

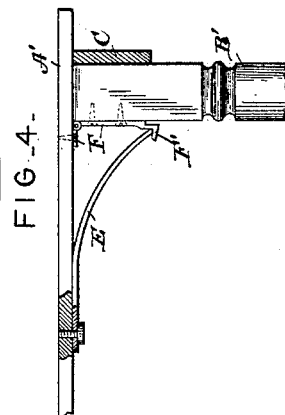
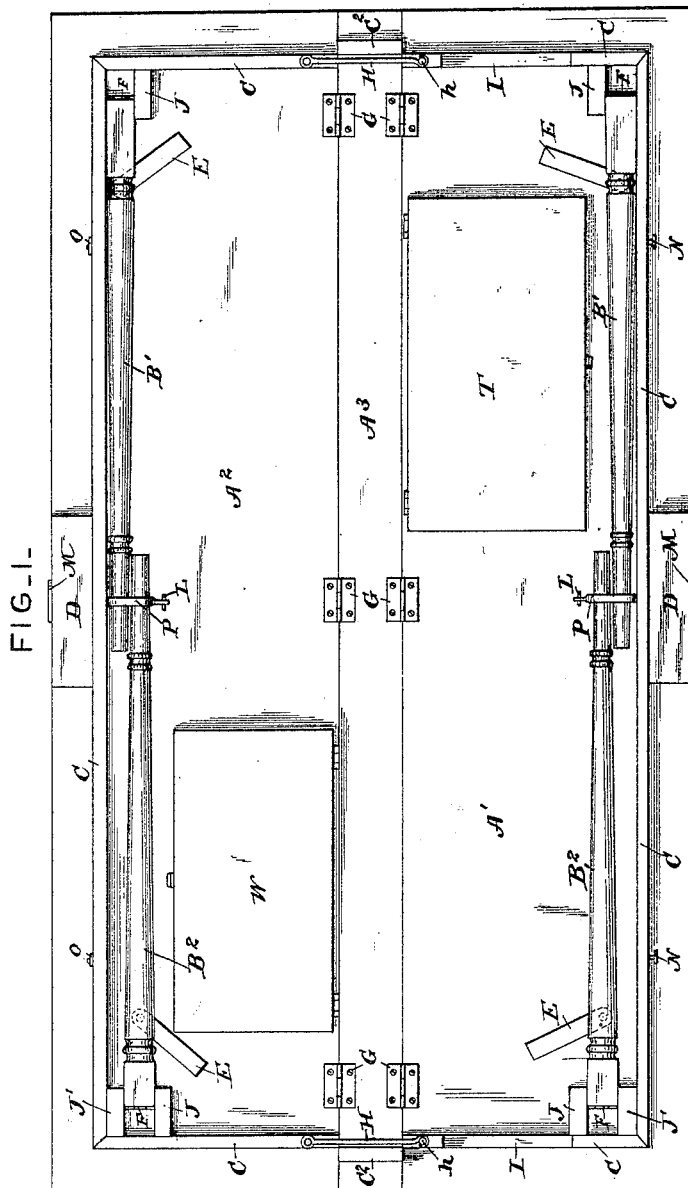
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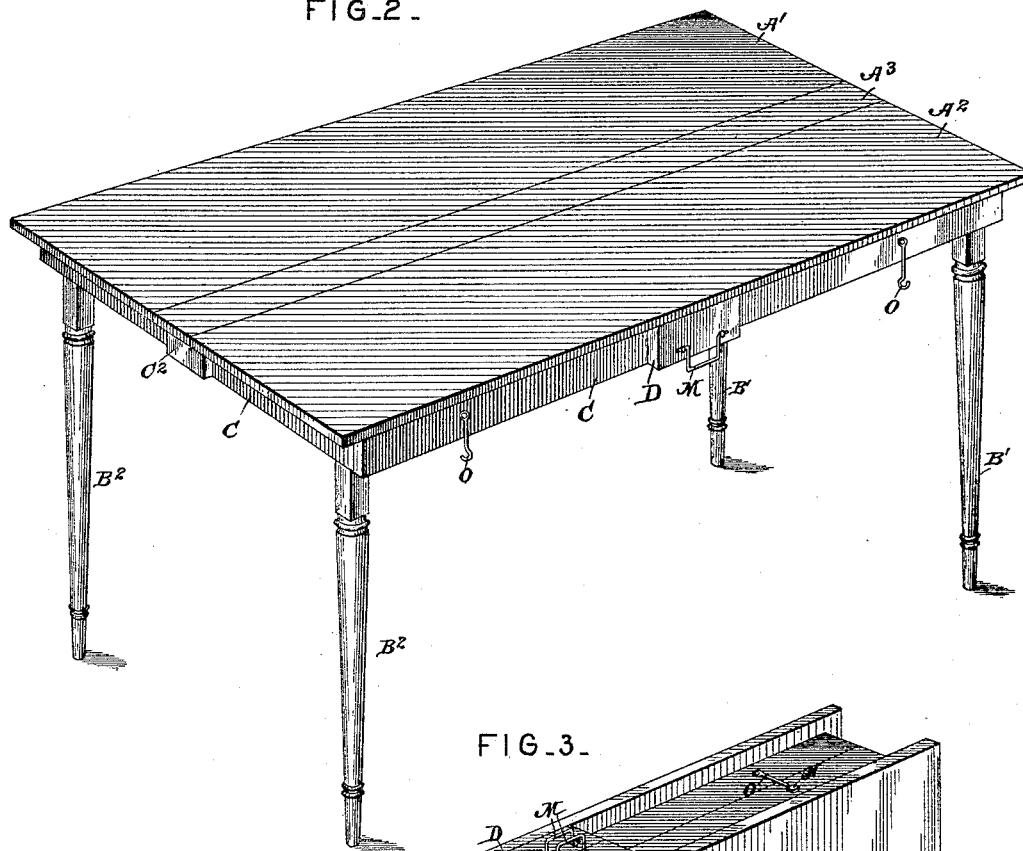
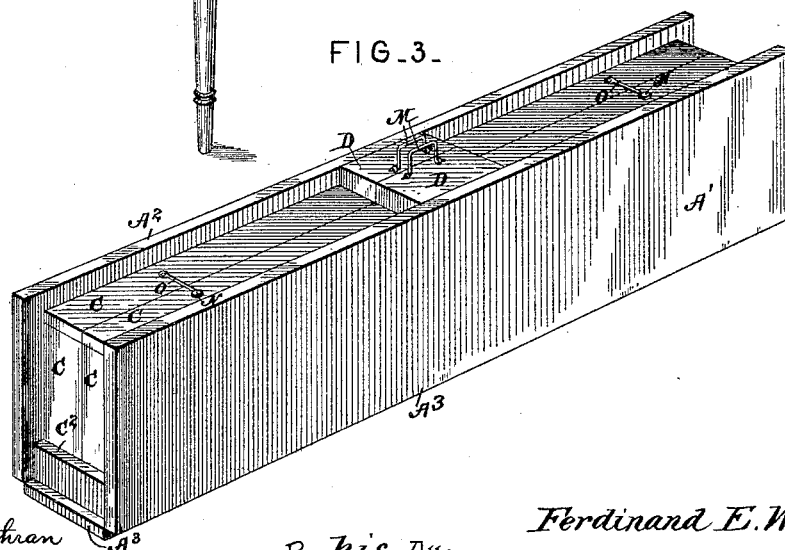


