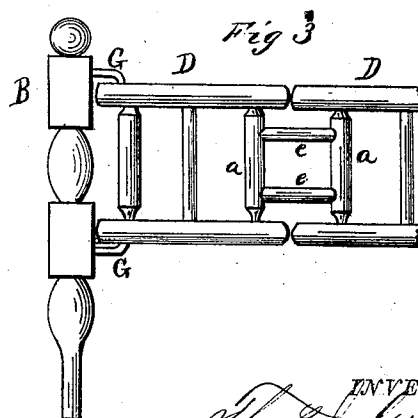
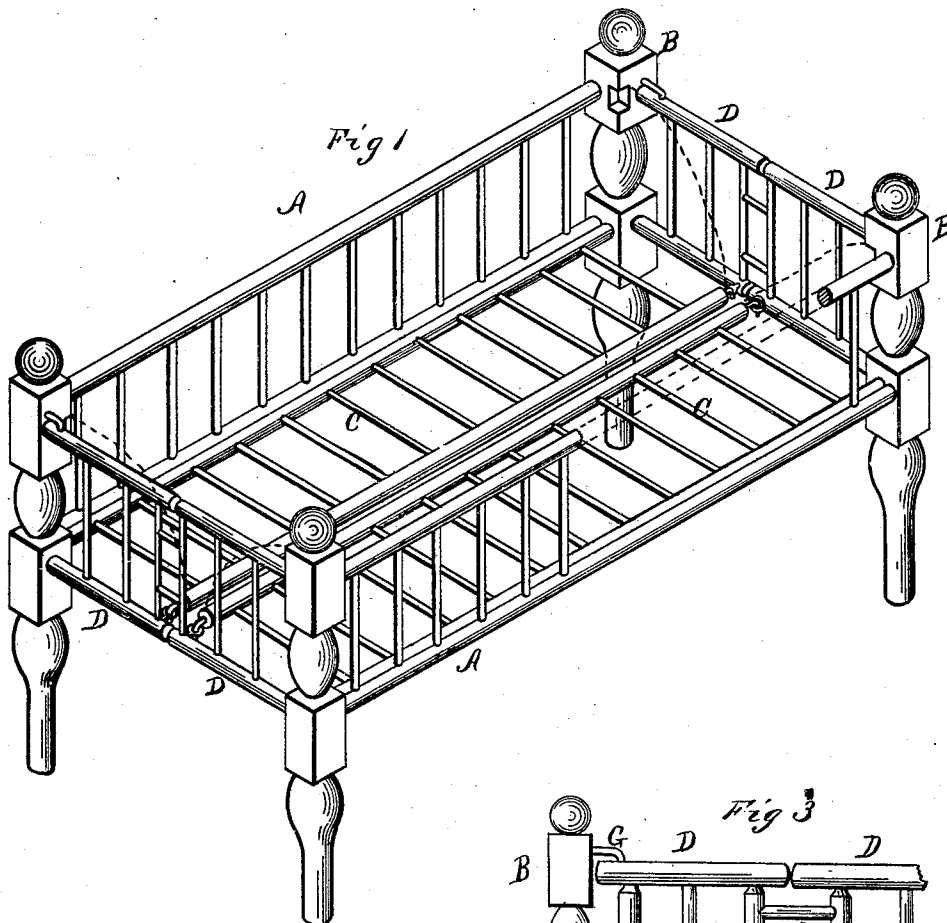


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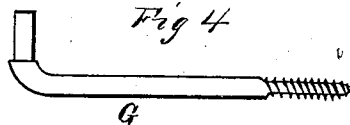
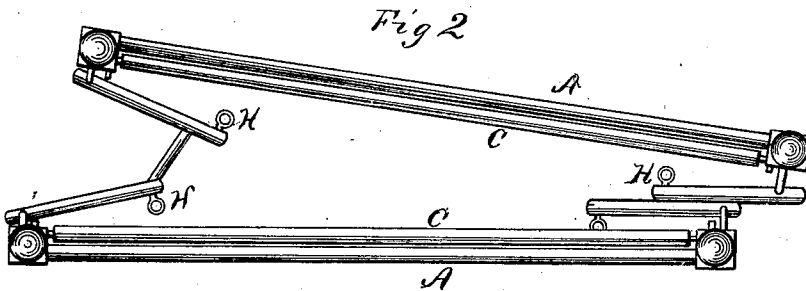
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. GRIFFIN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Crib; and 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, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of cribs in which the head and foot pieces are made in two parts and hinged at the center, and also are hinged to the side pieces of the crib; and it consists in hinging the end pieces (or head and foot pieces) to the side pieces, and the two parts of each end piece together, without the use of the ordinary hinges, which are screwed onto the parts, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view, Fig. 2 a plan view, of the cradle partially folded. Fig. 3 is a side view of a portion of the end; and Fig. 4 is a view of a screw-staple, which I use in putting the cradle together.

In the drawings, which make a part of this specification, A A represent the side panels of the crib; B B, the posts; D D, the end panels; and C C, the panels which form the folding bottom. The side panels are connected rigidly to the posts. The end panels are each in two parts, each part being connected to the post by means of screw hooks or staples, as seen in Fig. 3, at G G. The inner portions of these sections are connected together by two posts, *a a*, which turn in the rails of the sections; and these posts are connected together by the

dowel-pins *e e*, thus forming a hinge, so as to allow the end panels to fold, as represented in Fig. 2. The panels C C have one of their rails provided with a round tenon at each end, and these tenons pass into suitable holes in the posts, thus allowing the panel to be placed in a horizontal or vertical position, at pleasure. In the ends of the other rail of panels C C are secured screw hooks or staples, similar to those before mentioned. Near the inner end of the lower rail of the end panel-sections will be seen screw-eyes H. These are to receive the ends of the hooks or staples in the panels C C, for the purpose not only of supporting said panels, but of bracing and strengthening the crib.

It will be seen from the foregoing that I make a crib or bed without the use of the common hinge and screws for holding the same to the wood-work, and one which can be easily and quickly folded for transportation, or for convenience in storing it out of the way when not in use.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The end panels D D, each made in two parts and hinged together by the gate, composed of the two pivoted posts *a a* and the connecting-dowels *e e*, and hinged to the posts B B by the L-shaped screw-rods G G, all substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of August, 1873.

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