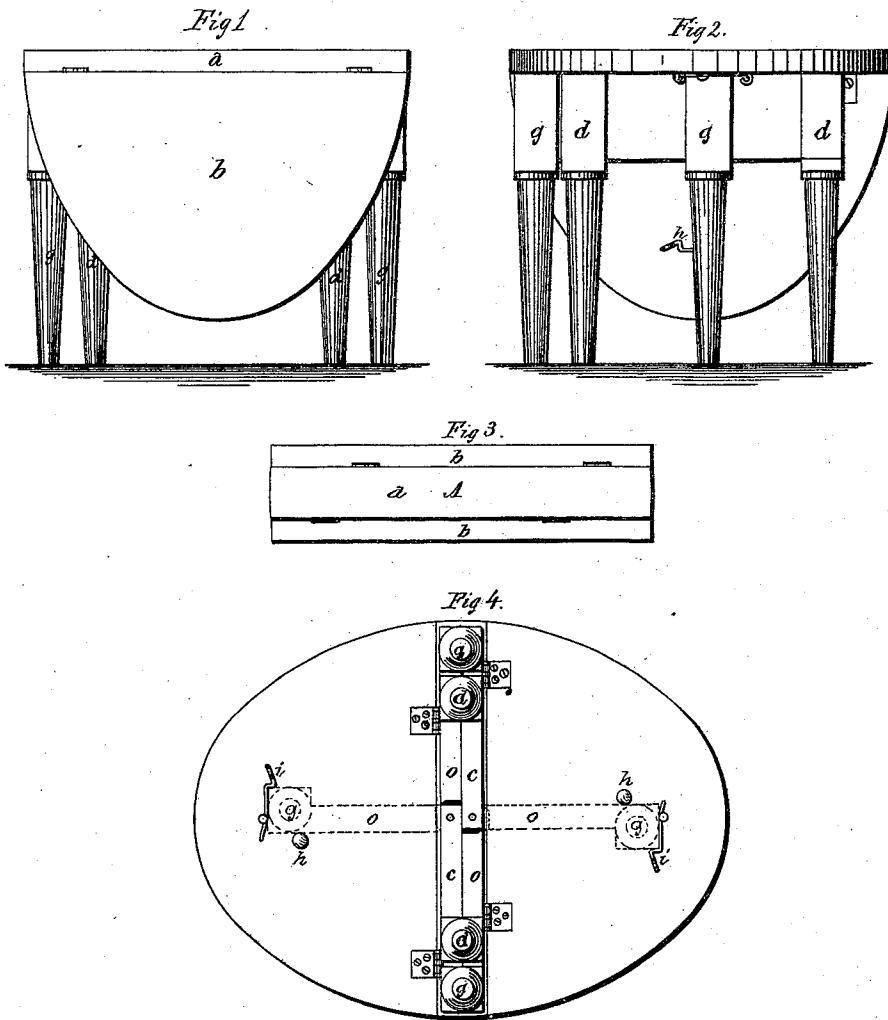


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BRADFELD, of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Tables; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in folding tables; and it consists in the arrangement and combination of parts that will be more fully described hereafter.

The accompanying drawing represents my invention.

A represents the top of a table composed of three parts, the central one, *a*, being a narrow straight piece, to which the other parts, *b*, are hinged. Under and to the central piece *a* are firmly secured two supports, *c*, to the outer ends of which are secured the legs *d*, which supports are each one-half the width of the central piece *a* in thickness, and so placed that their inner ends overlap under the middle of the table. To the overlapping ends of the supports *c* are hinged the supports *o* for the leaves *b*, which supports are long enough to allow the legs *g*, secured to their outer ends, to overlap the legs *d*, and, being of the same thickness, these supports will form a straight line with the supports *c*, and bring all four legs in a line. By having the supports *o* of

the same thickness, and extending on a line with the supports *c*, and all four legs in a line, they take up no more room than two of the ordinary legs and supports. Suitable stops *h* are placed under the sides *b* of the table to prevent the legs from being forced outward too far, and spring-catches *i* hold the legs in position against the stops.

When desired, but one-half of the table may be used, in which case three of the legs will remain in line and the other be opened outward to support the raised leaf.

I am aware that a table having a narrow top and swinging legs has heretofore been used; but in this case the legs are attached to one long swinging support, that compels both leaves to be raised at once. In my table each of the legs is attached to a short separate support, that allows one or both leaves to be raised, as may be preferred.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A folding table consisting of the narrow top *a*, leaves *b*, the supports *c* *o*, having the legs secured to their ends, and catches to hold the legs in position, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of May, 1875.

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