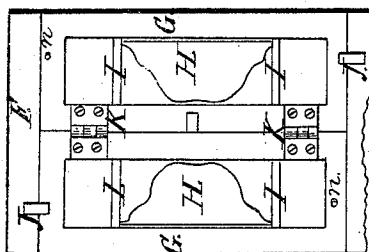
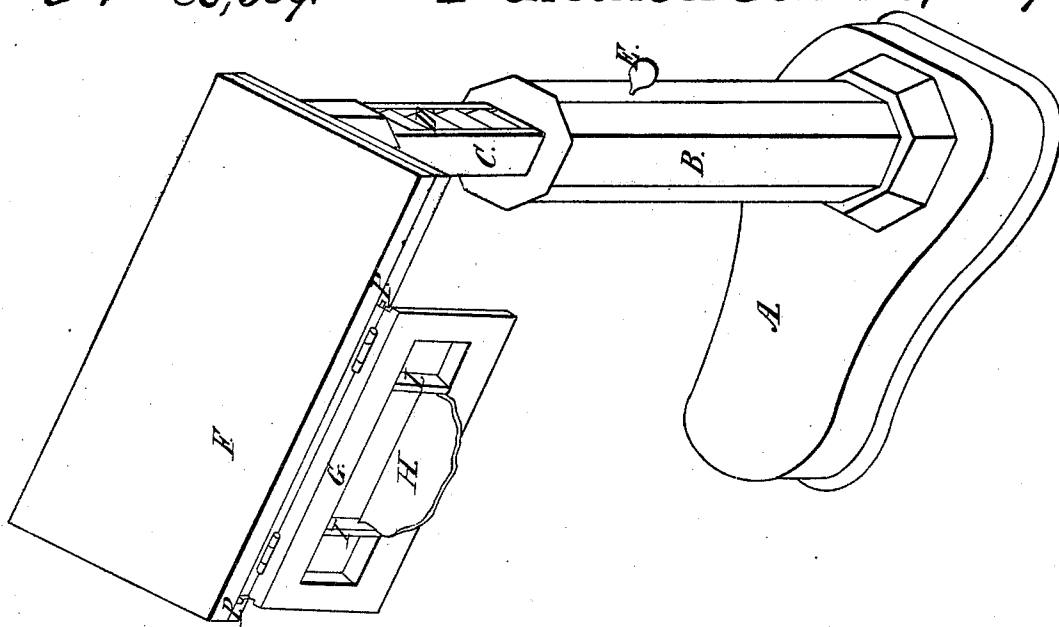


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IMPROVED TABLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom this may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM KAISER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and letters marked thereon, making a part of this description, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective representation of my improved table.

Figure 2, a plan view of the bed-piece, showing its under side and the book-rack closed.

The present invention relates to a table, which is to be used more especially by invalids; and

Its nature consists in so constructing a foot-piece, or base, standard, and bed-piece, that the latter will project over a bed or couch, while at the same time it may be elevated to suit the convenience of a person using it; and further, in the novel construction of a book-rack, which is so arranged that it may be placed in position for use at either side of the bed-piece, and also closed underneath it when it is not required for use.

A represents a substantial foot, or base, supporting a standard, B, which is so mortised out as to receive in its inner opening a rack-standard, C, to which a bed-piece, F, is rigidly fastened, said standard C being arranged to rise and fall in the standard B, and having notches D in one side, in which an ordinary spring-catch, E, locks, and is held in any elevated position required.

No particular form is required in the construction of the parts thus far enumerated, only so that the foot or base, A, is made to run under a bed or couch, and the bed-piece F project over it, and occupy a suitable elevated position.

Arranged to slide under the bed-piece F is a two-part frame, G G, which is hinged together at the centre K K, and it is prevented from being drawn out, for more than half of its width at either side of the bed-piece F, by means of pins *n*, projecting out from the under side of the frame G G, and striking against stops J J, which are fastened to the under side of the bed-piece, and project over the ends of said frames.

Shelves H H are pivoted, at their ends, to cross-pieces I I, fastened to the frame G, and they are arranged to open at right angles to the frame, and either one is brought to a horizontal position, when that part of the frame to which it is pivoted is drawn out, as shown at fig. 1.

The frame G and shelves H may be made of scroll-work, or otherwise ornamented, if desired, providing, however, that the working-parts retain their present construction.

When the bed-piece F is used as a table only, the frame G G, with its shelves H, is shut together and placed under said bed-piece; as shown at fig. 2, but when it is used as a reading-stand, the frame G is drawn out at one side, and the book placed on the shelf H.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination of the two-part frame G G, shelves H, stops J J, bed-piece F, standards B C, and base, A, constructed and arranged as and for the purpose specified.

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