securing said superstructure to said base, inset walls incorporated in said superstructure at the back and at least one end for reducing said mattress-supporting portion to crib-mattress size when the superstructure is in place on said bed-defining base member whereby said walls with said aforementioned front base wall provide a crib mattress-receiving area, means in the form of article-supporting shelves supported at the upper ends of said compartment-providing walls and cooperating with the latter for concealing that portion of the base portion beyond the crib mattress area when the superstructure is in place, said inset superstructure walls and the shelves carried thereby cooperating with the concealed portion of said base member to provide a storage area when the superstructure is in place.

2. A convertible crib and bed comprising a base providing a mattress support, a crib defining superstructure conforming in exterior dimension to said base and adapted to be supported thereon, means securing said superstructure to said base, said superstructure including front wall means, an inset back wall and at least one inset end wall, said front wall means and inset end and back walls giving the superstructure a reduced interior dimension whereby to provide a crib mattress supporting area on said base, and horizontal shelves carried by said back and end walls of said superstructure whereby to cooperate with said back and end walls to provide both a storage area above and concealment for the portion of said base which is disposed outwardly of said superstructure back and end walls.

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