

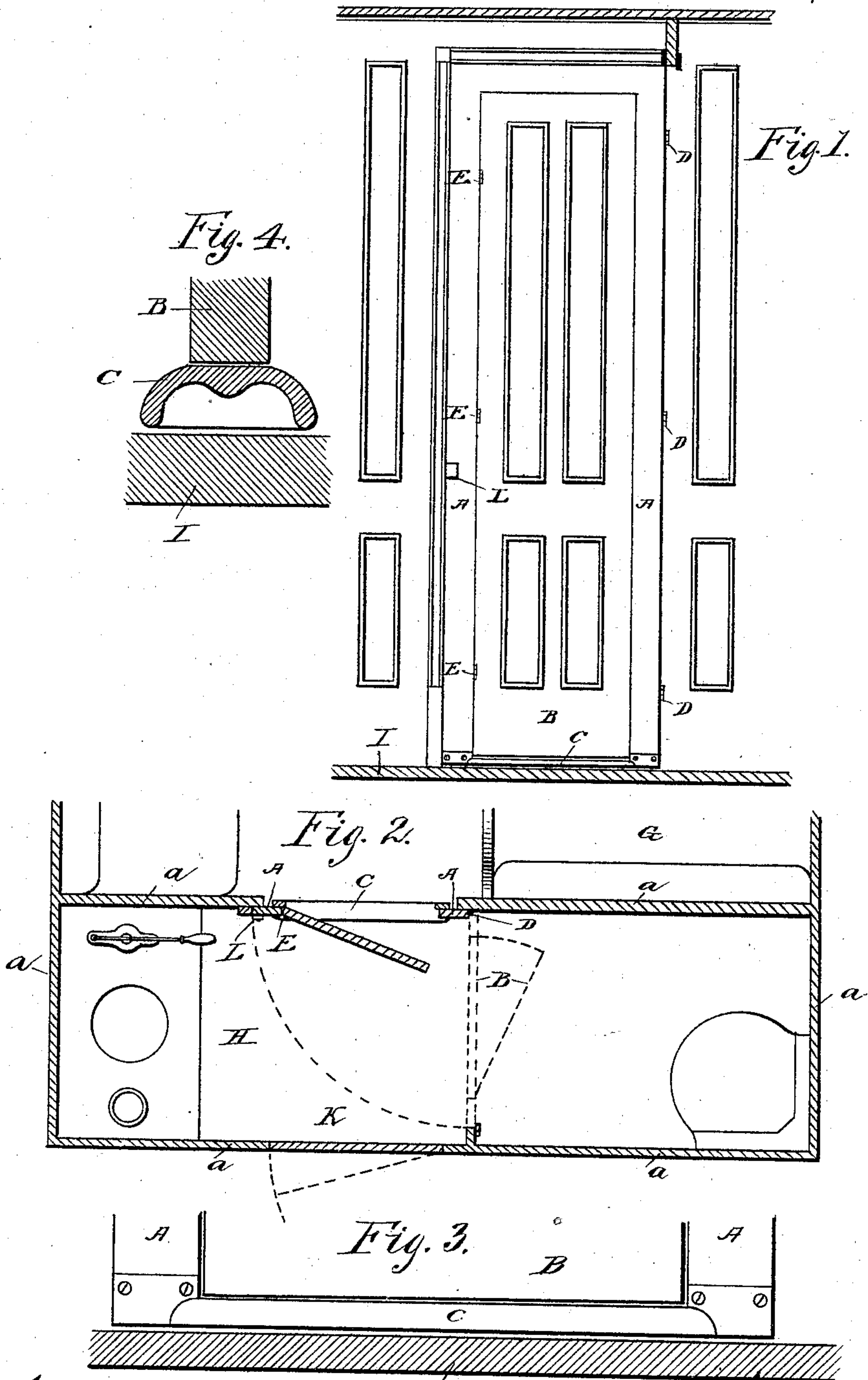
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY HOWARD SESSIONS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pullman, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Movable Partitions for Toilet-Apartments, which I desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is more especially designed to obviate a deficiency in the construction of toilet-rooms of railroad-coaches. In the usual manner of constructing a suit of toilet apartments the subdivision is permanent.

My method of construction is to introduce a swinging partition which is susceptible of such manipulation as to interchangeably vary the size of the apartments.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation. Fig. 2 is a plan view, and Figs. 3 and 4 are enlarged detail sections.

In Fig. 2 there are especially shown three divisions. For the present example, G may be a withdrawing-room, H a toilet-room, and F a closet. The permanent inclosure and partitions are represented by *a a*, &c.

K represents the exit and entrance door for the suite.

A is the swinging partition, hinged at D D D to a permanent partition. Partition A is provided with a door, B, hinged at E E E. The threshold C is shown in connection with this partition, forming a connection at the bottom thereof. Without the intervention of partition A there is free communication between the three divisions—that is, passages lead from division H into each of the others, said passages being of equal width. As seen in Fig. 2, partition A is secured in position in the passage between divisions H and G, when, by means of door B, the latter division may become an apartment of extra privacy, while divisions H and F form an apartment in com-

mon. When partition A is swung into the passage between the divisions H and F (indicated by dotted lines) and secured, the latter division may become an apartment of extra privacy, and divisions H and G would be in common.

The supplementary opening—that is, the opening in partition A, closed by door B—may be closed by a curtain, though the latter would not, of course, afford the protection to privacy that is secured by the provision of a door.

By my method of constructing toilet apartments the narrow limit necessarily devoted to such use in a coach affords the greatest possible freedom and convenience with a desirable subdivision of the suite.

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

1. In a toilet-suite for passenger-coaches, a combination of two or more apartments having a passage-way, respectively, with which a single partition is so pivotally connected that by a movement of the latter on its bearings either of the passage-ways may be closed, said partitions being provided with a door or supplementary opening, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of divisions G, H, and F with a swinging partition, A, provided with a door, B, and hinged or pivoted at the tripartite intersection, whereby the passage between divisions H and F or H and G may be alternately opened and closed, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of the divisions H, G, and F with partition A and door B, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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