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Fig. 1

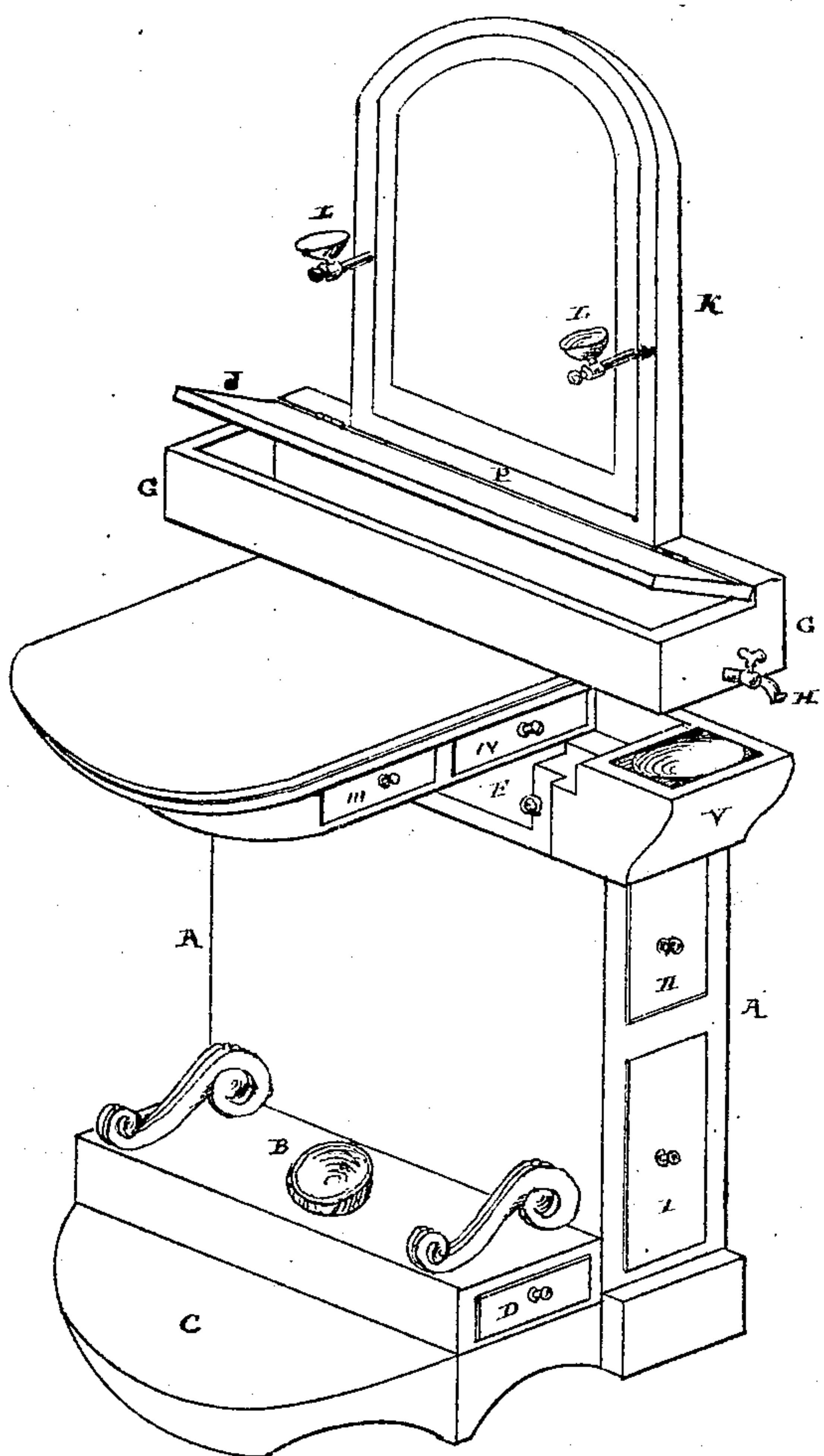
