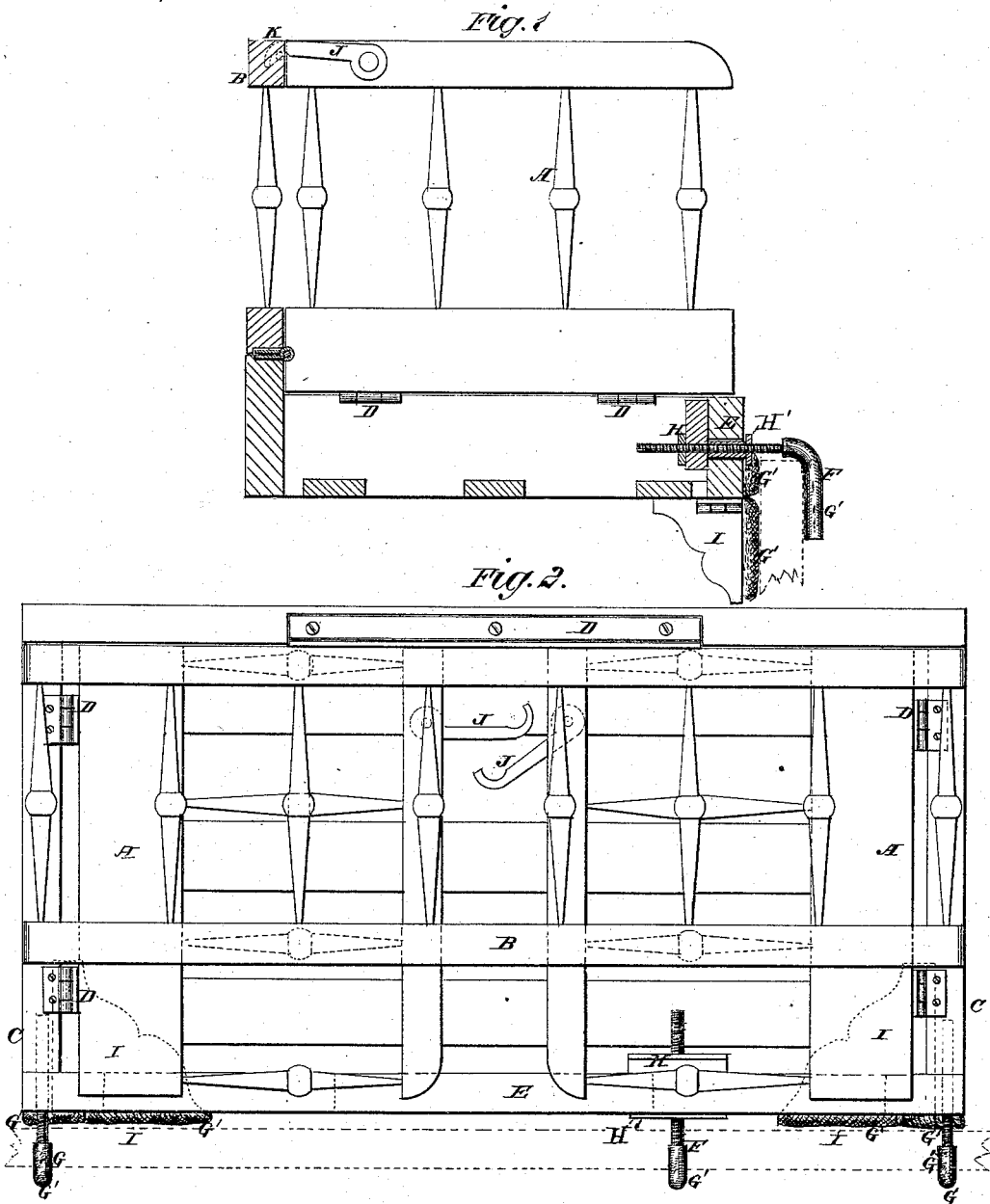


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IMPROVEMENT IN CRIBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY BUTTENBERG and WILLIAM R. HODGES, of Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's Cribs, of which the following is a specification:

Our invention is an improvement in the class of cribs which are attached to, and supported by, the side rail of a bedstead.

The improvement relates to the arrangement of a sliding block and a clamping-screw hook with the slatted front rail of the crib, as hereinafter described, whereby said hook may be adjusted toward or from one which is stationary, thus adapting the crib for attachment to bedstead-rails of irregular form.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section of the crib, with the screw-hooks in position to attach it to a bedstead-rail, (shown in dotted lines;) and Fig. 2 is a plan (top) view, showing the sides and ends folded.

The side B and ends A A are hinged at D to the bottom frame C. The hooks J serve to connect said hinged portions when raised to a vertical position, as in Fig. 1. The front rail E of the crib is provided with a longitudinal slot near one or both ends to receive the block H', through which passes the screw-hook F. The latter may hence be adjusted in the slot by sliding the block H' toward or from either end of the crib. The hook is clamped and held in any adjustment thus made by means of the nut H applied to its screw-threaded shank, as shown. A screw-hook, G, is screwed directly into the crib-frame at each end of the front rail E. Both

hooks, F and G, are provided with pads G', to prevent marring the bedstead-rail, over the upper edge of which they are placed to sustain the crib, as indicated. The folding braces or brackets I have similar pads G'.

It is often, if not generally, necessary the crib should be arranged as near the head of the bed as practicable. But when the bedstead-rail is of irregular form—that is to say, when it is widest at its ends, this cannot be done with the aid of the hooks G, unless the crib be made to assume an inclined position, which is quite undesirable. To attach the crib in such a case, the screw-hook F is adjusted as near as practicable to the enlarged portion of the bedstead-rail, and the contiguous or nearest hook, G, removed. The crib will then be supported by the adjustable hook F, and the stationary hook G, which is located (for the time being) at the bottom end of the crib. Thus the crib may be arranged as near the head of the bed as required.

We are aware the mode of attaching a crib to a bedstead-rail by means of hooks screwed into the frame thereof is not new, and do not therefore claim it.

What we do claim is—

The arrangement, with the slotted front rail of a crib, of the sliding block H' and the screw-hook F, as shown and described, to operate as specified.

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