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## TABLE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 458,930, dated September 1, 1891.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FERDINAND E. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Jacinto, in the county of San Diego and State

5 of California, have invented a new and useful Table, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tables; and the object of the same is to produce a table adapted to be folded to form a receptacle for table-ware.

To this end the invention consists of a table of this character possessing certain improved characteristics, all as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of my improved table, showing its legs as folded. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the table as open. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the table folded ready for transportation. Fig. 4 is a detail in side elevation showing the hinge and brace for one of the legs.

Referring to the said drawings, the letters A' and A<sup>2</sup> are sections of the table-top, between which is arranged a strip A<sup>3</sup>, all these parts comprising the table-top and being connected by butt-hinges G on the under face of the top at about the points shown. On the under side of the top is the usual side rail C, a little deeper than common and of rectangular shape; but at each end of the table this side rail is broken at a point beneath the central strip A<sup>3</sup> in order to allow the sections A' and A<sup>2</sup> to be folded together, as shown in Fig. 3. The side rails C are of a depth equal to one-half the width of the central strip, and when the table is folded the lower faces of these side rails come in contact, as will be understood. Upon the lower face of the central strip is a block C<sup>2</sup>, standing just outside the line of the end pieces of the side rail, and this block serves to guide the inner ends of the end pieces of the side rail properly into position when the table is folded. Pivoted to the lower edge of one of said end pieces is a stout iron hook H, adapted to engage a headed pin h on the other end piece to hold the table open, and this hook enters a depression I in the opposite end piece when the table is folded.

Near each corner of the table a block J is secured to the top and to the end piece of the

side rail, and in two corners of the table at one end thereof are blocks J'. B' and B<sup>2</sup> are the legs of this table, which are connected by T-hinges F with the table-top at points which will permit their being turned into the corners of the side rail or into the spaces between the blocks J and J'—that is to say, the legs B' stand against the inner faces of the side pieces C, while the legs B<sup>2</sup> stand at a slight distance from said inner faces, with their free ends lapping those of the legs B'. The means for holding these legs in either open or folded position may be any that will answer the purpose; but I prefer that shown and described below. Straps P are secured to the centers of the side rails and have eyes in their free ends adapted to engage hooks L in the table-top, whereby when these straps are passed over the lapping ends of the legs and connected to the hooks the legs will be maintained in folded position. The long leaf of each T-hinge F is provided with a notch F', which is adapted to engage the free end of a stout spring E, whose other end is pivotally mounted on a pin in the table-top. When the legs are distended, the springs E are engaged with the hinges F to hold the legs in this position; but when it is desired to fold the legs the springs are first disengaged and turned inwardly around their pivots, as shown in Fig. 1.

Upon the outer face of each side piece C at its center is secured a block D, carrying a hinged handle M, and when the table is folded these handles can be grasped in one hand and the device carried thereby. For holding it closed pivoted hooks O engage headed pins N in the outer faces of the side bars C.

Within the box formed by the folded table is preferably secured a wooden box W for dishes and a tin box T for food, these boxes being provided with covers which are held closed by any suitable means, in order that what may be left within either box will not drop out when the table is set up and in use. These covers are hinged to the boxes at their edges near the center of the table, so that when the table is closed and it is desired to gain access to either box the table need be only partially opened, and then the box-cover can be opened.

A table constructed in accordance with the above description will be found especially useful to picnic and camping parties, artists, and others. The dishes to be used and the food to be eaten are packed within the boxes W and T, the covers thereof closed, the table folded, and carried to the point desired, and here the table is opened, the dishes and food removed, and the table set up and used in a manner which will be clearly understood.

What is claimed as new is—

In a table, the combination, with the top comprising two broad sections and a narrow intervening section, all connected by hinges,

side rails, and pivoted legs, of boxes W and T, secured to the lower faces of opposite broad sections of the top at opposite ends of the table, covers for said boxes hinged thereto near the center of the table, and latches for said covers at their opposite sides, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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