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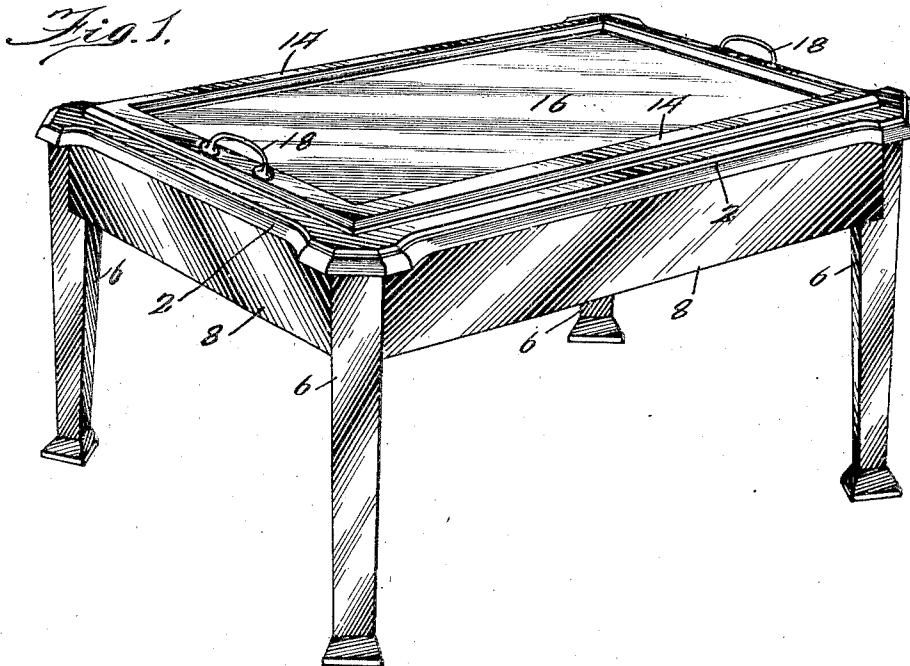
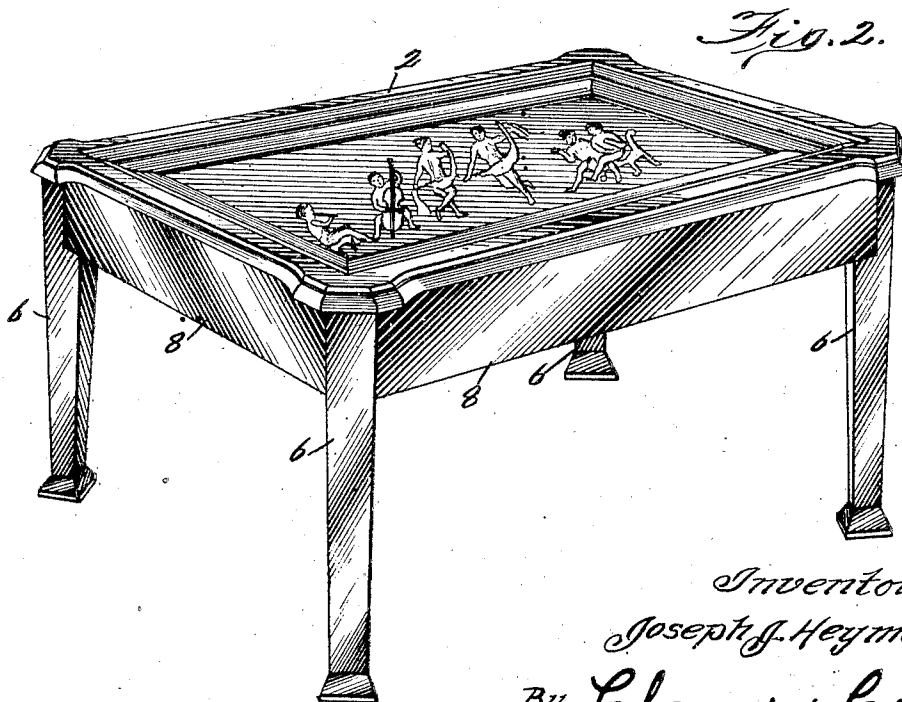
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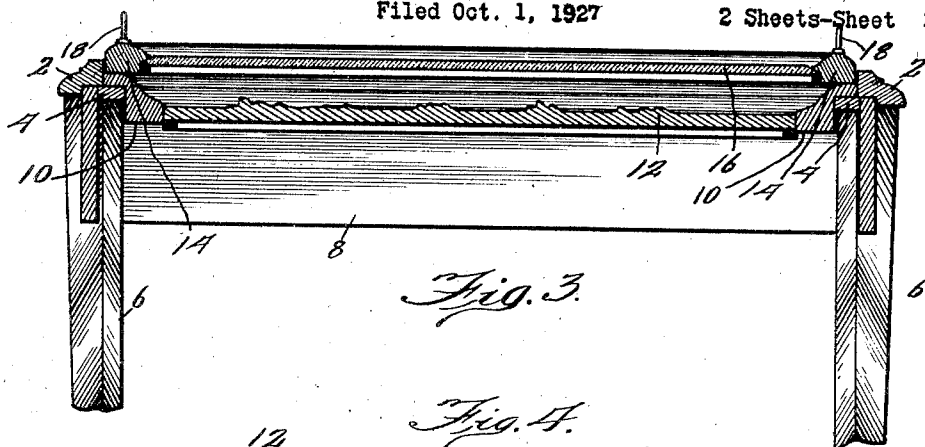
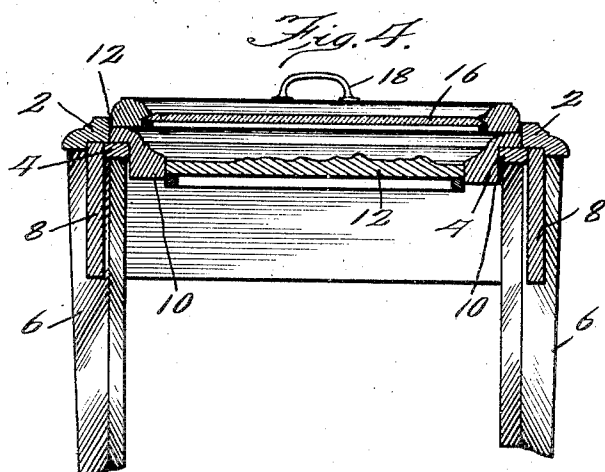
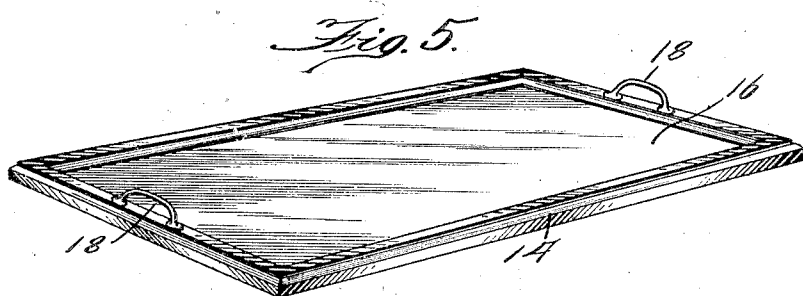
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COFFEE TABLE

