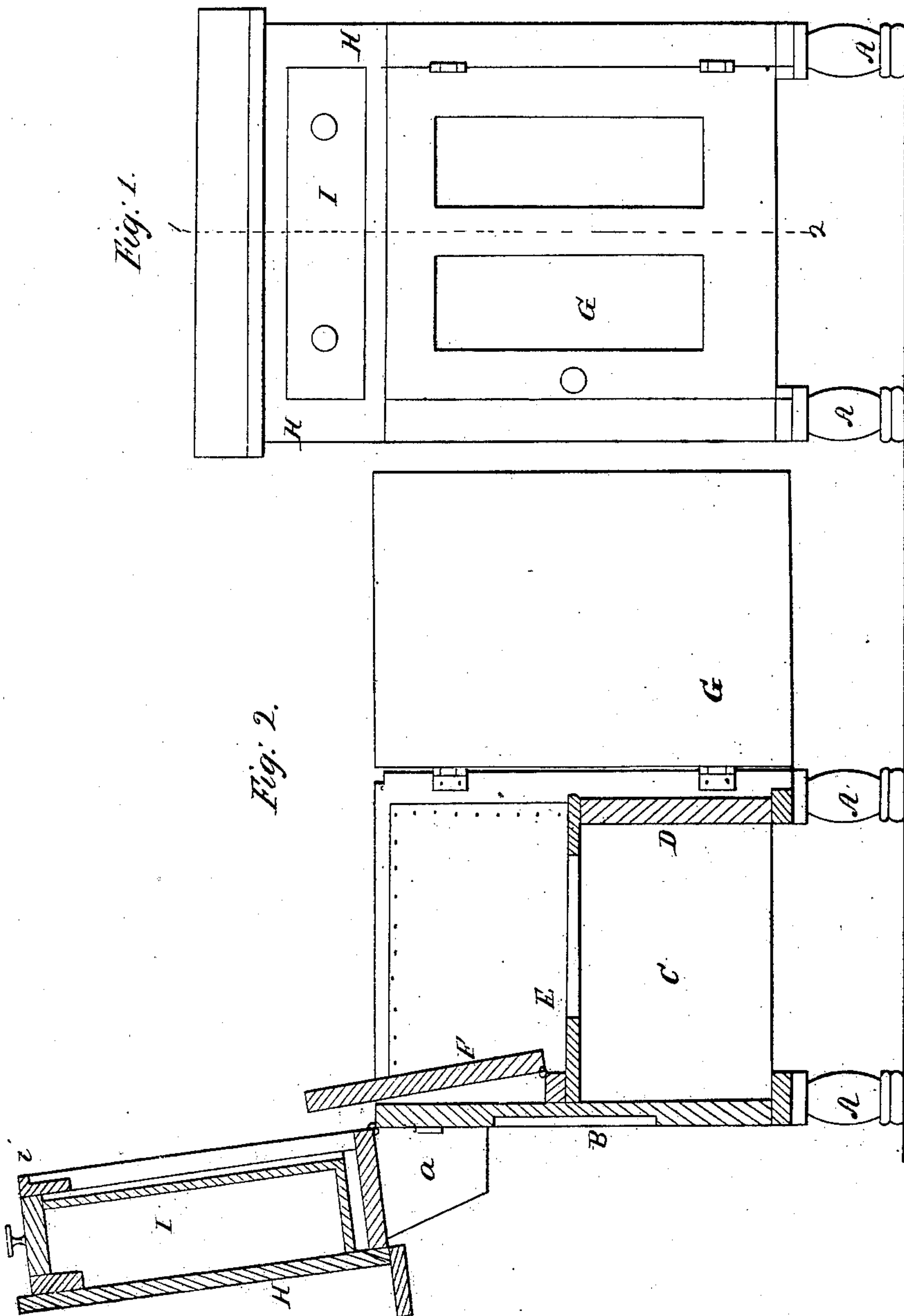


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COMBINED WASHSTAND AND NIGHT-STOOL.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 20,428, dated June 1, 1858.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS W. HAMILTON, of Conshohocken, Montgomery county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a
5 Combined Washstand and Night-Stool; 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 and to the letters of reference
10 marked thereon.

My invention consists in inclosing a seat within a casing representing the body of an ordinary washstand, with the usual door in front, and in hinging to the back of the said casing, a lid containing a drawer, the whole
15 being arranged, in the manner described hereafter, so as to form an article of bed room furniture, presenting all the appearance and possessing all the convenience of
20 an ordinary washstand, and capable of being readily converted into a night stool for invalids.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now
25 proceed to describe its construction and operation.

On reference to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification; Figure 1 is a front elevation of my combined
30 washstand and night stool, with the lid down and the door closed. Fig. 2 a sectional elevation on the line 1, 2, Fig. 1, with the lid and door open.

Four upright pieces A, A, A, A, (the
35 lower ends of which form the legs) the back B, the opposite sides C, the front D and seat E form the permanent frame of the apparatus, the seat having the ordinary opening, and being furnished with the usual hinged
40 lip F.

To one of the sides is hinged the door G, the front of which may be paneled or ornamented, so as to represent the front of that class of washstands, which have a cupboard or recess. To the back of the body is hinged
45 the lid H, which is of a box form, and arranged to receive the drawer I. When open, the lid rests, at the back, on the hinged bracket *a*, and when closed, projecting lips *i* in front fit into corresponding recesses on
50 the top of the sides C, as well as on the top of the door G, in such a manner, that the latter cannot be opened until the lid is raised, or the lid closed before the door is shut.

When a night stool is required, as in case of sickness, the lid H, with its drawer I, is raised, the door G opened, the lid F raised, and a suitable vessel placed in the opening
60 of the seat E; when the apparatus presents every convenience for the desired purpose. When not required for the above use, the lids and door are closed; when the apparatus assumes the form, and affords the usual conveniences of an ordinary washstand.
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I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent;

The seat E, as inclosed within a body or casing, composed of the back B, the two
70 sides C and the door G, in combination with the lid H and its drawer I, the whole being arranged substantially as, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification before two sub-
75 scribing witnesses.

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