

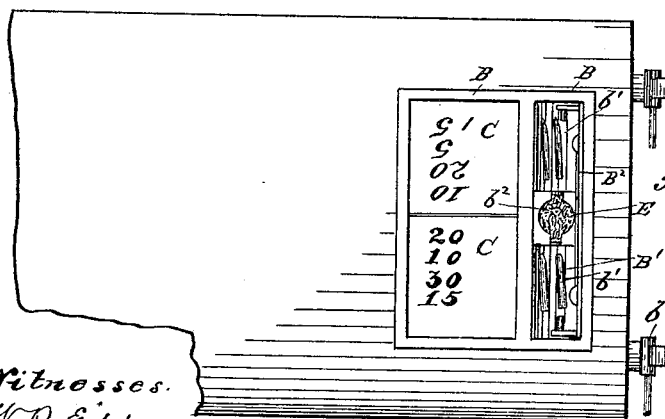
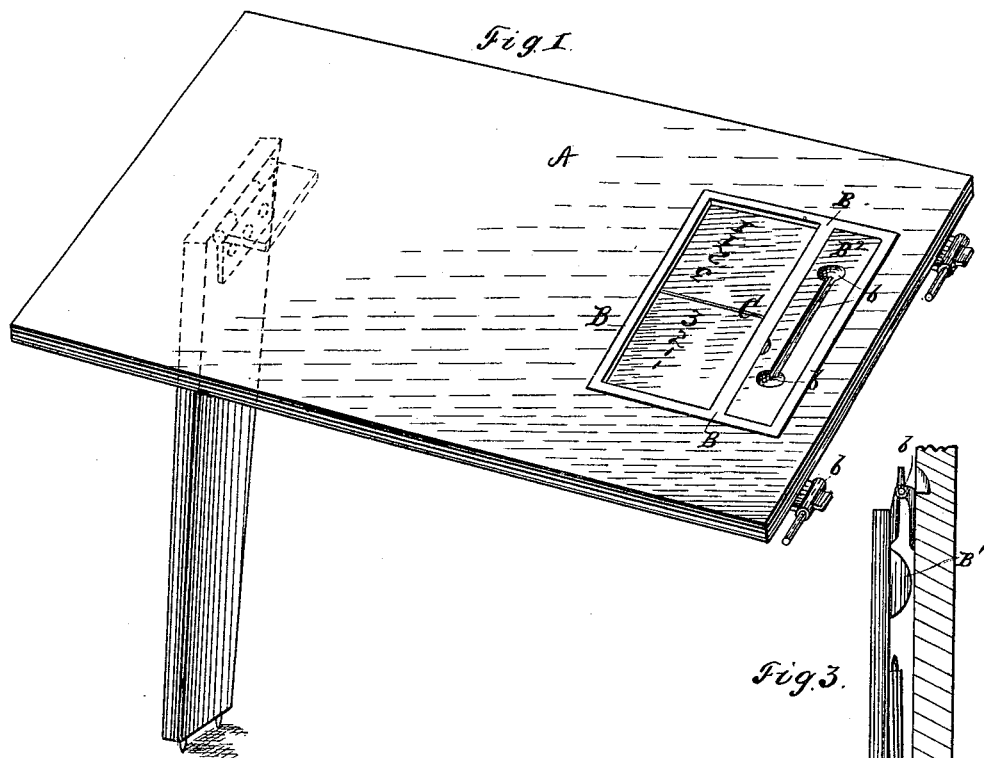
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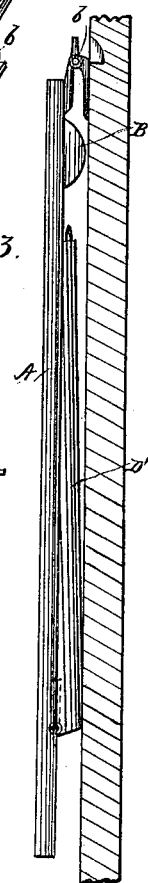
ATTACHMENT FOR TABLES, &c.

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*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Tables, Desks, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to attachments for tables, desks, &c.; and it consists of a slate or tablet, a frame for surrounding said tablet and holding it in place, and a receptacle for pencils, sponge, or other small articles. The device may be applied to gaming-tables, school-desks, or other like forms.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown it applied to a portable wall-table—such, for example, as are used in sleeping and drawing-room cars, where it will be principally used for keeping the count in games.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table-top having therein my attachment. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the table top and transversely across my attachment. Fig. 3 is a side view of the table-top folded against the wall. Fig. 4 is a top or plan view of the table-top.

A is the table-top, which is mortised or cut away so that my attachment can be let in flush with the surface.

B is a metallic frame, which surrounds the slate or tablet and has at one side a depression, B', which forms a box or receptacle for pencils, &c. This receptacle is provided with a hinged cover, B<sup>2</sup>. In the said cover there is a depression, b, which serves to hold a pencil from rolling when laid in it.

The receptacle B' is divided into compartments b' b' and b<sup>2</sup>, of which the former are for pencils or other light articles, and the latter for a sponge to be used to clean the tablet.

When it is desired the tablet may be backed with a layer of cement, plaster-of-paris, or other substance. (This is shown in Fig. 2, and marked D.)

The frame of the slate or tablet and the extension thereof, which forms the box or receptacle, may be of one piece of metal or not, as desired.

Where the attachment is used on a portable or folding table, the cover B<sup>2</sup> of the receptacle should be made a spring cover, so it will keep shut.

The utility of my device can be easily understood. It may be applied on tables which are designed to be kept covered with a spread or cloth, and when the table is wanted to play games on the spread will be removed.

What I claim as new is—

1. In an attachment for tables, the combination of a metallic frame, which is provided with a receptacle for pencils, sponge, or other articles, and a tablet which is surrounded by said frame, substantially as set forth.

2. In an attachment for tables, the combination, substantially as set forth, of the tablet-frame B, having depression B' at one side, forming a receptacle for pencils and other articles, and a hinged cover, B<sup>2</sup>, for said receptacle, having the indentation b therein, for the purposes mentioned.

3. In an attachment for tables, the combination, substantially as set forth, of the tablet-frame B, and the receptacle B', having a sponge-box, b<sup>2</sup>, and pencil-compartments b' therein.

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

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