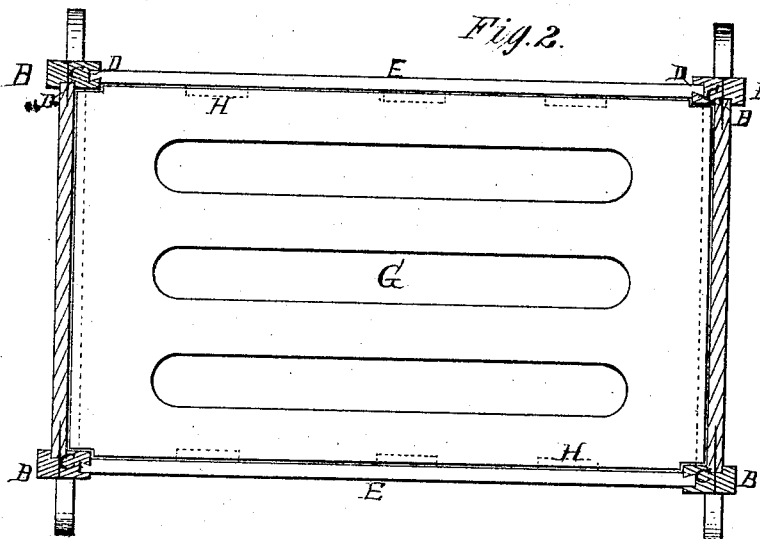
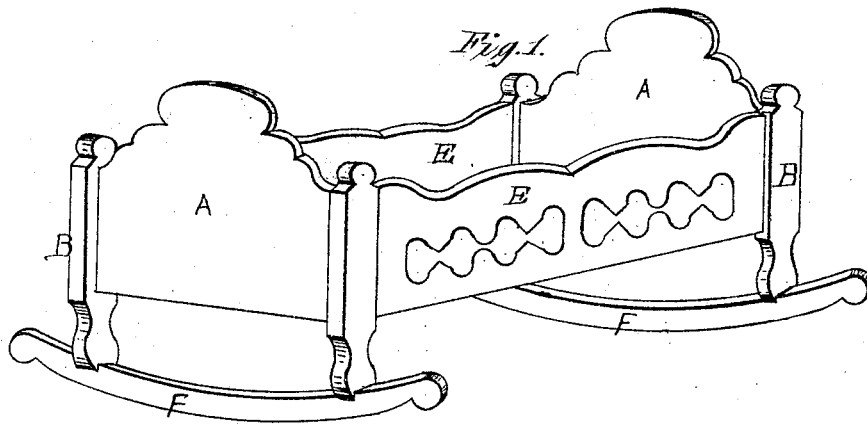


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE CRADLES OR CRIBS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL M. REYNOLDS, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Cradles and Cribs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, and

Figure 2 is a horizontal section of the same.

Similar letters of reference in the drawing denote corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is, first, to construct a convenient combined portable cradle and crib, which can be easily taken apart for moving and transportation, and also cheaply constructed.

In the drawing—

A A are the head and foot-boards of a cradle and crib, the same being made fast to the posts or legs B in the usual manner.

C C are grooves, made perpendicularly in the legs or posts B their entire length, for the reception of the tongue D made on the ends of the sides E, the two parts C and D forming a dovetail-joint, thus enabling the sides to be easily put in or taken out, for the purpose of packing the device or parts in a small compass.

F F are the rockers, which are attached to the legs or posts B in the usual manner.

G is the bottom of the cradle and crib, made in one piece, with longitudinal openings *g* cut in the same, to afford a slight degree of elasticity when the child is

laid upon the mattress, and, at the same time, admit air to the mattress.

The bottom C rests upon small blocks H, fastened to the sides E, three or more on a side, as the size of the cradle may require, and by strips on the bottom of the head and foot-board.

The advantages to be derived in the construction of a cradle and crib in this way is, that, the sides having the dovetailed tongues, and the posts or legs the dovetailed grooves, the device can be taken apart very quickly and easily when it is desired to do so for transportation; and the bottom G, being constructed in one piece, instead of a series of slats, as is usual, avoids the liability of losing one or more of the slats, and thus rendering the cradle and crib of no use until others are provided; it also prevents any lateral strain or twisting of the device, whereby the dovetail-joints could be broken.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The cradle or crib in which the side pieces and ends are united by dovetail-tongues and grooves, as described, when said parts are combined with a bottom board, G, constructed in a single piece, with longitudinal openings *g g*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 19th day of August, 1870.

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