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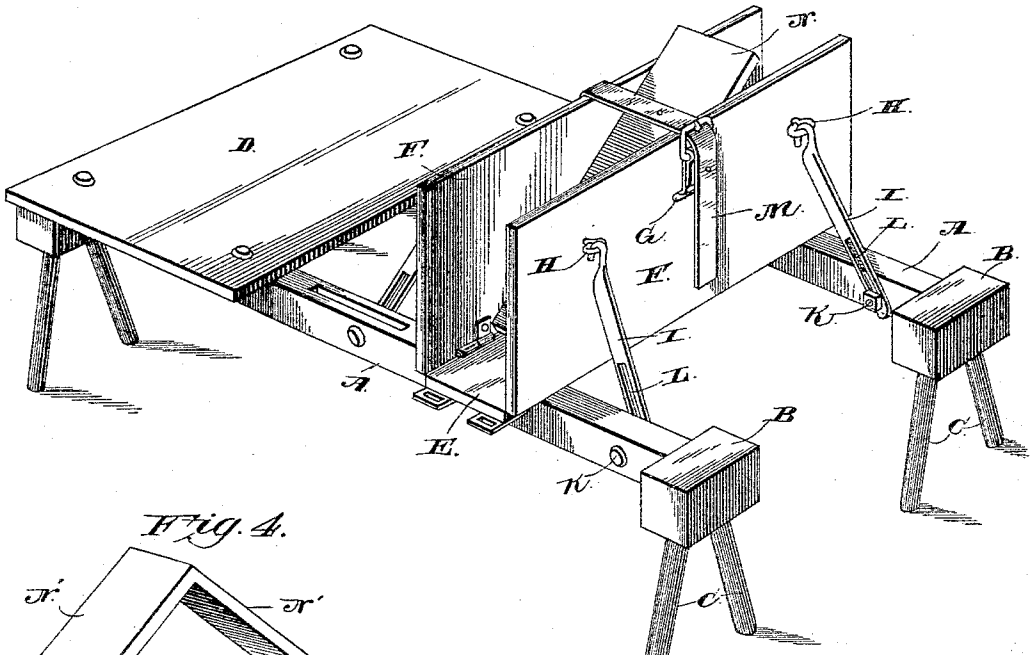


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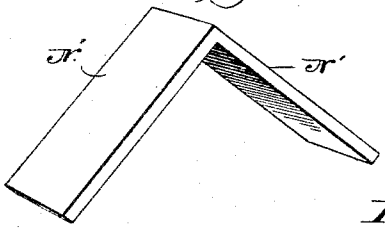


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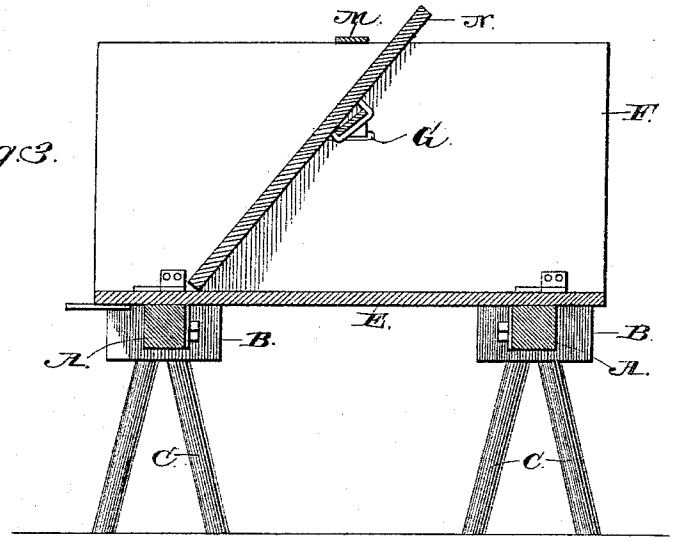
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FORREST KNOX DIMICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kanona, in the county of Steuben and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables for Shearing and Tagging Sheep, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in tables to be used for shearing and tagging sheep and collecting the wool; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of devices that will be more fully set forth hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table embodying my improvement, showing the same arranged in position for tagging sheep. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3. is a vertical transverse sectional view taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view.

A represents a pair of beams, of suitable length and thickness, which are provided at their ends with heads or blocks B, from which depend downwardly-diverging supporting-legs C.

D represents a leaf or board, which connects the beams A at one end, and is bolted to the said beams, and E represents a similar board, which is also bolted to the beams A, and is arranged at a suitable distance from the board or leaf D. To opposite sides of the board E are hinged leaf-boards F, which are adapted to be folded down on the beams A, so as to form a complete table-top in connection with the boards D E, or to be turned upward at right angles to the board E, as will be more fully described hereinafter. The said leaf-boards F are provided, at a suitable distance from their upper edges, at their centers with transverse openings G, and are further provided on their outer or under sides, near their ends, with eyes or keepers H.

I represents a series of four hook-arms, one pair of which is secured on the inner side of each beam A by means of bolts K, which extend through the said beams and through longitudinal slots L in the hook-arms. When the boards F are folded down upon the beams A, so as to complete a table-top in connection with the boards D E, the device is adapted to act as a table on which sheep may be laid while being sheared, as will be readily understood.

When it is desired to employ the apparatus for holding sheep while the same are being tagged or branded, the boards F are turned upward to a vertical position, their eyes or keepers H are engaged by the hooks at the upper ends of arms I, so as to secure the said boards in this position, and a strap, M, is passed through the openings G, over the upper edges of the boards F, and buckled to itself to form a loop, as shown. A suitable board, N, is then arranged in an inclined position between the boards or leaves F, with its upper side resting on the lower portion of the strap and its lower end bearing on the upper side of the board E.

The sheep to be tagged is placed on his back on the inclined board, and is held between the leaf-boards F while the tag is being attached to him, as will be readily understood.

When it is desired to tag two sheep at the same time, a pair of boards, N′, which have their upper ends united and are arranged at right angles to each other, are placed between the boards F in lieu of the board N.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination, in a table, of the board E, the boards F, hinged to the edges thereof, having the openings G, the strap M, passed through the said openings, and the board N, adapted to be placed between the boards G and to rest upon the strap M, whereby said board will be supported in an inclined position, 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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