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My invention relates to coffee tables designed not only to provide a stand for holding the coffee cups for serving, but also providing a detachable tray normally resting on the stand but detachable for use when serving.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a coffee table of the above character wherein the upper surface of the table is provided with an ornate panel arranged in countersunk formation in respect to the top of the table and adapted in turn to receive a tray, the supporting panel of which is formed of glass whereby to support the cups of coffee when in use as a tray and whereby to provide a transparent member through which the ornate panel of the table may be viewed when the tray is supported by the table.

Still another object of my invention resides in the details of construction of the upper portion of the table, the ornate panel and the tray whereby the ornate panel may be detached from the table itself and whereby the tray detachably overlies the ornate panel and whereby the supporting frame of the table is countersunk to provide a seat not only for the ornate panel but also for the tray itself.

These and other objects of my invention will be apparent from a perusal of the following specification when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved coffee table showing the serving tray in position thereon.

Figure 2 is a similar view with the tray removed and showing the ornate figures in the countersunk panel of the table top.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken longitudinally through the table as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is an end view thereof.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the detachable tray itself.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, my improved coffee table comprises a table, a detachable ornate panel there for, and a detachable tray.

The table proper, which for purposes of illustration is shown as rectangular in shape,

may be of any desired outline and of any desired design. In the embodiment illustrated, it comprises an upper rigid frame composed of an outer frame 2 preferably ornamented on its outer facing and inner frame 4, which frames are rigidly glued or otherwise fastened together and have fastened to them at the corners depending legs 6 whereby to provide a solid rectangular frame for the table. In addition this frame is provided with depending skirts 8 which are connected to the underside of the frames 2 and 4 and lie between the legs 6. It will be realized that various constructions may be utilized for the formation of this rigid frame. The frames 2 and 4 are constructed and arranged to provide a continuous countersunk shoulder within the frame and this shoulder forms a very solid and substantial seat in which the ornamental panel member, hereinafter described, and the tray itself are adapted to rest and be supported.

