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Fig. 1.

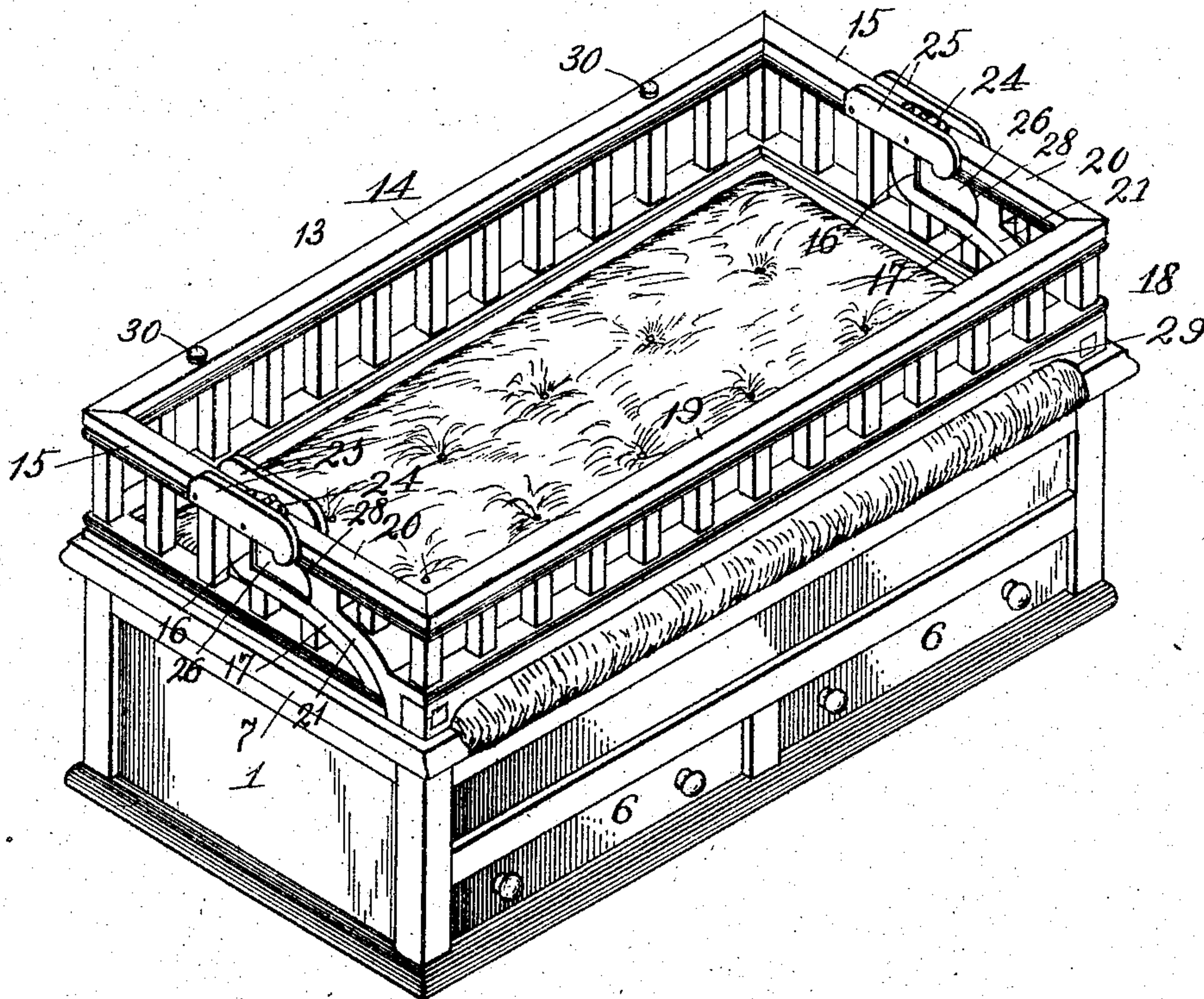
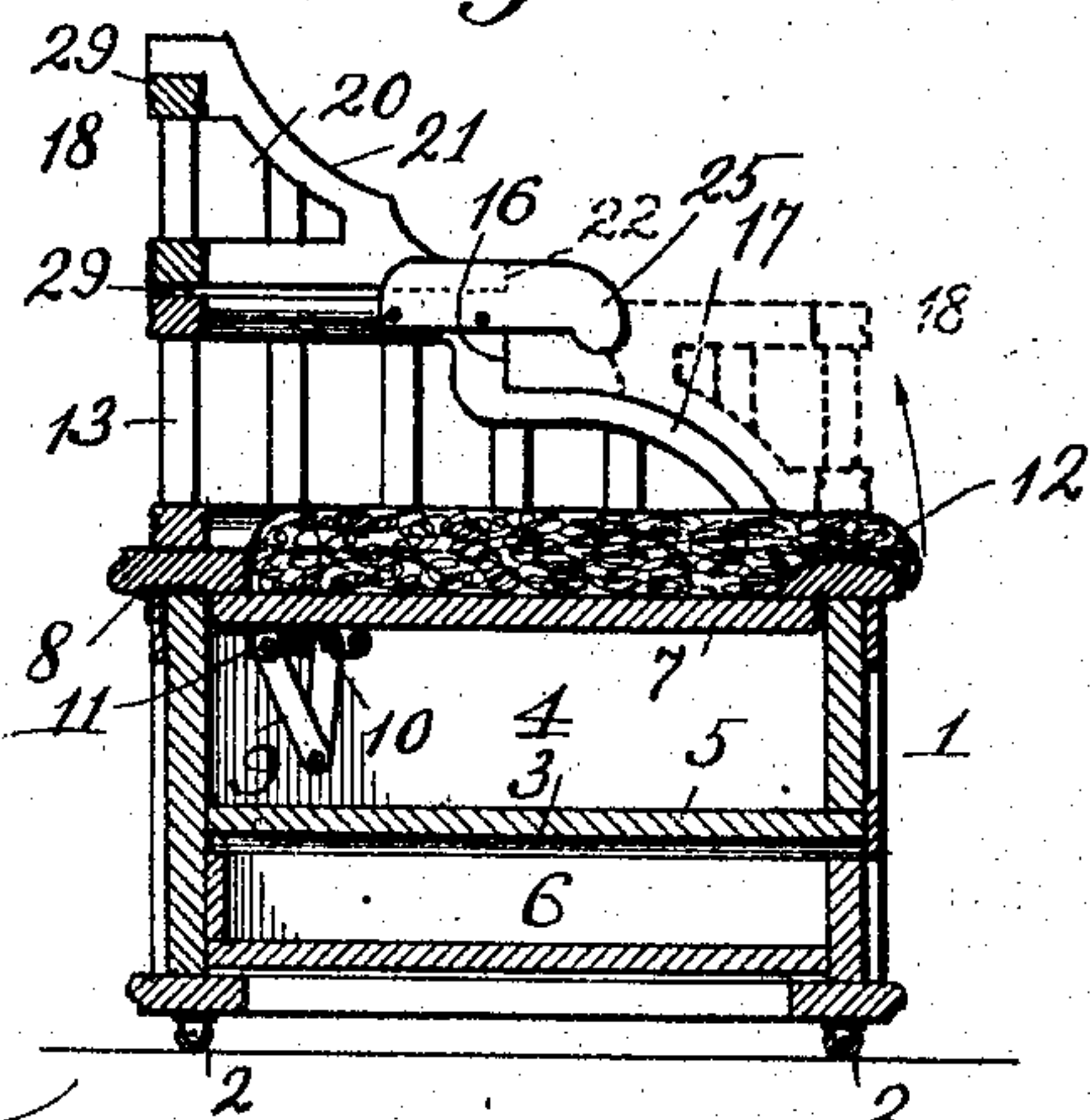


