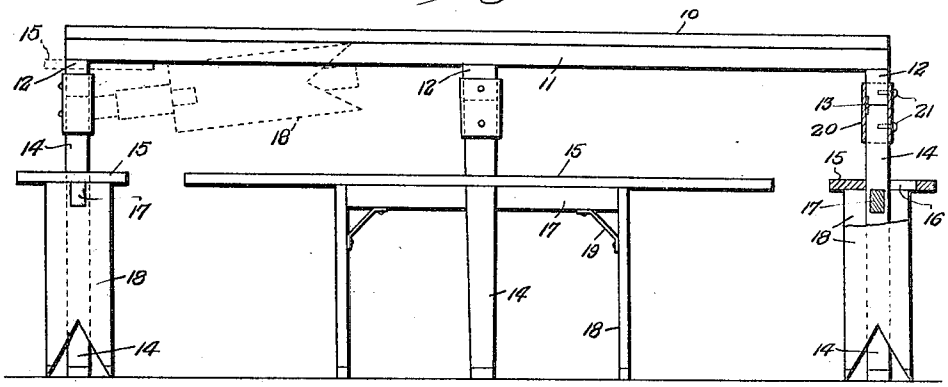
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Fig. 1.



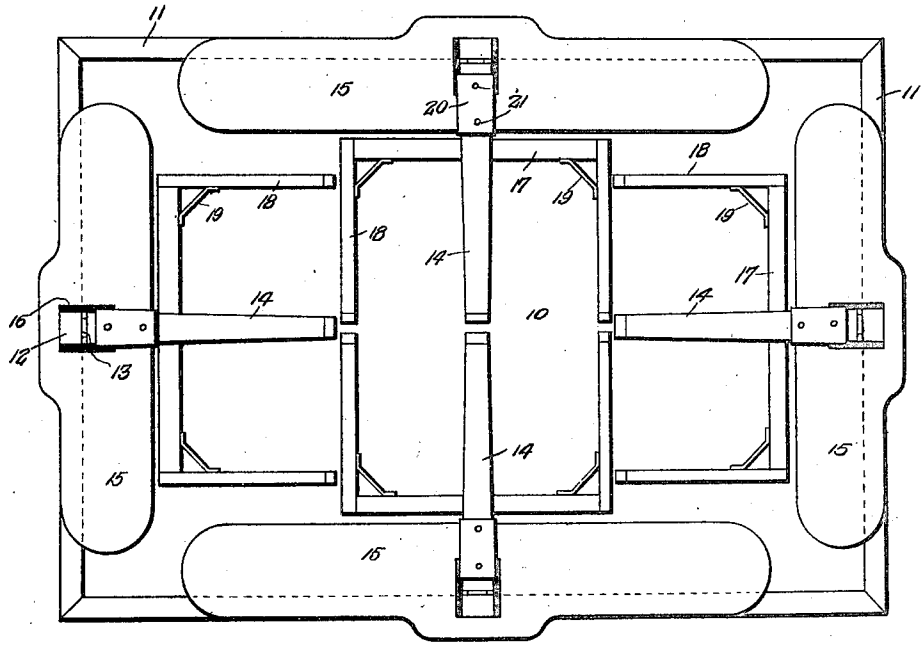


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES R. FETTERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Butte, in the county of Silver Bow and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Camping Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in camping furniture, and more particularly to a table, of a suitable construction for camping or out-of-door use, and having seats or benches combined therewith.

The principal object of the invention is to provide for an article of furniture of the class mentioned, and one embodying a table combined with seats or benches disposed at both sides and ends thereof, all constructed and arranged in a manner to permit of the folding of the supporting legs of the table and the seats or benches carried thereby inward of the side and end edges of table top, whereby to facilitate the storage of the same in a relatively small space as compared to that occupied by the article when set up, and to otherwise reduce the article to compact form for the transportation or shipment of the same from one point to another.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention resides in the certain novel and useful construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the preferred embodiment of the invention when set up for use, one of the supporting legs with the seat or bench carried thereby being shown in dotted lines as positioned when folded, and,

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same with all of the supporting legs and the seats or benches carried thereby in folded position.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates a table top having side and end rails 11 depending from the under face of the side and end edges thereof, and depending from the side and end rails 11, and at points medially of their opposite ends, are relatively short leg stubs 12 to which are connected, by means of hinges 13, main supporting legs 14, the hinges 13 being secured in proper position on the adjacent inner faces of the leg stubs 12 and the main legs 14 whereby the latter may be swung inwardly of the lower face of the table top 10.

