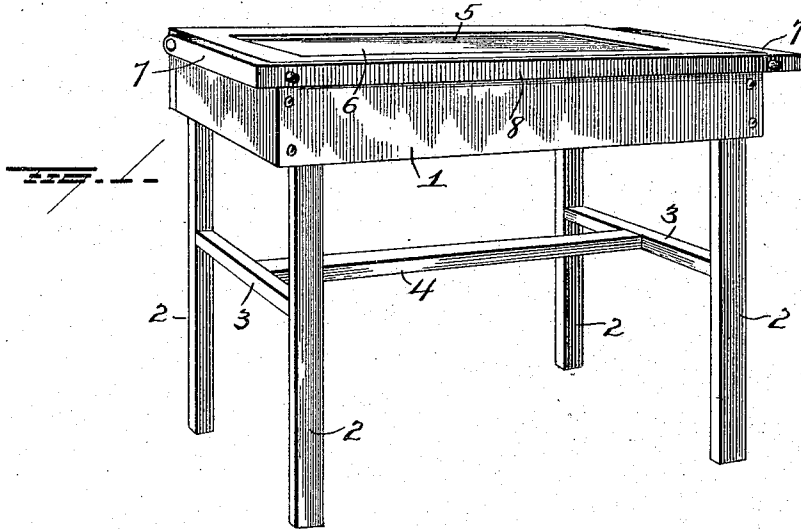
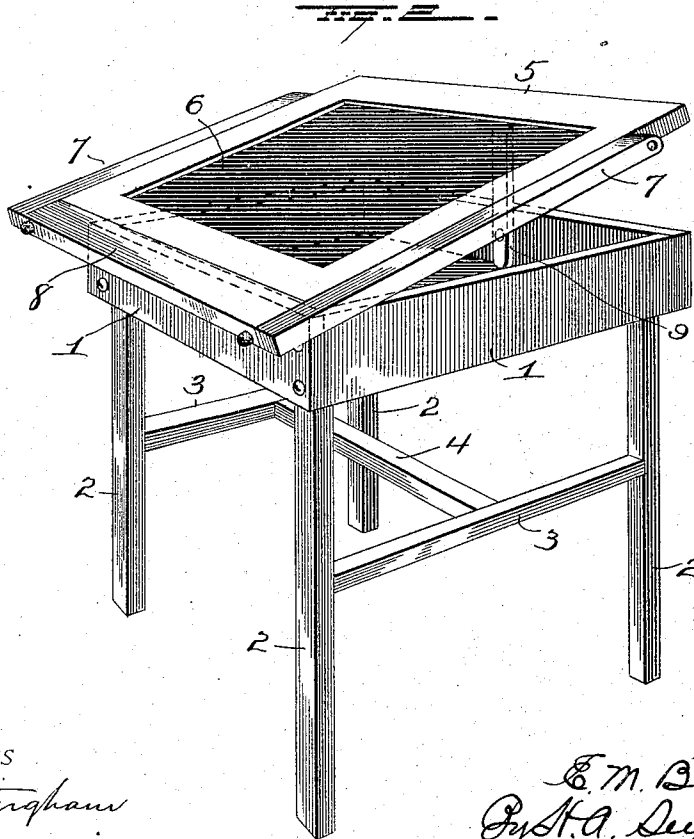


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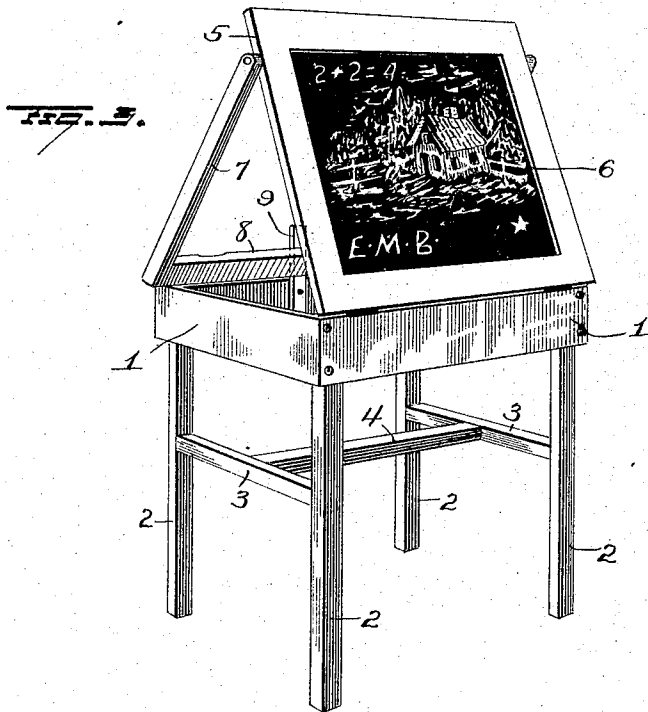
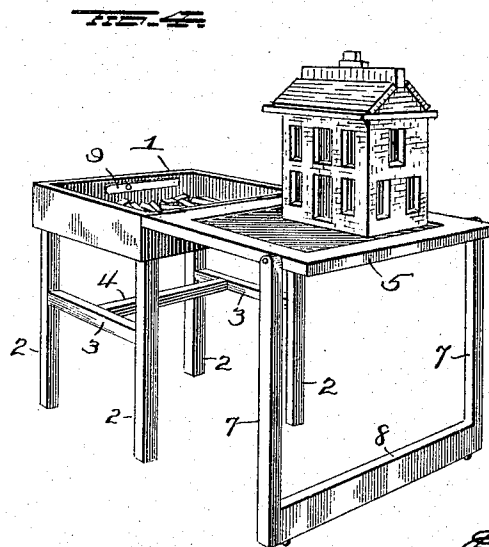
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE M. BARLER, of San Antonio, in the county of Bexar and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Convertible Furniture; and I 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.

