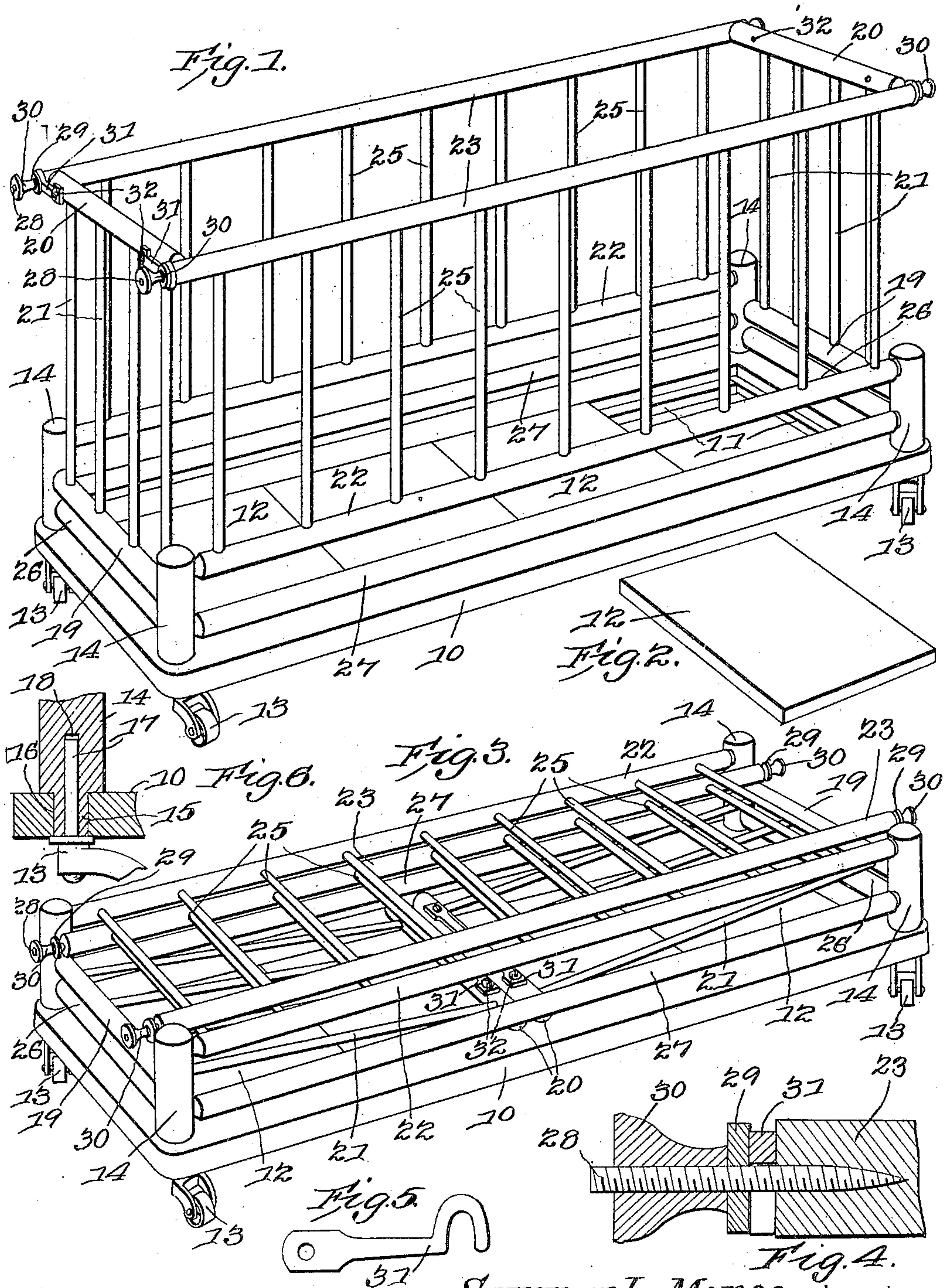


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SUMNER L. MORSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Athol, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Inclosure for Infants, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to inclosures for infants, and has for an object to provide a device of the class embodying new and improved features of convenience, durability, portability, and efficiency.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the class made portable by casters and having a bottom of independently-removable sections, whereby part or all of the bottom may be removed and the infant permitted beneficial contact with the earth and also to be able to walk and push the inclosure, but to have a bottom available for use when so desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide an inclosure for infants embodying improved means for folding, whereby the device may be folded into a very small compass for storage and transportation.

A further object of the invention is to provide a foldable inclosure for infants embodying an improved fastening for the folding panels whereby the infant may not open the inclosure and escape.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved infant-inclosure in operative position with one of the bottom sections removed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the removable bottom sections. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improved collapsible inclosure folded for storage or transportation. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the improved panel-fastening device. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the hook member of the fastening. Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view of the corner-post and caster-fastening means.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

In its preferred embodiment the improved collapsible inclosure forming the subject-matter of this application comprises a rectangular frame 10, provided with a rabbet 11

about its inner edge serving as a support for the independently-removable bottom sections 12. The frame 10 is supported upon casters 13, disposed under its corners, and upon the upper side of the frame corner-posts 14 are erected above the casters with tenons 15, seated in openings 16 in the frame and with the pivot-shanks 17 of the casters disposed within sockets 18, formed in the corner-posts.

Between the posts at the end of the frame are mounted the rock-bars 19, having rail-sections 20 supported normally above by the spindles 21, forming the end inclosure-panels. Between the corner-posts and at the side of the frame are mounted the rock-bars 22 with the rail-sections 23, supported normally above by the spindles 25, forming the side inclosure-panels. Any space below the rock-bars 19 may be filled by bars 26, and similarly below the rock-bars 22 may be placed one or more bars 27, the bars serving also to brace and add to the rigidity of the corner-posts and associated structure.

Upon the ends of the side rail-sections 23 are mounted the screws 28, upon which are disposed the washers 29 and with knurled nuts 30, engaged upon the screw 28 and bearing against the washer. The end rail-sections 20 are provided adjacent their ends with hook members 31, pivoted, as by the screws 32, and arranged and proportioned for engagement between the washers 29 and the ends of the rail-sections.

The several bottom sections 12 are finished by oiling and upon the oil coat one or more coats of shellac. The finish prevents the material from absorbing any moisture, and thereby prevents the giving off of obnoxious odors. The floor also prevents the floor, carpet, or rug upon which the inclosure sits from becoming soiled and malodorous.

It will be noted that when folded there is a space between the bottom and the panels. This space is used for rugs or other padding and for toys and other playthings, which may thus be left within the inclosure when folded and be in position for immediate use when the inclosure is again opened.

From the foregoing description it is believed that the use, operation, and advantages of the improved infant-inclosure will be fully and clearly understood.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A device of the character described comprising a frame, a removable sectional

bottom supported thereby and adapted to
entirely close the same, upstanding posts at
the corners of the frame, side and end panels
interposed at their lower edges between, and
5 pivoted to the posts, said panels adapted to
fold upon the frame and to extend upward
from the posts, and means for fastening the
panels together when in raised positions
comprising hooks movably connected to the
10 end panels, threaded stems upon the side
panels adapted to be engaged by the hooks,
and means for binding the hooks while en-
gaging the stems.

2. A device of the character described
15 comprising a frame, upstanding posts at the

corners of the frame, side and end panels piv-
oted to the post and adapted to fold upon the
frame, and means for fastening the panels
together when raised and comprising hooks
connected to the end panels, threaded stems 20
upon the side panels adapted to be engaged
by the hooks, and means for binding the
hooks while engaging the stems.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
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