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SLEEPING CARS.

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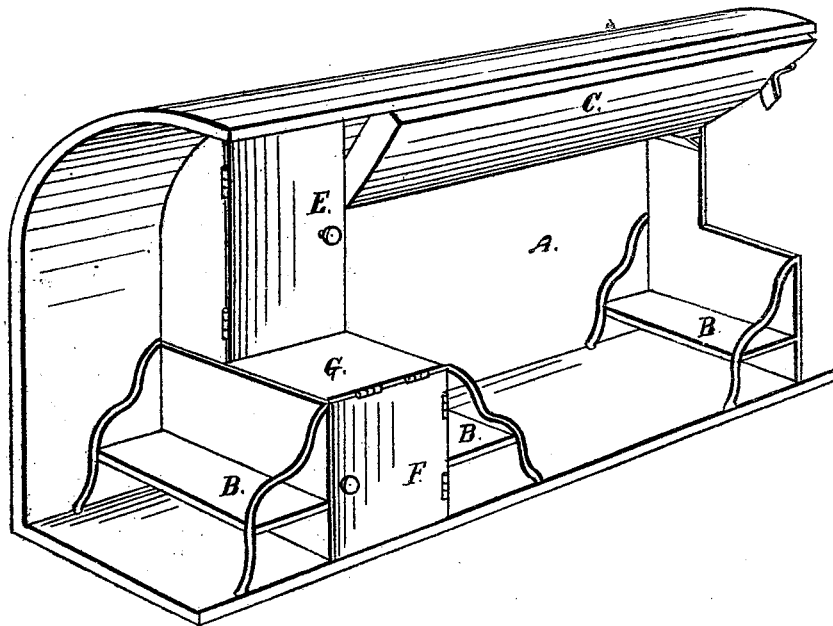


Fig. 1.

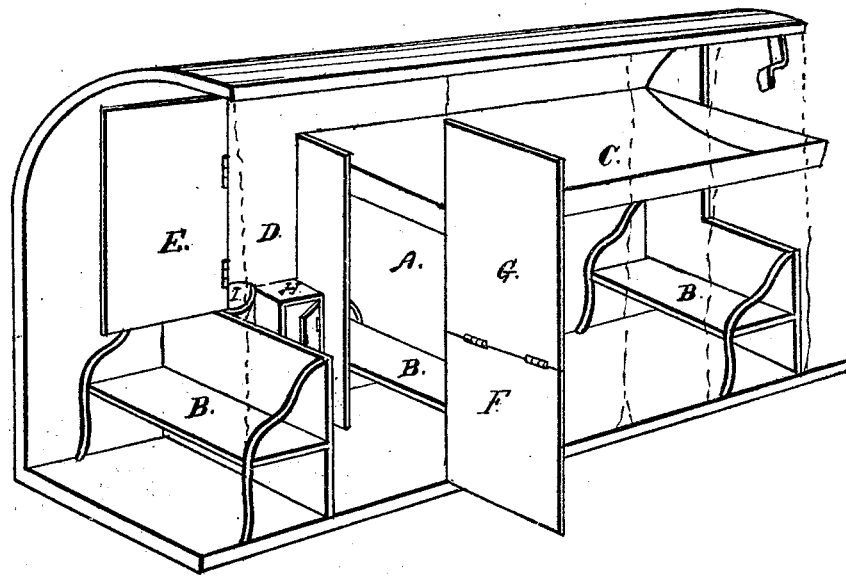


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SLEEPING-CARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FETTE, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain Improvements in Sleeping-Cars, of which the following is a specification:

My invention has for its object the arrangement of a railroad-car so as to be changed from a day-car to a sleeping or night car, and is constructed so as to have a recess between the seats or berths, so that a lady or gentleman can have a private dressing-room, with wash-bowl and other conveniences, so that there may be access to the berths without being exposed to the gaze of other passengers.

Figure 1 is a sectional view of my invention arranged for day-riding; and Fig. 2, a sectional view of a sleeping-car, with the door of the dressing-room open, and dotted lines showing the curtains in front of the berths.

A is the body of a car; B B B, the seats; C, the upper berth; D, a recess between the ends of the berths; E, a door which closes the upper part of the front of the recess when the car is arranged for day-riding, and the upper half of the side of the recess when it is arranged for a sleeping-car; F, the lower half of the front door of the dressing-room; G, the upper half of the front door when arranged for a dressing-room, and the top of the recess when turned down in the day-time; H, closet

in the dressing-room; I, wash-bowl in the same.

This arrangement is as follows: When the car is to be arranged for sleeping, the door E is swung out so as to form a partition above the back of the car-seat, on one side of the recess, and the door G is raised up so as to form, in connection with the door F to which it is hinged, a front door to the dressing-room. Upper berth C is let down to a level position, and the lower seats are turned out so as to form a bed. A curtain is let down in front, which is represented by dotted lines. This makes a close and secluded sleeping-chamber. The lady or gentleman can step into the recess and close the door after them, and prepare for bed, and climb up into the upper berth or into the lower berth, as may be desired, and not expose themselves to the gaze of other passengers.

I claim as new and as my invention—

1. A dressing-room in a sleeping-car arranged between the seats or berths in a recess, D, provided with doors E, F, and G, substantially as described.

2. A recess, D, between the backs of seats B in a sleeping-car, substantially as described.

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