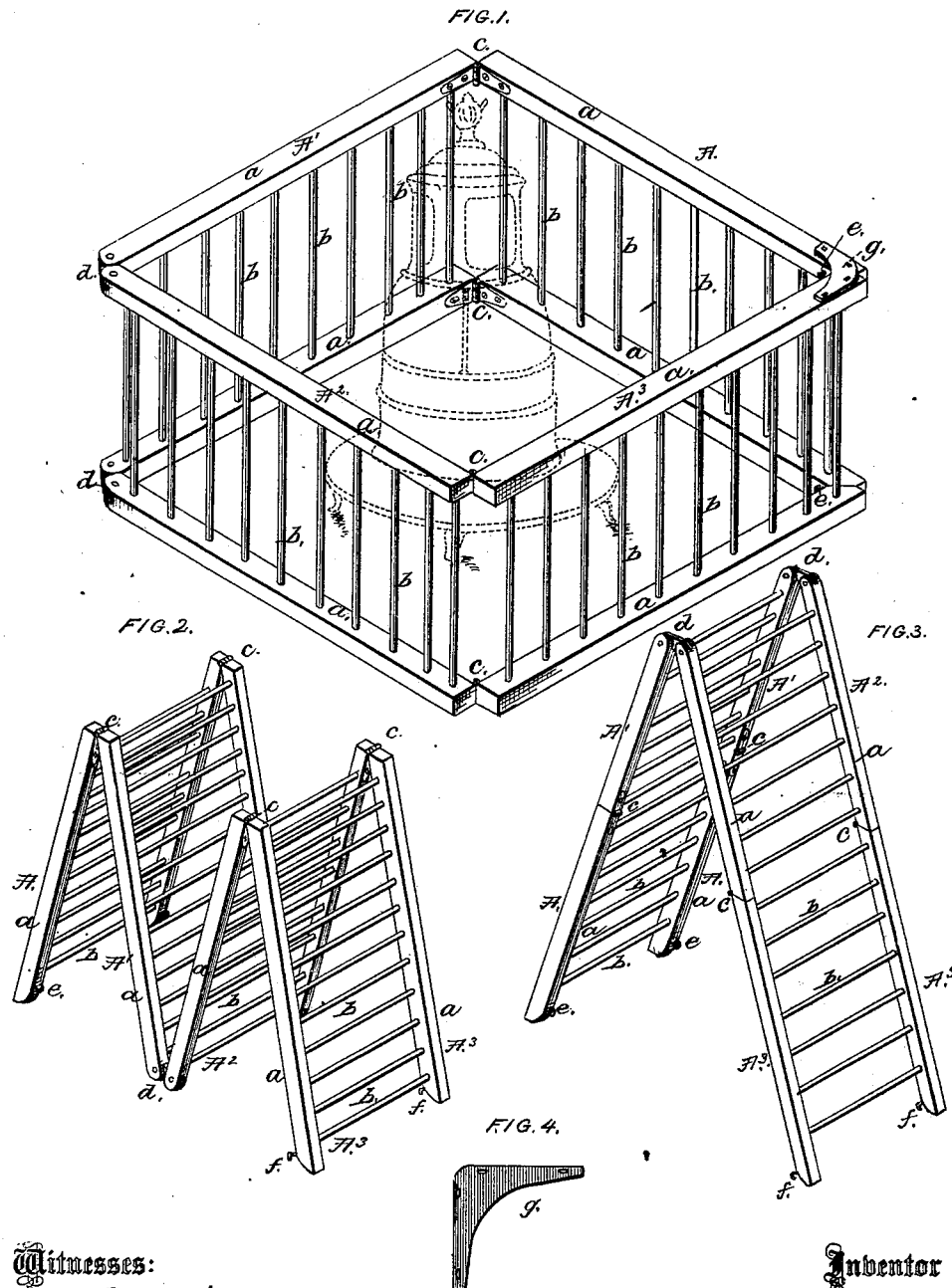


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED NURSERY-GATE AND CLOTHES-DRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS, of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Nursery-Gate and Clothes-Drier; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a useful auxiliary to household furniture, whereby accidents to children are prevented; and the said device may also be used as a clothes-rack, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the device in position around the stove. Figs. 2 and 3 are perspective views, showing the device as a double and single clothes-rack, respectively; and Fig. 4 is a view of the additional fastening device.

A¹ A² A³ represent the bars of the device, composed of four parts, each part being composed of the side bars, *a*, and cross-rounds *b*, placed at the desired distance apart. The parts A and A³ are hinged to the parts A¹ and A² by means of strap-hinges *c c*. The parts A¹ and A² are hinged to each other by the double pivoted bar, *d*.

To the ends of the bars of part A are secured eyes *e e*, and suitable hooks *f f*, to engage with said eyes, are placed on the bars of the part A³.

By this arrangement many accidents which occur to children are prevented. When it is desired to prevent the child from roaming about the room and falling over objects, the device is arranged as shown in Fig. 1. The child is placed within it, and he cannot get out to injure himself. The bars *a* will also be of great assistance as a support to children learning to walk.

When the child is allowed the freedom of the room the device may be placed around a stove, or such object as it would be likely to obtain injury from by coming in contact with, and thus prevent its reaching it.

The device can also be used as a clothes-rack, either double or single, when desired, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

A bracket or equivalent fastening, *g*, may be placed on the corners when the device is arranged as shown at Fig. 1, to prevent being pushed outward.

Having thus fully described my invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The frames A, A¹, A², and A³, combined with inside hinges, C, pivoted bar *d*, and hook and eye *e f*, whereby a nursery gate or pen, or a single or double clothes-drier, may be formed, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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