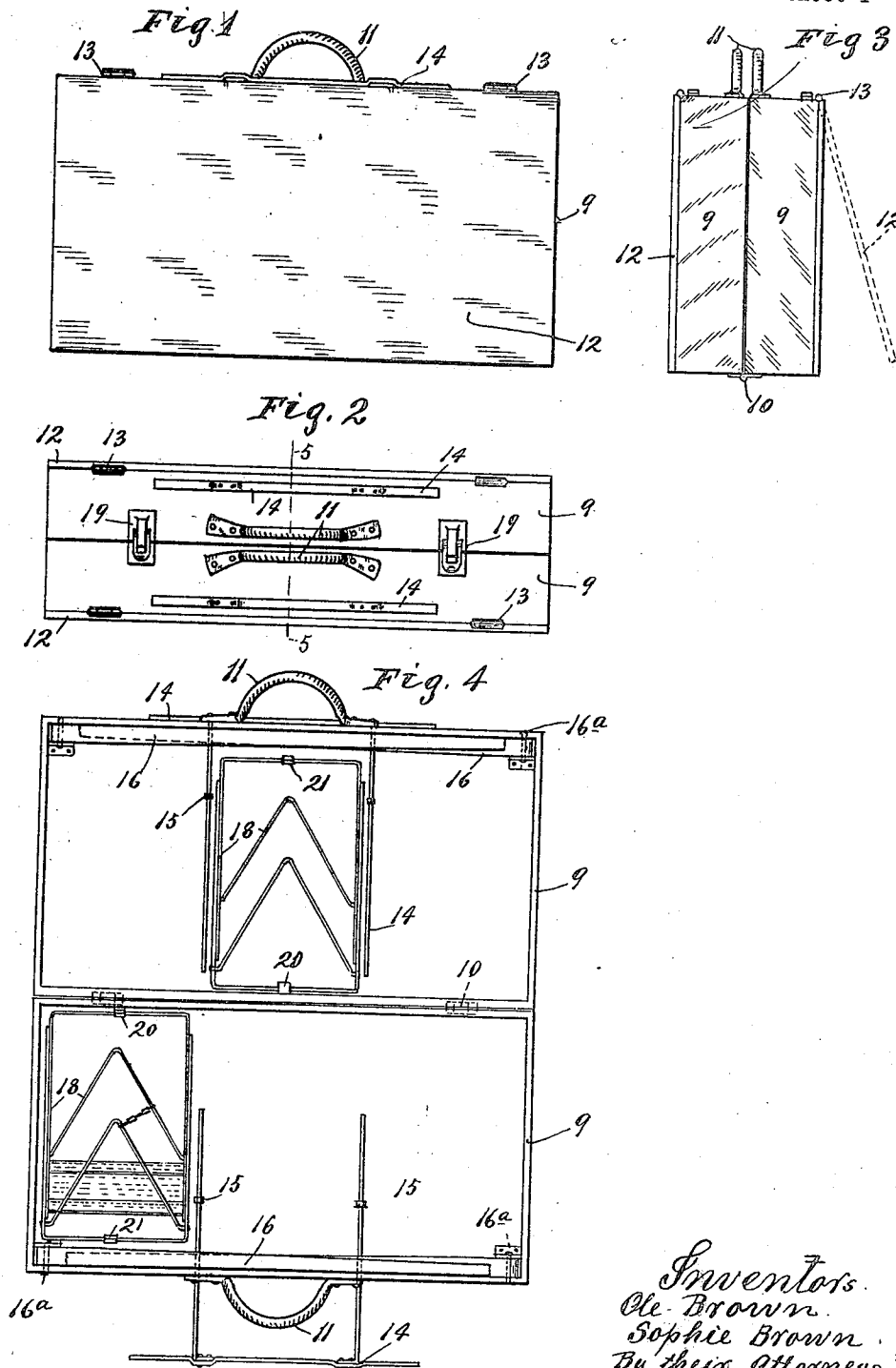


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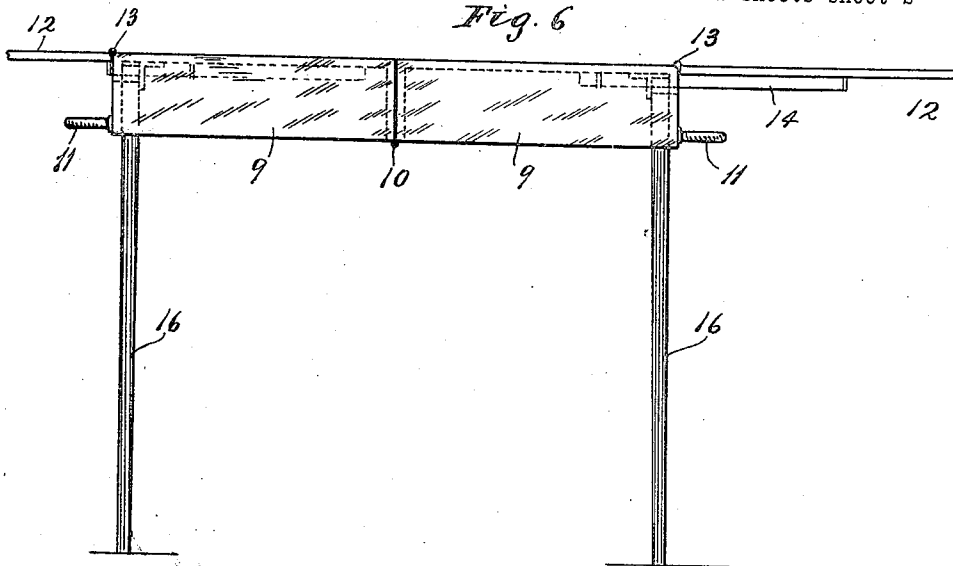
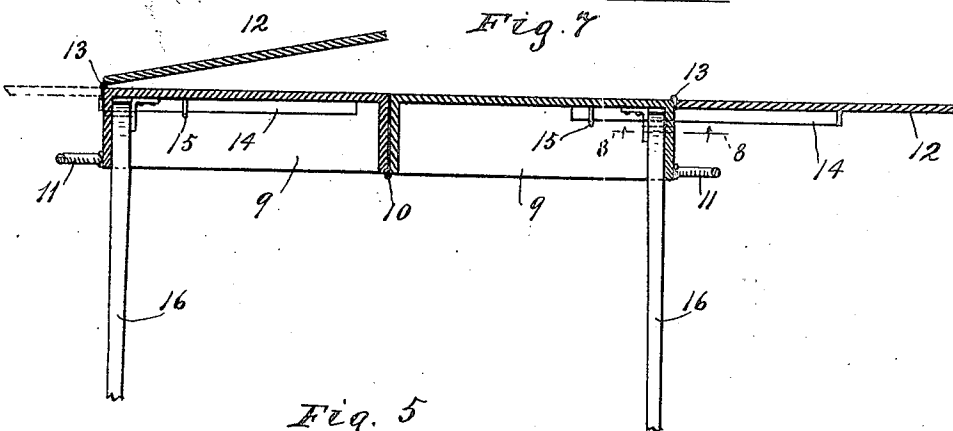
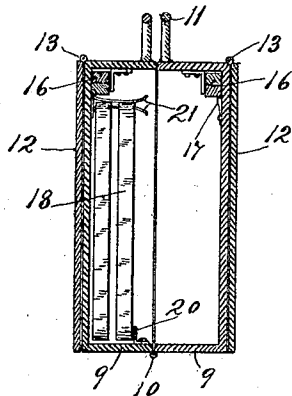
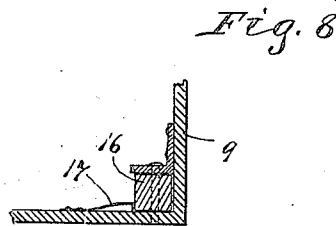
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, OLE BROWN and SOPHIE BROWN, citizens of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Auto-Table Lunch Cases; and we 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.

Our invention has for its object to provide what may be designated as an auto-table lunch case, especially adapted for use by automobile parties, but adapted, nevertheless for more general use. The device is in the nature of a folding table and case, the construction being such that when the device is spread or set up, an efficient table of good size is provided, and when the device is folded up, it will be in the nature of a rectangular case, much resembling a suit case and adapted to contain within, a plurality of folding stools or chairs.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation showing the device folded up like a suit case;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device shown folded, as in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same;

Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the case opened up, but not spread in the form of a table;

Fig. 5 is a section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 shows the device spread to form a table;

Fig. 7 is a vertical section showing the table set up, but with one leaf turned from working position; and

Fig. 8 is a detail in horizontal section taken approximately on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7.

