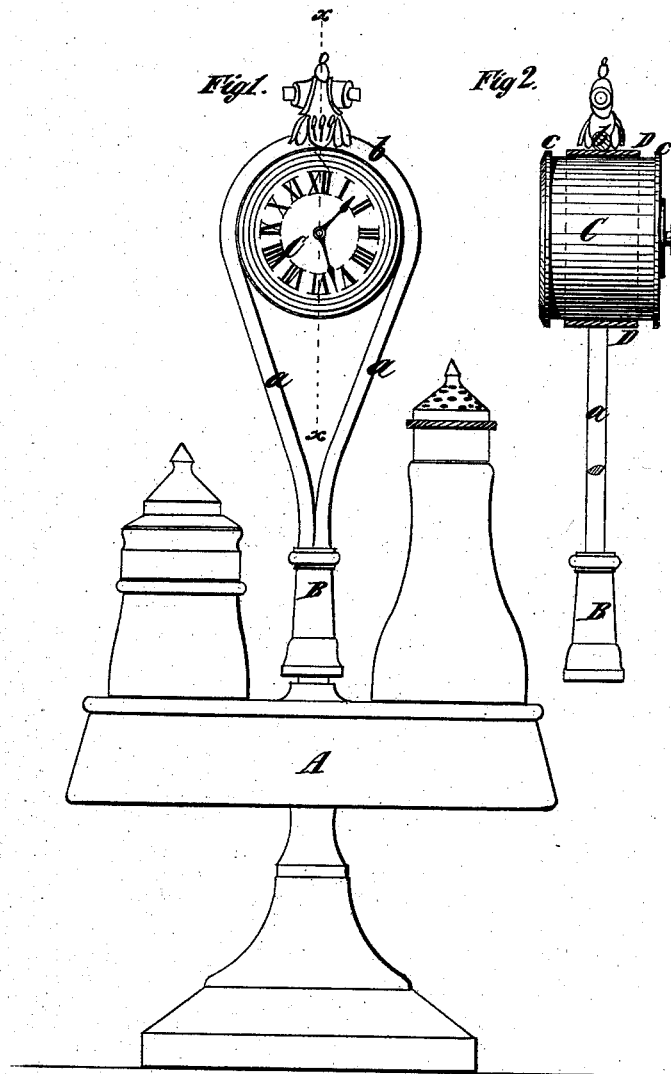


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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-CASTERS OR CRUET-STANDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. DAVIES, of Brooklyn, in Kings county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Casters or Cruet-Stands, of which the following is a description.

My invention consists in a table-caster or cruet-stand having upon or within its stem a clock, the dial or dials of which occupy a position above the band or support which contains the cruets or other receptacles; or, if more desirable, the case and movement of the clock may also occupy positions above the said band or support.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of a table-caster or cruet-stand embodying my improvements and a face view of a clock supported thereby; and Fig. 2, a side view of the clock and a sectional view of its supporting sleeve or ring, taken on the dotted line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates the body of a table-caster of ordinary construction, and B the central stem thereof. Although this stem may be of any suitable form, and a clock or time-piece may be secured to it in any way so as to be properly supported and held thereby, I prefer to form the stem of two diverging arms, *a*, united at the top by the curve *b*.

A clock having a case of circular form like that represented at C may be inserted within the curve *b* and secured in any suitable manner. To properly hold the case in place I may employ a sleeve or ring, D, (clearly represented in Fig. 2,) secured in the open portion of the stem, and of such size as to fit snugly around the circular clock-case C, which may be provided at the front and back with projecting flanges *c c*, by which it is prevented from being slipped out of its supporting sleeve or ring.

If desirable, the case may have two or more dials facing in different directions; and in order to provide for the proper movements of the hands of the different dials, the clock-movement may be arranged in some lower part of the stem or stand of the caster, and a set of dial-wheels for each dial may be separately driven from the so-arranged movement by means of suitable wheel-work or gearing.

By my invention I enable the time of day to be ascertained by any one sitting at a table without any trouble, and the clock being embraced and held by the stem need not be especially constructed for the purpose, as any clock having a case of circular form and of the proper size will answer the purpose. This device is exceedingly convenient and desirable for use upon tables at railway eating-stations where but a short time is allowed for eating, as the precise period at which the train will start may be always readily known, and the passengers can govern their orders and movements accordingly, so as to avoid the usual hurry and the unsatisfactory character of the refectory which has become proverbial in connection with railway-stations.

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

1. A table-caster having upon or within its stem a clock dial or dials occupying a position above the band or support which contains the cruets.

2. A table-caster having upon or within its stem a clock case and dial, which occupy a position above the band or support that contains the cruets or other receptacles.

3. A table-caster having a sleeve or ring, D, arranged at or near the upper end of its stem, receiving within it the case C of a clock, substantially as specified.

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