This invention relates to improvements in convertible furniture, and more particularly to such as may be employed for educational purposes.

One object of my present invention is to provide a simple table construction which shall serve to receive structures composed of building blocks; which may be also employed as a table or desk capable of storing the building blocks and other devices; which may be also used as a flat or inclined top desk, and which may be employed for black-board purposes.

A further object is to so construct the device that it may be readily converted from one type of structure to another, and be stable and substantial in any form to which it may be adjusted.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the structure in the form of a flat top table. Fig. 2 is a view showing the device adaptable for use as an inclined-top desk. Fig. 3 is a view showing the device adaptable for use for black-board purposes, and Fig. 4 is a view showing the device extended to facilitate the building of various structures with the use of building blocks.

1 represents a table body supported at its four corners upon legs 2 which may be removably secured in place by means of screws, and said legs are suitably braced by means of cross-bars 3 and the longitudinal bar 4 connecting said cross-bars,—said bracing bars being preferably removably secured in place. To facilitate shipment the legs and braces may be removed and stored within the table body 1. The table body 1 may also serve to receive a quantity of building blocks and said table body is normally closed by means of a cover 5 hinged

at one edge thereto. The cover 5 may conveniently consist of a rectangular frame provided with a panel, the upper face of which is suitably treated to form a black-board 6. When the cover 5 is located over the table body, a flat top table will be formed, as shown in Fig. 1.

When the cover 5 is elevated so that the black-board 6 shall be disposed in a convenient working position, as shown in Fig. 3, it will be sustained in such position by means of a U-shaped support 7 having its parallel members pivotally connected at diametrically opposite points to the edges of the cover 5 near the free end of the latter,—the cross-bar 8 of said U-shaped support resting on one edge of the table body 1 and prevented from escape therefrom by means of an arm 9 pivotally supported within the table-body. When the cover 5 is closed down upon the table body 1, as shown in Fig. 1, the arm 9 will be in an approximately horizontal position within the table body and the U-shaped support will be caused to embrace the cover 5 so that its parallel members may rest adjacent to the table body (at opposite edges thereof) and the connecting bar 8 be disposed at the front of the table and rest upon the projecting portions of the hinges of the cover.

When it is desired to use the device as an inclined top desk, the cover 5 will be raised slightly and the arm 9 will be disposed in a vertical position so as to support said cover in such inclined position.

When the device is to be used as means on which to construct building structures, the cover 5 will be opened to its full throw so as to form a horizontal extension of the table and when in this position it will be supported by the U-shaped support 7, the latter having been swung so as to assume a vertical position under the free end of the extended cover 5. The inner face of the cover 5 now constitutes a base or foundation on which the building block structure may be set up, and such base or foundation will be in a most convenient position to the table body in which the building blocks are stored and from which they may be taken as the building progresses,—thus the scattering of building blocks over the floor of the room will be obviated. It will also be apparent that the table body will constitute a convenient and ready receptacle for the building blocks when the building is razed,

thus again avoiding the scattering the blocks about the room.

Having fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

1. The combination with a table body and legs therefor, of a cover hinged at one edge to said table body for normally closing the same, said cover also constituting a black-board, and a support pivotally attached to said cover and adapted when in one position to sustain the latter in a substantially upright position and when in another position to sustain said cover extended in a horizontal position.

2. The combination with a table body forming a receptacle, and legs supporting said body, of a cover hinged at one edge to said body, a U-shaped support pivoted to and adapted to embrace said cover, and an arm hinged to the body, said arm adapted

to serve as a stop for said support when the cover is elevated and a support for said cover when the latter is inclined.

3. A convertible article of furniture, comprising a table forming a receptacle, a cover hinged to said body, said cover also constituting a black-board, a support hinged to said cover and constituting means for sustaining the same in a substantially upright and also in a horizontal position, and an arm hinged to the table body and constituting means for sustaining said cover in an inclined position to form a desk.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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