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FIG. 1

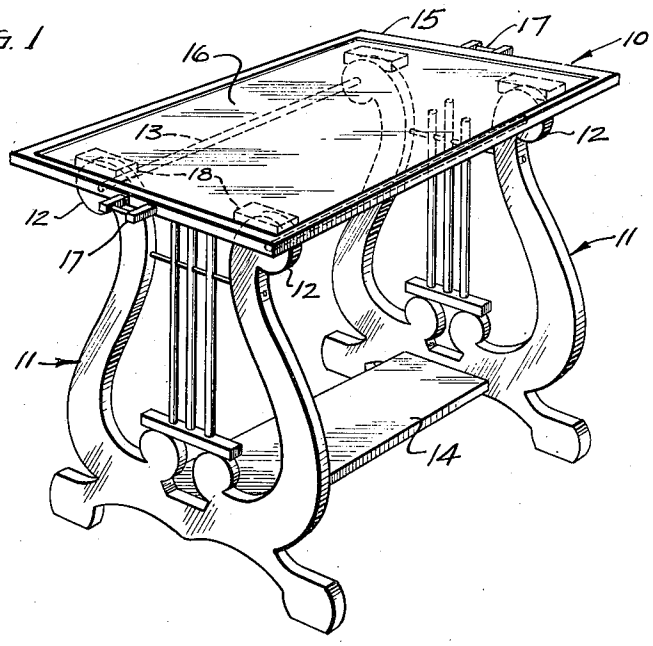


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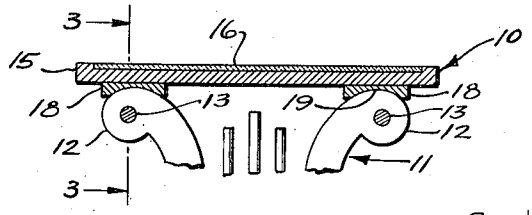
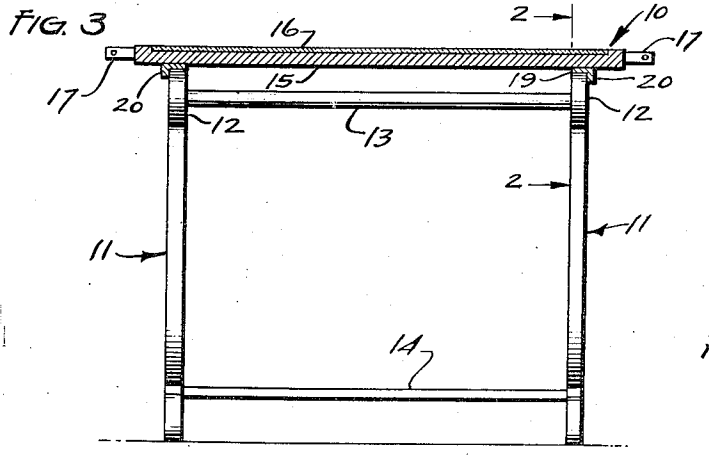


FIG. 3



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The present invention relates to tables and more particularly it has reference to a table of the so-called coffee or cocktail type having means for removably positioning the table top on the supporting pedestals whereby the top may be easily lifted from the pedestals for use as a serving tray or the like.

One object of my invention is to provide a coffee or cocktail table wherein the top is positioned on the supporting pedestals without the employment of screws, nails or similar attaching means.

Another object of this invention is to provide a coffee table with means whereby newspapers or the like may be conveniently suspended in proximity to the top of the table.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide a table of the character described with a novel connection or positioning means between the supporting pedestals and the top so that the top may be readily removed for employment as a serving tray yet normally maintained against movement relative to the supporting pedestals.

And another object of the invention is to provide a coffee table having the top detachably positioned on supporting pedestals of lyre configuration which affords an attractive and pleasing appearance regardless of whether the top is detached from the pedestals for use as a serving tray or in position on the pedestals.

In the drawings wherein I have illustrated the preferred form of my invention and in which like numerals indicate the same or similar parts:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my table construction.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken along the line 2—2 of Figure 3 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 2 looking in the direction of the arrows.

As shown in Figure 1, the table generally comprises a top 10 which is removably disposed upon a pair of standards or pedestals 11. The pedestals 11 are similar in construction and are preferably of lyre outline thus presenting supporting members of a pleasing and artistic appearance. The upper end of each standard is formed with graceful curves or scrolls 12 and as will be later described, constitute part of the positioning means between the top 10 and the pedestals 11. To maintain the standards in correct spaced apart relationship, I connect their upper ends with a pair of parallel stretcher bars or braces 13, each of which is conveniently secured in the

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curved upper ends 12. The bars 13 may serve as a convenient hanger for newspapers or the like which may be suspended over the bars. Adjacent their lower ends, the standards are further braced such as by a base board 14 which also may be utilized as a support for books, magazines and similar articles.

As shown in Figure 1, the top 10 includes a frame 15 of rectangular outline having a glass or similar panel 16 suitably secured in the upper face thereof and handles 17 attached to each end of the frame enable the top to be removed and easily carried about as a serving tray.

To position the top 10 on the upper ends of the pedestals, the underside of the frame 15 carries a plurality of block-like members 18, there being one block for each curved upper end 12 of the pedestals. Referring to Figures 2 and 3, it will be noted that each block 18 is provided with a curved recess or groove 19 which conforms to the contour of the upper end 12 and in which the curved upper ends 12 fit when the top is in position on the standards. As seen in Figure 3, the outer ends of the grooves 19 are blocked such as by a flange 20 on the block which engages the outer face of the curved end 12. By reason of the snug fit of the curved end in its socket 19 and engagement with the flanges 20 relative longitudinal and transverse movement of the top with respect to the standards is effectively prevented and yet a simple construction for removably positioning the top on the supporting standards is provided.

From the above description, it will be appreciated that I have provided a novel detachable positioning means between a table top and its supporting structure which will enable the top to be readily lifted from the supporting structure and used as a tray for serving coffee or the like. The lyre-like pedestals present an attractive visual effect and the table makes a pleasing furniture piece even when the top has been removed from the standards. Furthermore, the stretcher bars for bracing the standards may be utilized as a support for newspapers and the like.

I claim:

In a coffee table or the like, the combination of a self-sustaining support and a detachable, supported tray, said support comprising a pair of vertical lyri-form members the outer, upper extremities of each of which terminate in a pair of spaced curvilinear scrolls, a horizontal shelf intermediate and connecting the bases of said lyri-form members, a plurality of horizontal rods

intermediate and connecting the outer, upper extremities of said lyri-form members, said shelf and said rods cooperating as stiffening members and being adapted to hold said lyri-form members rigidly in vertical, parallel alignment and to provide a rigid, self-sustaining support, said tray comprising a rectangular frame which surrounds and sustains a flat glass panel, a handle at each end edge of said frame, and a plurality of spaced pedestal blocks affixed to the underside of said tray, each of said blocks having a flat bottom surface with a countersunk recess therein, said recess being adapted to rest upon and embrace the upper portion of a curvilinear scroll and having a downwardly depending vertical flange adjacent the outer edge only of each said recess, whereby the recess of each said block rests upon, and embraces but at its outer end side only, the upper portion of a scroll and whereby said tray rests upon said lyri-form members while held against undesired horizontal movement thereon yet may readily be lifted therefrom at will.

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