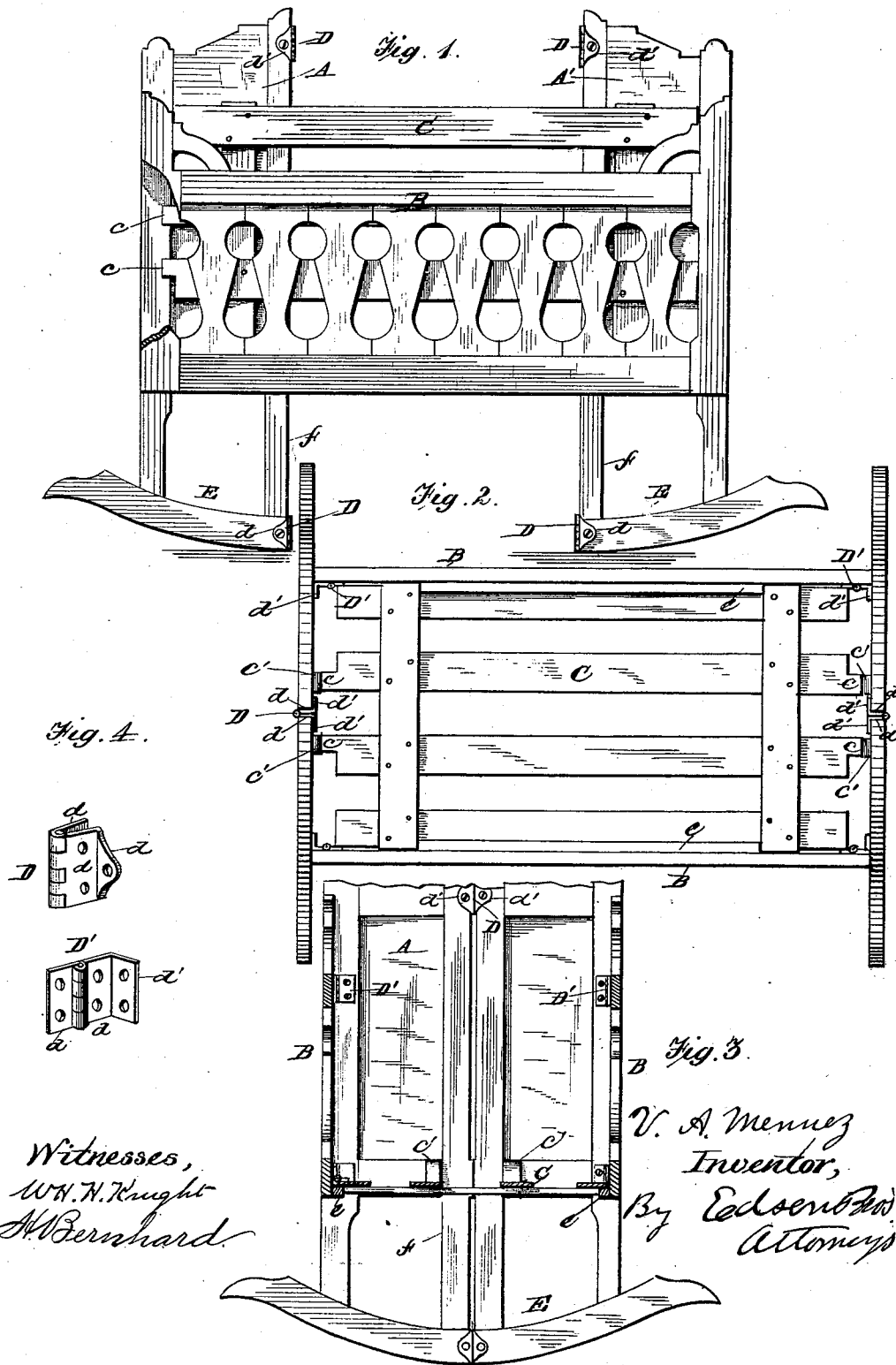


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VINCENT A. MENUEZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Michigan City, in the county of La Porte and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Cradles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved cradle or crib folded. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view. Fig. 3 is a cross-section thereof, and Fig. 4 are views of the different forms of hinges employed in connection with my cradle.

It is desirable to have articles of furniture of this class fold compactly together to permit of their ready shipment and storage. To effect this end, in common with others of the same class, is the object of my invention.

It therefore consists of end pieces formed each into two hinged or flexibly connected together parts, and provided with a rocker made in two parts, either hinged or not hinged together, and each half connected either by only one or more standards to the end pieces, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In carrying out my invention I employ two end pieces, A A', divided each into two parts hinged together at their upper and lower ends, two side pieces, B B, hinged to the end pieces also at their upper and lower ends, and a bottom, C, composed preferably of slats secured to cross-pieces, and hinged to one side piece at its inner bottom edge.

The hinges D, which connect the parts of the end piece together, are adapted to permit the inward folding together of said parts, and constructed each of two leaves, d d', hinged together and provided each with a right-angled flange, d', which permits the more firmly securing in place of the hinges, as by this construction, permitting each leaf to fit against the edge as well as one side of each of the parts of an end piece, the hinge is capable of being fastened at two different points—one at right angles to the other—upon the end pieces.

The hinges D', connecting the sides to the

ends, have each only one right-angled flange, d', by which it is connected itself to the end, to co-operate with the hinges D in permitting the folding together and inwardly of the sides and ends.

The bottom C has its two central slats provided at their ends with projections or extensions e, which, as the bottom is shut down into its place in the cradle, pass into contact with and abut against beveled cleats e', fastened to the ends A, one upon each side of the point of separation between their parts. This enables the firmly securing in place of the bottom.

The bottom is held in place by supporting it by means of its forward slat, instead of by the slat cross-pieces, upon a flange or cleat, e, fastened to one side piece B at its lower inner edge.

E E are the rockers, each divided into two parts or halves, which may or may not be hinged together, and may be connected each half to the ends A by only one leg or standard, f, as shown.

With the use of one standard for each half-rocker, if desired, it may be braced by oblique pieces fastened to the rocker and the standard or other suitable way.

It is obvious that as the ends and rockers are composed each of hinged-together parts, the sides hinged to the ends, and the bottom hinged to a side piece, the cradle is capable of being folded compactly for convenience in shipment and storage.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a folding cradle or crib, the combination of the divided rockers with the divided end pieces, suitably connected thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding cradle or crib, the combination of the divided rockers, each half-rocker hinged together, with the end pieces, suitably connected thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a folding cradle or crib, the combination, with the divided end pieces of the divided rockers, connected each half-rocker

thereto by one or more standards, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a folding cradle or crib, the combination, with the divided end pieces, of the divided rockers, the two halves of each rocker hinged together, and connected to the end pieces by one or more standards, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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