A seat or bench board or member 15 is adapted to be supported at the opposite sides and ends of the table, and each are provided with a transversely extending slot 16 through which the main supporting legs 14 are passed. These boards or members 15 are adapted to be normally supported in position above and on bases or frames carried by the main legs 14, and each of these frames consists of a horizontally disposed cross bar 17 extending through the main legs 14, and secured in position thereon at points medially of their opposite ends, and supporting legs or members 18 which depend from their opposite ends in spaced parallel relation to the main legs 14 of the table, the connected ends of the bars 17 and the legs or members 18 being further connected together by means of metal corner braces 19. These bases or frames are of a height to support the seat or bench boards or members 15 at a distance from the floor or ground level convenient for the seating of persons at the table in the usual manner.

For retaining the table in set-up position, and otherwise prevent the accidentally hinging movement of the main supporting legs 14, each of the latter are provided with sleeve members 20 which are mounted for sliding movement to and from overlapping or enclosing relation in the respect to the hinged joint between the same and the leg stubs 12, and are to be held in such position by means of suitable fastenings 21, such as screws or the like, one of which fastenings being passed through the sleeves for engagement in the leg stubs 12, and the other in the upper portion of the main legs 14.

With the article of furniture thus provided, and set-up as in Figure 1, and it is desired to fold the same into compact form for storage or shipment purposes, the seat or bench boards 15 are moved upward of the main supporting legs 14 onto the leg stubs 12 and into contacting relation with the lower edges of the rails 11, the slots 16 of the same being of a sufficient area to give clearance for the passage of the sleeves 20 through the same, after which, the fastenings 21 are removed, or otherwise manipulated, and the sleeves 20 allowed to drop into abutting relation with the top edges of

the bars 17, when the main legs 14 and the seat or bench board supporting bases or frames carried thereby may be swung inwardly of the lower face of the table top, substantially as shown in the drawing, and may be suitably secured in such position against accidental displacement during transportation or shipment. The transverse elongation of the slots 16 of the seat or bench boards 15 admits of the latter being slid inwardly of the adjacent edges of the table top 10, when the legs are folded, and outwardly of the main supporting legs 14 to a convenient seating position, when the table is set-up for use.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim, is:—

1. An article of furniture comprising a table top, rigid leg stubs disposed medially of the opposite ends of the side and end edges of said top, supporting legs hingedly connected with said leg stubs for folding movement inwardly of the lower face of said top, means for preventing accidental hinging movement of said supporting legs from operative position, bench boards loosely carried on said supporting legs and extending parallel to the side and end edges of said top and normally in a common plane below the lower face of the same, and supporting bases for said bench boards carried by said supporting legs, said bench boards being movable vertically and inwardly of said supporting legs when the latter are folded inwardly of the lower face of said top.

2. An article of furniture comprising a table top, rigid leg stubs disposed medially of the opposite ends of the side and end edges of said top, supporting legs hingedly connected with said leg stub for folding movement inwardly of the lower face of said table top, means carried by said supporting legs and movable to and from engagement with said leg stubs for preventing accidental hinging movement of said supporting legs from operative position and to permit of the folding of the latter to inoperative position, bench boards loosely carried on said supporting legs and extending parallel to the side and end edges of said top and normally disposed in a common plane below the lower face of the same, and supporting bases for said bench boards carried by said supporting legs, said bench boards being movable vertically and inwardly of said leg stubs when the supporting legs and the bases carried thereby are folded inwardly of the lower face of said top.

3. An article of furniture comprising a table top, rigid leg stubs disposed medially of the opposite ends of the side and end edges of said top, supporting legs hingedly connected with said leg stubs for folding movement inwardly of the lower face of said table top, locking sleeves carried by said supporting legs and movable to and from engagement with sand leg stubs for preventing accidental hinging movement of said supporting legs from operative position and to permit of the folding of the latter to inoperative position, bench boards loosely carried on said supporting legs and extending parallel to the side and end edges of said top and normally in a common plane below the lower face of the same, and supporting bases for said bench boards carried by said supporting legs, said bench boards being movable vertically of said supporting legs and onto said leg stubs and inwardly thereof when the supporting legs are folded inwardly of the lower face of said top, said bench boards being movable downwardly onto the upper ends of said supporting legs and adapted to rest on said supporting bases when said supporting legs are moved to operative position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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