The case-forming portion of the device is made up of two box-like sections 9 connected by hinges 10, much like a suit case. The sections 9 are shown as provided with carrying handles 11, like a suit case.

The numeral 12 indicates leaves that are of the same size as the faces of the sections

9 and are connected thereto by hinges 13, which, in respect to the hinges 10 are located at diametrically opposite corner edges of the case sections 9.

For supporting the leaves in horizontal working positions, as shown in Figs. 6 and 7, we provide each case section 9 with leaf-supporting brackets 14 having parallel arms that work slidably through the outer sides of the case sections and through guides 15 on the interior thereof and slide directly against the inner surfaces of the top-forming main plates of the case section.

For supporting the case sections to afford a table, we provide each thereof with a pair of pivoted legs 16. These legs 16 are arranged to fold into the respective case sections longitudinally thereof, and hence, in length, are shorter than the case sections, (see particularly Fig. 4). The pivots 16 that connect the legs 16 to the case sections 9, are located at the outer corners of the said case sections, so that when the case sections are opened up, and the legs turned down, they will be located, one at each of the four corners of the main table bottom made up of the two case sections.

For locking the legs in downturned positions, we provide spring latches 17 (see Fig. 8). When the legs are to be folded it is only necessary to press these spring latches out of the way so that the legs can be folded.

When the leaf-supporting brackets 14 are slid inward as far as they will go, they divide the two case sections 9, each into three compartments, making six compartments, each of which is adapted to hold one of six folding stools or chairs 18. These folding stools or chairs are preferably such as found on the market and composed of hinged iron frames and canvas seats, all of well known construction.

The case sections are shown as provided with fasteners 19, such as provided for suit cases, and the like, for holding the case sections closed. Any form of latch may be provided for holding the leaves 12 folded flat against the backs of the case sections, or a strap may be placed around the folded case and leaves.

By reference to Figs. 6 and 7, the manner in which the table is made up is obvious. It will be seen that the hinges 10 hold the inverted case sections 9 with their backs in a horizontal plane so as to form the main

table top; and the brackets 14, when drawn out, serve to support the extended leaves 12 in the same plane, so that the table thus formed is adapted to comfortably seat at least six persons. Moreover, the case carries the six required stools or chairs and the folded case and its equipment will occupy but little space so that it may be conveniently carried, either in the hand or in the automobile, or other vehicle.

For more securely holding the folded chairs 18 in their respective compartments, there is preferably provided retaining lugs 20 and spring forks 21 applied within the case sections 9, as best shown in Fig. 5.

What we claim is:

1. A collapsible table case adapted to be carried in the hand having in combination, a rectangular case longitudinally divided into two similar sections, said sections being in contact along their bottom longitudinal edges and hinged together along said edges so that they can be opened out with the bottom surfaces in contact and the side surfaces in the same plane, a leaf of substantially the same area as the side of the case disposed at each side thereof and hinged thereto along the top longitudinal edge, said leaves being adapted to fold out continuous with and in the same plane as the sides of the case, brackets adapted to slide under said leaves when extended and engage in guide

members secured to the inner portion of said sides, said brackets, when slid in and disposed in the case sections dividing the same into compartments when the case is collapsed, said compartments being adapted to hold a plurality of chairs, means on the inner side of said sections for holding the chairs in position, and a pair of legs hinged to the inside of each section and adapted to fold in superposed relation in the top portion thereof.

2. A collapsible table case adapted to be carried in the hand having in combination, a rectangular case longitudinally divided into two similar sections, said sections being in contact along the bottom longitudinal edges and hinged together along said edges so that they can be opened out with the bottom surface in contact and the side surfaces in the same plane, a leaf of substantially the same area as the side of the case disposed at each side thereof and hinged thereto along the top longitudinal edge, said leaves being adapted to fold out continuous with and in the same plane as the sides of the casing to form a flat top table, and means for holding said sections and leaves in extended position.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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