In order to provide an ornamental top for the table, I provide a frame 10 of corresponding rectangular outline which is detachable as a unit from the table. This panel is provided with an outstanding flange 12' which forms with the adjacent wall of the panel, a horizontal face and a vertical face whereby the frame 10 is adapted to frictionally fit and seat upon the inner frame 4 of the table top and in a manner such that the outer face of the flange 12' will frictionally grip the inner wall of the outer frame 2. This frame 10 is provided with an ornate insert 12, the upper surface of which is preferably carved or otherwise ornamented in intaglio or in cameo. In the present instance these ornamental figures are set up in raised relief.

The tray comprises a frame 14 of rectangular outline to correspond with a shape of the seat formed by the internal surfaces of the outer frame 2. This tray is provided with a glass panel 16 and two hand holding members 18 by which the tray may be detached and lifted from the table and carried about while serving the coffee. It will be noted that the outer wall of the frame 14 of the tray seats snugly within the inner face of the outer frame member 2 and is supported directly

on top of the outstanding flange 12 of the ornamental panel 10.

By reason of the foregoing construction it will be seen that I have provided a coffee table in which the top of the table is provided with an interchangeable, detachable panel having an ornamental upper surface which, when the transparent tray is in position on the table, is viewable through the glass panel of the tray so that the ornamental figures of the panel are brought out more sharply and considerable depth is given to the ornamental figures 12 of the panel 10. This construction greatly enhances the ornamental features of the top of the table and in addition by means of the detachability of this panel not only is it possible to provide different panels for the same table, but the panels themselves as a unit may be utilized as wall hangings or the like. In the construction illustrated the table and panel and the tray are preferably formed of carved wood, but constructions of other material are within the contemplation of my invention. It will be furthermore appreciated that by forming the frame 14 of the tray and the outer flange 12 of the ornamental panel of the same size, these two detachable members may seat within the shoulder and seat formed by the junction of the outer and inner frame members 2 and 4 forming the table top.

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

1. In a coffee table or the like, the combination of a table having depending legs and forming a rigid upper frame providing a countersunk seat, a panel having an ornamental top and provided with an outstanding flange adapted to seat within the countersunk seat of the table top whereby said panel is held from inadvertent movement in said table top, but may be freely detached therefrom, and a tray comprising a frame with a glass panel, said tray frame being of size to fit snugly in the countersunk seat of the table and to be supported by the flange of the ornamental panel.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a table frame supported by legs, said frame having internal faces forming a countersunk seat, an ornamental panel having an outstanding peripheral flange adapted to engage in the seat, and a tray having a transparent panel, said tray including a frame adapted to seat within the countersunk seat of the table top.

3. In a device of the class described, a table top having a countersunk seat, an ornamental carved panel detachably mounted in said seat and a serving tray also mounted in said seat, overlying the ornamental panel and removable therefrom for serving purposes.

4. In a device of the class described, the combination of a table including an inner

frame member forming a horizontal and an inner vertical wall, an outer frame member attached thereto providing an upstanding inner vertical wall and forming a countersunk seat with the horizontal surface of said inner frame member, an ornamental carved panel having an outstanding flange providing an inner vertical wall adapted to contact with the inner vertical wall of the frame and providing a horizontal wall adapted to rest on the horizontal upper wall of the inner frame and providing an outer vertical wall adapted to contact with the inner vertical wall of the outer frame, and a tray comprising a frame and a transparent panel, said tray frame being constructed and arranged to rest upon the top surface of the outstanding flange and within the inner vertical wall of the outer frame of the table.

5. In combination a table having a frame providing an internal groove forming a seat, a separately formed panel having a carved upper face adapted to seat at its edges in the groove and a tray having a transparent bottom adapted to seat at its edges in the groove to cover the panel.

6. In a device of the class described, the combination of a table top comprising a frame supported by legs, said frame being formed to provide an internal seat, a carved panel having an outstanding peripheral flange detachably mounted in said seat with the carved surface of the panel facing upwardly and a tray having a transparent panel and a frame surrounding said panel carried in a seat in the table top in position so that the transparent panel overlies and reveals the carved surface of the ornamental panel immediately therebeneath.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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