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

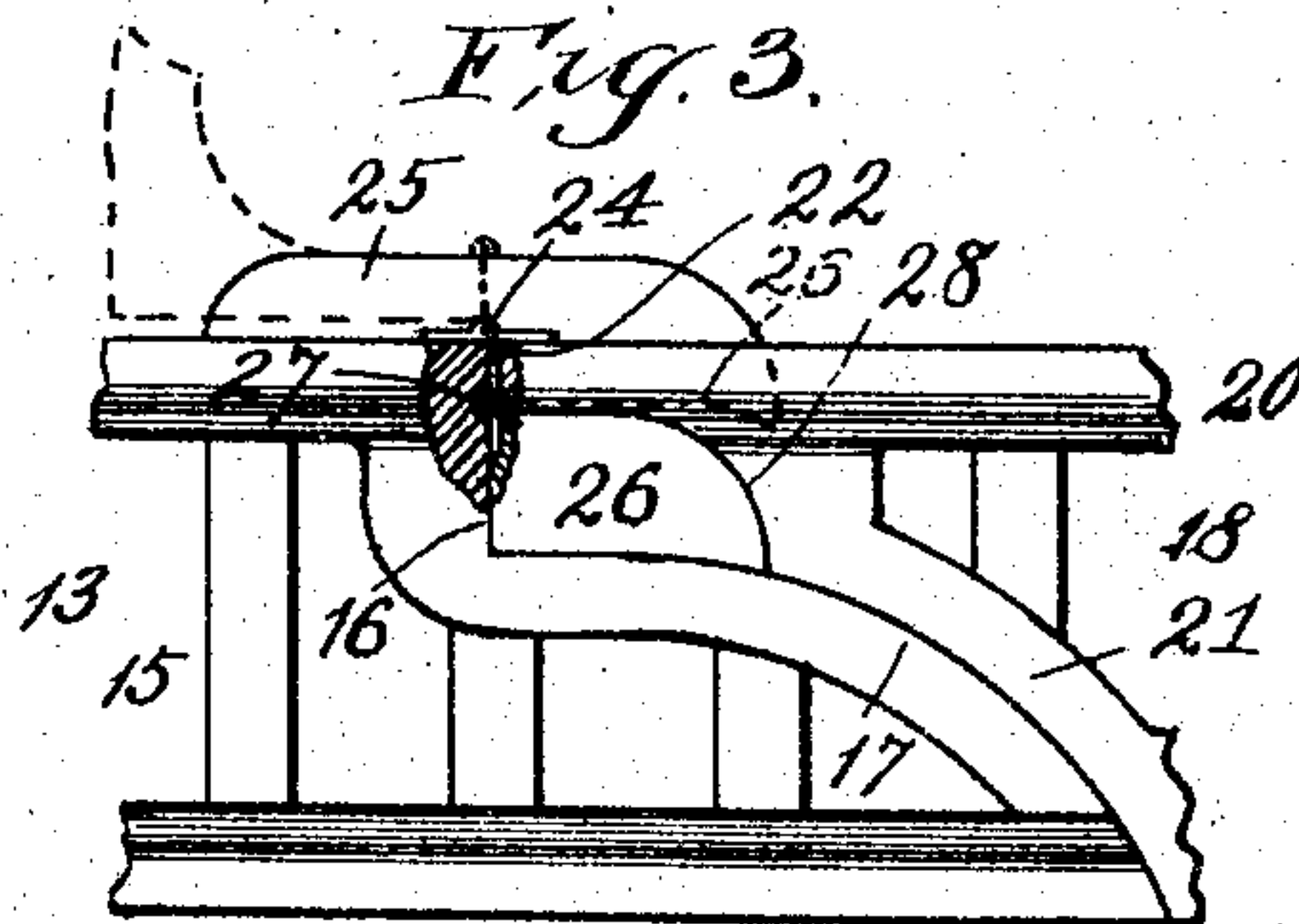
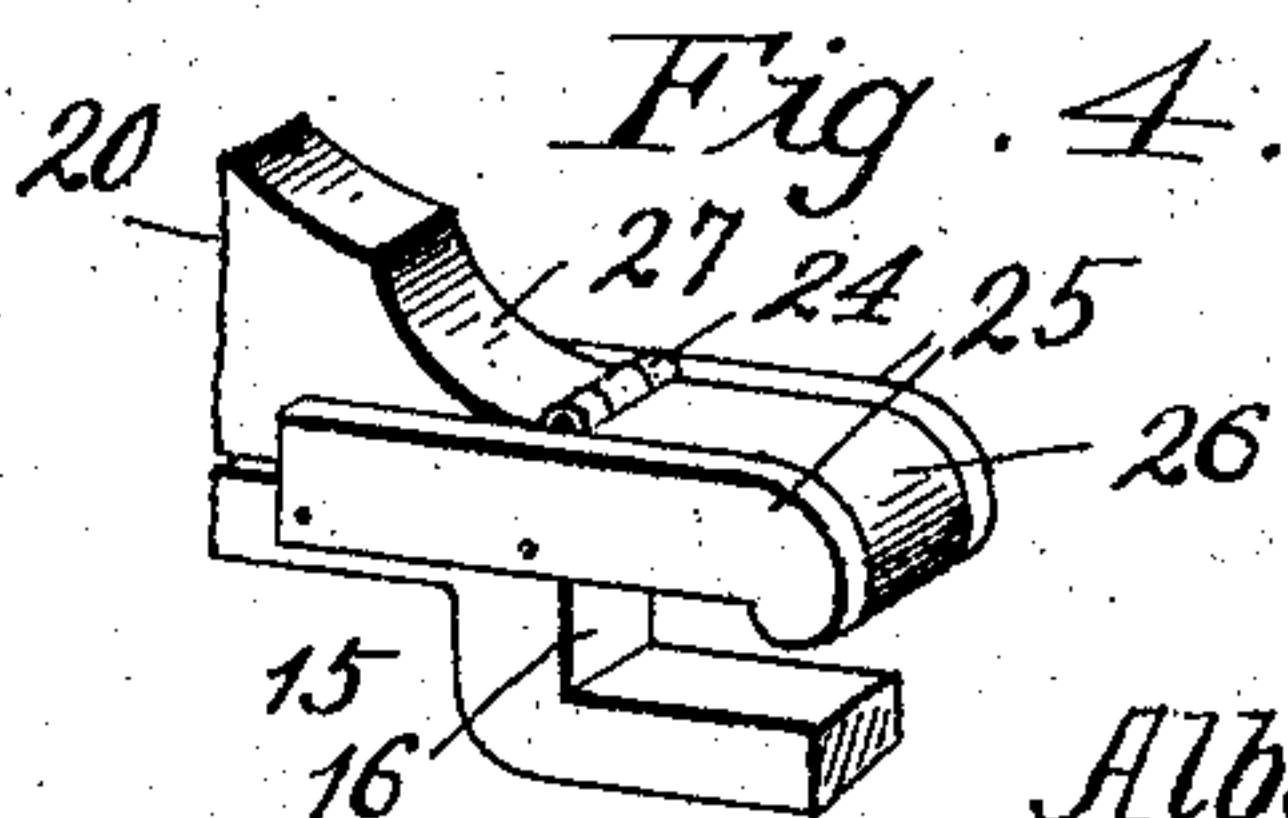