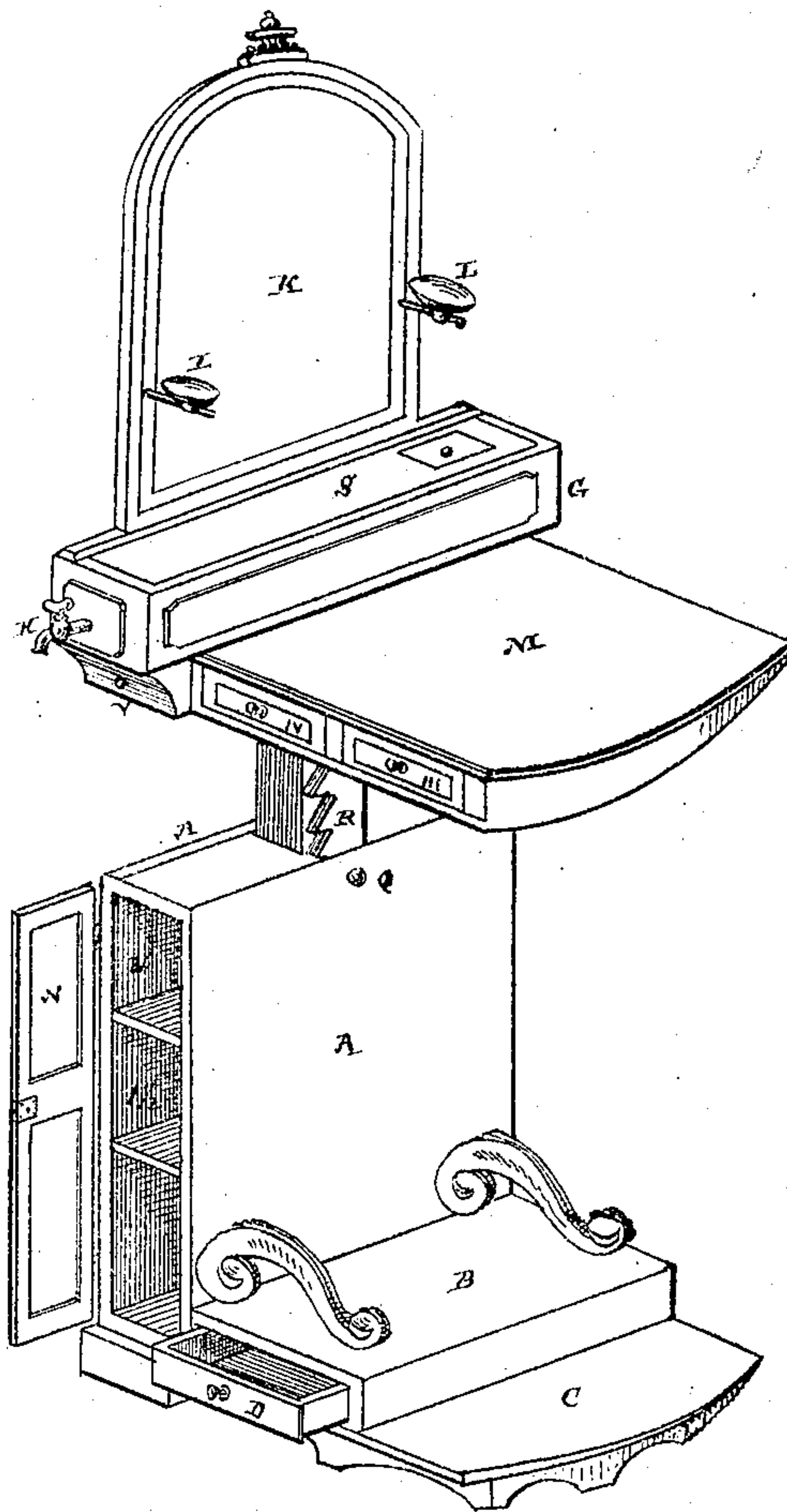


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED TOILET-TABLES AND WASH-STANDS.

