

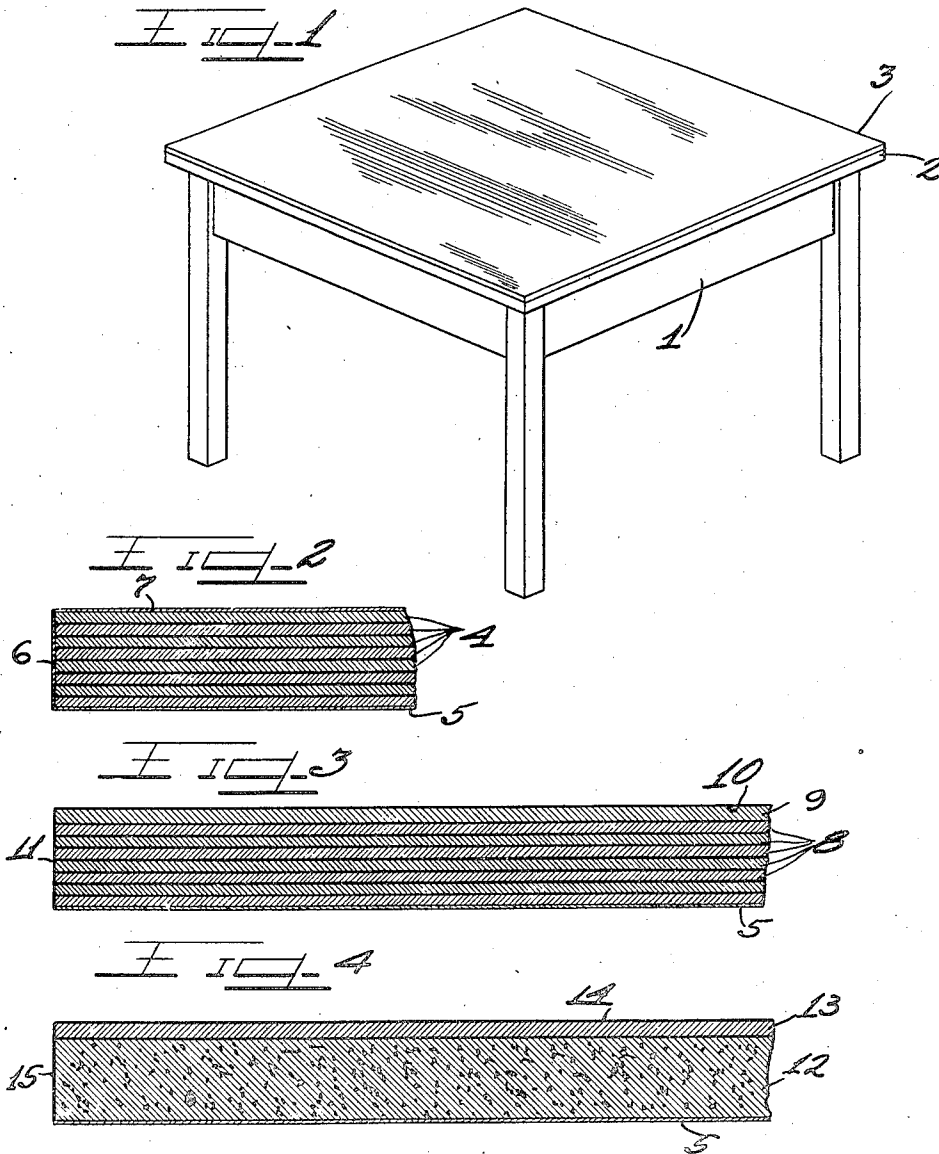
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LEON C. ZIMMERMAN and CHARLES F. TRICK, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Table Top; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the numerals of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to table tops of the sort that are used to supplement the ordinary top of a table and afford a protective cover therefor.

It is an object of our invention to form such a cover of a material so light that it may conveniently be made in a single piece large enough to cover the whole table.

It is a further object of our invention to form a table cover with a surface so finished that it may be used without the necessity of covering it with a cloth or other concealing device.

It is a further object of our invention to provide such a cover with a surface so dressed as to imitate the top of a fine quality wooden table.

It is a further object of our invention to provide such a cover with a finished surface of a kind that may be easily kept clean and shall serve in the place of a table cloth for serving a meal.

Other and further important objects of our invention will be apparent from the accompanying drawings and the following specification, in which we have illustrated and described our invention in a preferred form.

On the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view of a table with our invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a section of one form of our invention.

Figure 3 is a section of a modified form.

Figure 4 is a section of still another modified form.

As shown on the drawings:

The table 1 has an ordinary top 2 which may be either a highly finished top that the user of the table desires to protect or an unsightly top that the owner wishes to conceal. The top is covered by a sheet 3 of material

made by any of several methods. As illustrated in Figure 2, this sheet is made by superposing several layers 4 of pasteboard or similar material. These layers are secured together by glueing or any other standard method and are firmly held in shape until the glue has dried by exerting strong pressure against them. The lower face of the sheet is covered by a layer 5 of enamel paint or other suitable surface producing a white, glossy surface. In the form illustrated in this figure, the edge is also covered with enamel, as shown at 6, and the upper surface, as shown at 7, is also covered by the same sort of enamel.

In the modification shown in Figure 3, the layers 8 of pasteboard are secured together in the same way as explained in connection with Figure 2, and a surface 5 of enamel is applied to the lower layer. The uppermost layer of pasteboard 9 is intended to have its outer face covered with a layer of varnish or other polishable material. Preferably this varnish or other finish is made to imitate expensive or rare wood and the coating for the pasteboard is of material that can be so finished. If the pasteboard used for the layers 8 is of a sort that will not take such a coating, the layer 9 will be made of a different sort of pasteboard or even of veneer. If desired, the edge as shown at 11 will also be covered with finishing material similar to that covering the face 10.

In the modification shown in Figure 4, 90 instead of a plurality of layers of pasteboard, a single thicker layer of compressed pulp or similar material is used, as shown at 12. This is surmounted by a layer 13 of pasteboard similar to the layer 9 in Figure 3. The upper face 14 and the edges 15 of the form shown in Figure 4 are covered with varnish or other coating capable of taking a high finish, the same as in Figure 3, and the lower face 5 is covered with enamel, as explained.

In the use of this device in the form shown in Figure 2, the supplemental top is placed upon the table and serves to cover the same, either to protect an expensively finished table top or to conceal an unsightly one. When the enamel upon the upper surface of the cover becomes unsightly through use, the cover 3 may be turned over and the

second surface of enamel used. In this way, a double length of usefulness of the cover is obtained.

If the form shown in Figure 3 is employed, it is placed upon the table with the surface 5 down when it is desired that the table shall present the appearance of highly finished wood, but when it is desired that the table shall present a white surface, this form of cover is placed upon the table with the surface 5 uppermost. The form shown in Figure 4 is employed in the same way as the form shown in Figure 3.

Of course, the table top may be constructed in a plurality of sections, for convenience in handling, these sections being joined in position on the table in any suitable manner.

We are aware that numerous changes in the details of construction may be made

without departing from the principles of our invention, and we therefore do not purpose limiting the patent granted otherwise than necessitated by the prior art.

We claim as our invention:

A cover composed of several layers of light material, finishing material applied to the exterior faces and the edges of said cover, the finishing material upon one face being white enamel and that upon the other face being a varnish of a sort capable of taking a high finish.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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