Fig. 4.



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## COMBINED CRIB AND SETTEE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. CUSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Crib and Settee, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in combined cribs and settees; and my object is to provide an article of furniture which can be readily converted from a child's crib into a settee and which will occupy the same amount of floor-space when used as either.

The invention consists in the novel arrangement, construction, and combination of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims; and in order that it may be fully understood reference will now be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention arranged in the form of a child's crib. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the invention converted into a settee. Fig. 3 is an enlarged broken end view of the upper portions forming part of the invention. Fig. 4 is a broken detail perspective view of the hinged sections, retaining-strips, and filling-block forming part of the invention.

In carrying out the invention I prefer to employ a rectangular body portion 1, mounted upon casters 2, so it may be readily moved about the room and divided into two compartments 3 and 4 by a horizontal partition 5 for the storage of clothes, &c. Compartment 3 is provided with drawers 6, and the upper portion of compartment 4 is closed by a lid 7, secured to the upper rear part of the rectangular body by hinges 8 in order that access may be had to said compartment by raising the lid. Lid 7 is supported when in an open position by a hinged arm 9, pivotally secured at its opposite ends 10 and 11 to one of the end walls of compartment 4 and the under side of the lid, respectively, as shown in Fig. 2. The upper portion of lid 7 is upholstered, as indicated by 12, to provide a cushioned seat for the settee or a mattress for the

crib and extends over the front upper edge of body portion 1, as shown in Fig. 2.

13 designates a section rigidly secured upon lid 7 and consisting of back and side portions 14 and 15, which latter terminate in vertical portions 16, communicating with convex portions 17, extending to the forward lower ends of side portions 15.

18 designates a section comprising front and side portions 19 and 20, which latter terminate in concave portions 21, communicating with vertical portions 22.

When arranged to form the walls of the crib, the vertical portions of sections 13 and 18 abut, and concave portions 21 fit snugly upon the convex portions 17, as shown in Fig. 3. The sections are secured together at their abutting portions by hinges 24 in order that section 18 may be let down to form part of the walls of the crib, as shown in Fig. 1, or folded back upon section 13 to form part of the back and arm-rests of the settee, as shown in Fig. 2. Section 18 is held from lateral movement by hinges 24 and two pairs of retaining-strips 25, which latter are secured to the upper opposite sides of side portion 15 and project forwardly and upwardly to embrace the adjacent ends of side portions 20 when section 18 is in a raised or lowered position. Retaining-strips 25 also serve as arm-rests when the article of furniture is converted into a settee, and when performing this function the space between their forward ends is occupied by filling-blocks 26, which are flush with the upper forward surface of said retaining-strips, as shown in Fig. 4.

Filling-blocks 26 are secured to the vertical terminals of section 18 by hinges 27, so that they will be elevated to the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3 or depressed to rest upon convex portions 17, as shown by full lines, Fig. 3, when section 18 is raised or lowered. The ends of the latter have recesses 28 for the reception of the filling-blocks when said section occupies its lowermost position. Rail 29 of section 18 is cut out at its under side to receive the front upper portion of upholstery 12 when said section occupies the position shown in Fig. 1.



30 designates buffers secured to the top of back 14 to prevent the upper surface of the latter from becoming marred or scratched when section 18 is raised to the position shown 5 in full lines, Fig. 2.

While I have shown the invention provided with a rectangular body portion, I do not limit myself to this construction, as ordinary supporting-legs may be substituted therefor.

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

1. In a combined crib and settee, a suitable supporting-body, a section rigidly secured 15 thereon consisting of back and side portions, a second section consisting of front and side portions, hinges connecting the abutting ends of the sections so the second section may rest upon the supporting-body and thus form part of the 20 walls of the crib in conjunction with the first section, or be folded back upon the first section to form part of the back and ends of the settee, and retaining-strips secured to the side portions of the first section which project forwardly and upwardly in order to embrace the 25 adjacent ends of the side portions of the second section when the latter is in a raised or lowered position.

2. In a combined crib and settee, an upholstered supporting-body, a section rigidly secured 30 thereon consisting of back and side portions, a second section consisting of front and side portions, one of the edges of the front portion being cut away to receive the front upper

portion of the upholstered supporting-body, 35 hinges securing the abutting ends of the sections together so the second section may rest upon the supporting-body and thus form in conjunction with the first section the walls 40 of the crib, or be folded back upon the first section to form part of the back and ends of the settee.

3. In a combined crib and settee, a suitable supporting-body, a section rigidly secured 45 thereon consisting of back and side portions, a second section consisting of front and side portions, hinges securing the abutting ends of the sections together so the second section may rest upon the supporting-body or be 50 folded back upon the first section, retaining-strips secured to the side portions of the first section which project upwardly and forwardly to receive the adjacent ends of the sides of the second section when the latter occupies 55 either of its two positions, and filling-blocks hinged to the ends of the side portions of the second section which underlie said ends when the latter is in a lowered position and fill the spaces between the forward ends of the retaining-strips when said section is in a raised 60 position.

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

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