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Specification describing certain Improvements in the Combined Arrangement of an Adjustable Sick-Room Dressing-Stand and Table, the invention of NICHOLAS STEINHAUSER, of the city of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania.

The nature of my invention consists in the combined arrangement of a dressing-table provided with a water tank or tanks, sundry drawers, spittoon, and appliances, together with a looking-glass turning on a pivot, the upper portion or table-leaf made adjustable so as to raise it and project it over the bed for invalids, constituting a neat and useful article of furniture for ordinary purposes, and more especially adapted for the sick-room.

The accompanying drawing, with letters of reference marked thereon, clearly illustrate the arrangement of the parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the front and one side. Fig. 2 is a modification of my invention with the table elevated and the basin or drawer V attached thereto.

The body of the table A is formed double, having side spaces for the drawers I II on each side; or the space may be shelved and have a hinged door, N, and an open box or drawer, V, on the top on each side, the whole resting upon a base or foot platform, C, provided with rollers or casters at three points. This base C also supports a box, B, with a drawer, D, for a spittoon, which can be drawn out from either side. There is also a central basin on B, opening into the spittoon-drawer, designed for a flexible tube connection from the mouth of the patient, (not shown.) The one-sided top M has also two drawers on each side, III and IV, and supports the water tank or cooler G, with its lid J and faucets H, within a box covering the top of the stand of drawers by projecting on the sides of the table-top M over the boxes V on the top of the uprights A, or drawers V attached to the tank G, as shown in Fig. 2. This tank or cross-box G supports a looking-glass, K, on a central pivot, P, on which said glass can be turned to any desired angle. The frame of said glass is also provided with supports L, for a lamp or candle on each side. This com-

bined top M, with the tank supporting the glass, has a central vertical sliding support or leg, F, which fits into a central open space between the drawers I II and uprights A A, which latter form the back and front of the case of drawers or standard. The edge of the support F is notched or toothed for a spring-catch, Q, similar to those used in window-sash to hold them at any desired height, with a spring-button in the rear or front to disengage the same for lowering down, as shown in Fig. 2. In Fig. 1, at F, is shown a rounded notch for a sliding bolt, instead of the toothed edge R, shown in Fig. 2.

Invalids capable of sitting up in bed can be supplied with all the conveniences. By sliding the base C under the bed, the top M can be elevated so as to project over the bed, giving ample space for sundry refreshments and articles required in the side drawers. Medicines or refreshments, &c., can also be stored in the lower side drawers, water with ice at hand. The top side boxes V may contain a wash-basin. In short, the utility and convenience of this combination are readily understood, and cannot fail to be appreciated, the eight drawers or shelves and drawer, two boxes, water-tank, spittoon, swivel-glass, altogether, forming a neat and convenient article of furniture, (which may be paneled and ornamented,) apart from its special adaptation for the sick-room.

I am, however, aware that tables for the sick are not new, mounting the top of a folding or extensible table by means of a swivel-joint and sliding standard, or with an adjustable swinging top, capable of projecting over a bed, and steadied by means of an extensible foot; such I do not claim. But I am not aware that any table for the purpose named was ever substantially combined and arranged in the manner shown and specified; therefore,

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

1. The standard A A, forming a case for the drawers or shelves I II on each side, and the top boxes or basins V, with the central open space for the reception of the notched support of the shifting top, in combination

with the spittoon-box B D on the projecting base C, all substantially arranged in the manner and for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with the foregoing standard and its central open space, I claim the vertical notched support F R, the top M, with its side drawers III IV, water-tank G and appliances, with the looking-glass K mounted

on a pivot, P, with its light-holders L, all substantially combined and operated in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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