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Combined Desk and Crib.

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Fig. 1.

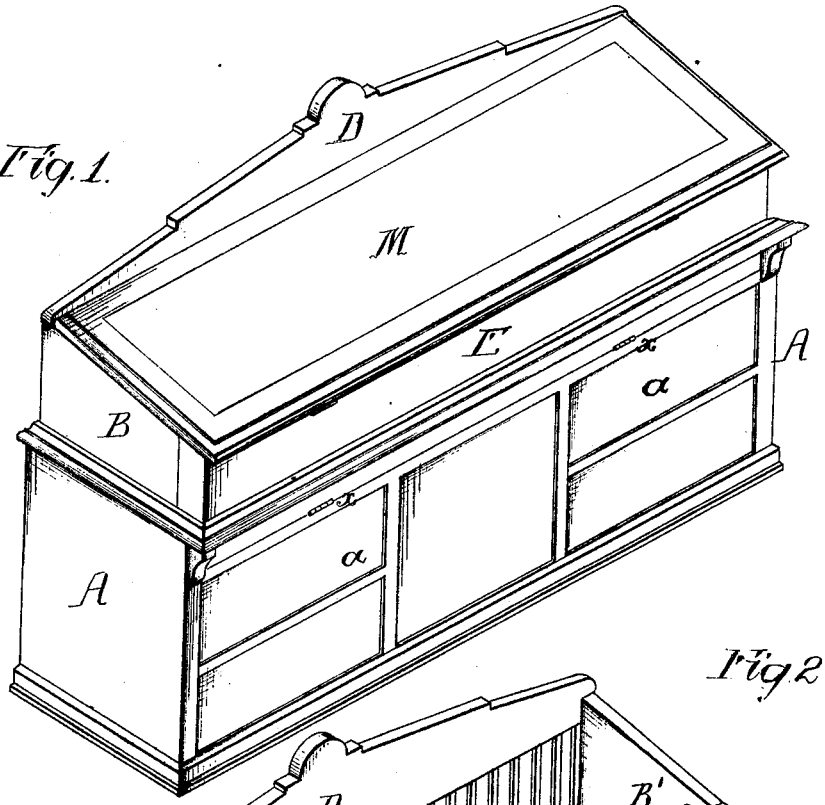
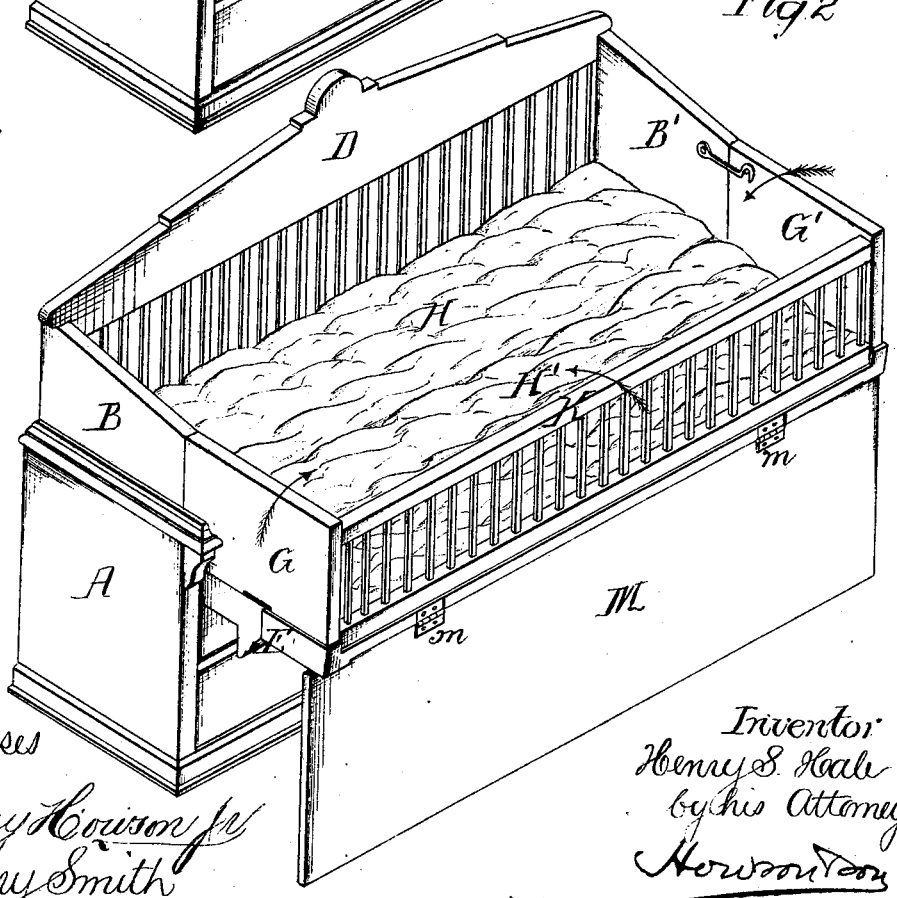


Fig 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED DESK AND CRIB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY S. HALE, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Desk and Crib, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to so construct a crib that it can be folded together and made to assume the appearance and serve the purpose of a writing-desk.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of the combined crib and desk, illustrating the two conditions which it can be made to assume.

The main body or brace A of the structure consists of an oblong box, the front of which is made like that of an ordinary desk, and has such drawers and closets as may be desired. To this base are permanently secured the two end pieces B and B′, and a back, D, the upper edge of which may be ornamented in such style as the taste of the constructor may suggest.

To the upper edge of the front *a* of the base is hinged, at *x x*, the frame E, which can be turned up, as shown in Fig. 1, when it forms the upper portion of the front of the desk, or turned down, as shown in Fig. 2, when, together with slats or boards within the base, it forms the support for the mattress H H′.

An end piece, G, is hinged to one end of the frame E, and forms, when turned up, a continuation of the end piece B of the permanent structure; and to the opposite end of the frame E is hinged the piece G′, which, when raised, forms a continuatioc of the end piece B′. These pieces G and G′ are so hinged that they can be turned down in the direction of the arrows, Fig. 2.

A board or railed frame, K, is hinged at its lower edge to the frame E, near the outer edge of the same, in such a manner that it can be turned in the direction of its arrow from the position shown in Fig. 2.

The board M, which, as will be seen hereinafter, forms the top of the desk, is hinged to the outer edge of the frame E, and, resting with its edge on the floor, serves to support the said frame E.

It will be understood that there are suitable fastenings for maintaining the several movable parts in their proper position when the structure is used as a crib.

Supposing it be necessary to convert the crib, Fig. 2, into a desk, the first thing to be done is to fold the mattress, which is made in two parts, so that both parts shall be contained within the limits of the permanent structure. After this the frame or board K must be folded down in the direction of its arrow onto the board E, and the end pieces G and G′ folded down onto the frame K. The frame E is then turned up against the permanent part of the structure, as shown in Fig. 1, and the lid M turned down onto the upper inclined edges of the permanent end pieces B and B′, when the structure will form a desk, as shown in Fig. 1.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the structure A B B′ D, forming part of a desk, with the frame E, hinged to the front of the said structure, and the lid M, hinged to the said frame E, all substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the permanent structure and the frame E, hinged to the same, with the end pieces G G′ and frame K, hinged to the said frame E, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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