

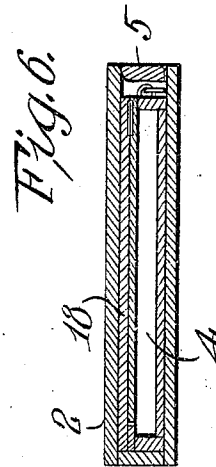
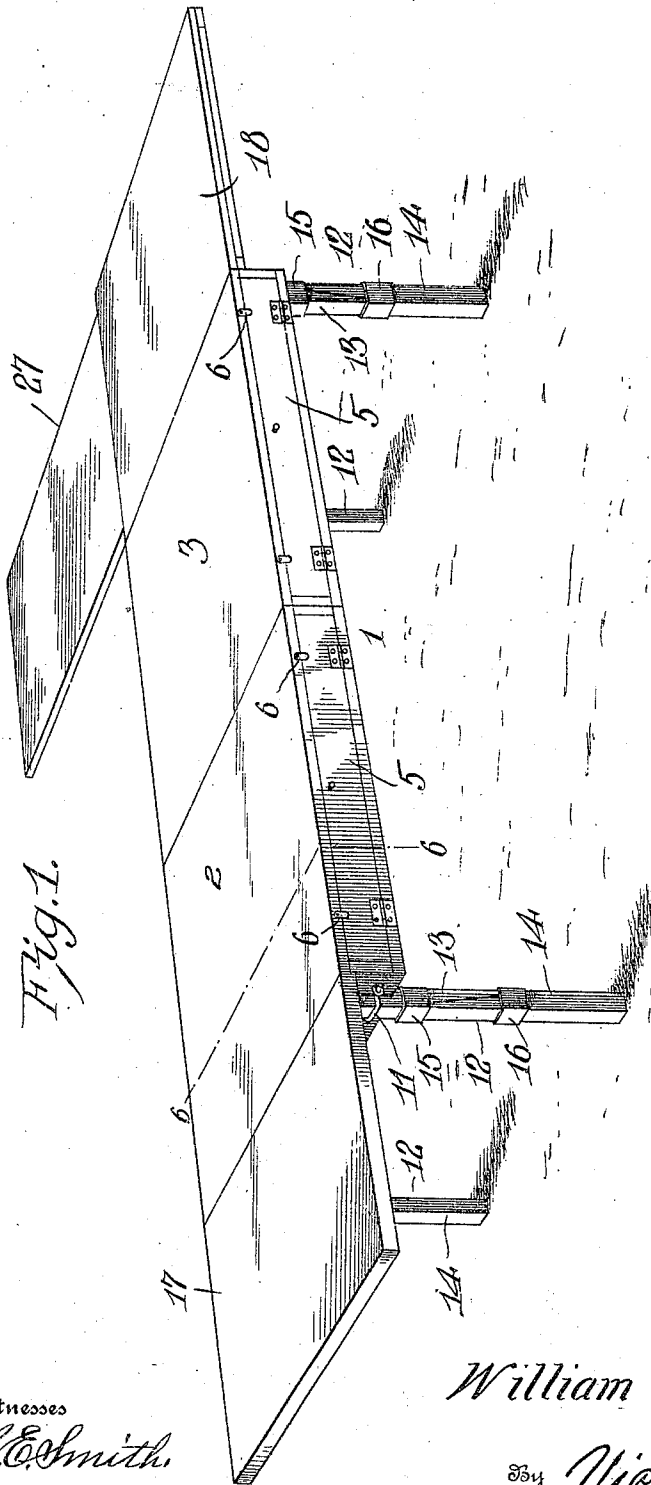
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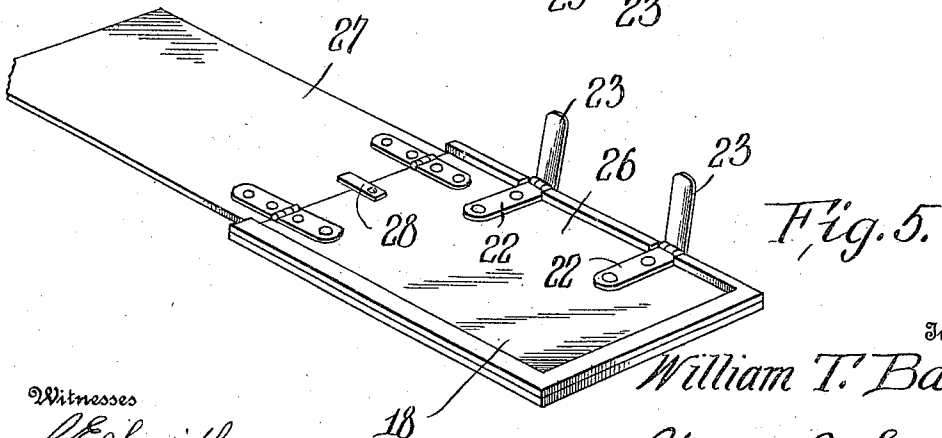
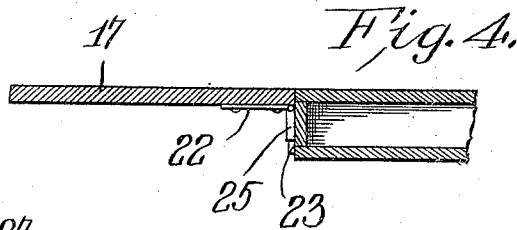
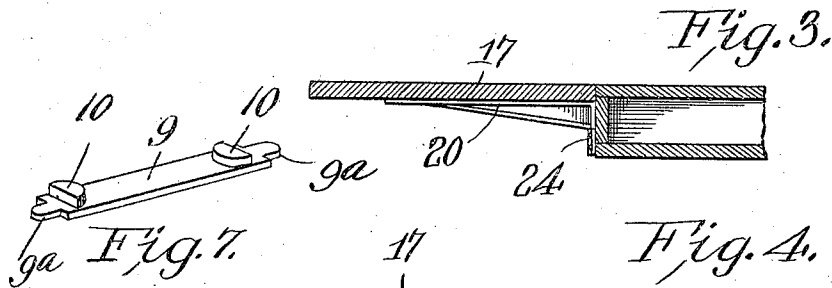
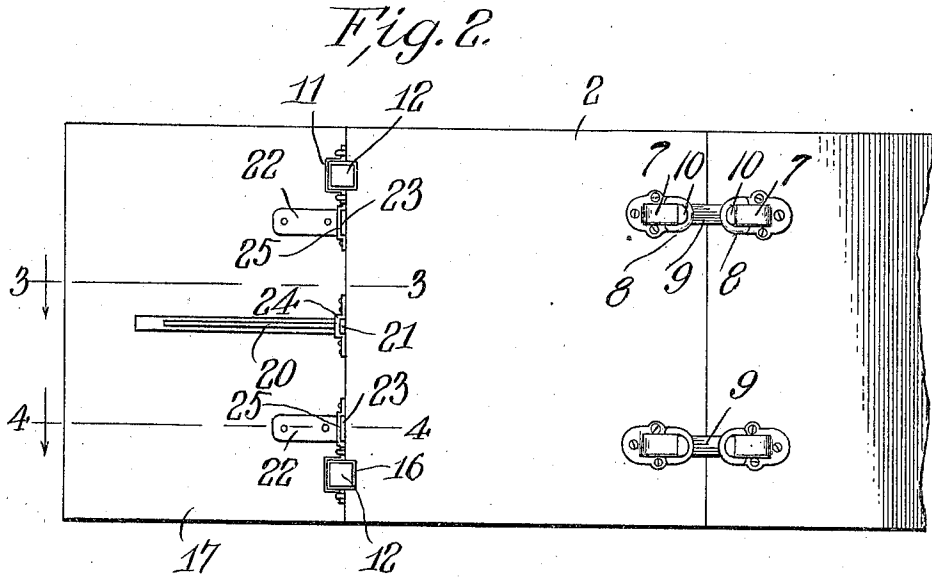
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. BAUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Commerce, in the county of Jackson and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in tables of the collapsible or "knock-down" type, its object being to provide a table which may be conveniently set up and taken apart, and in which the parts may be packed in close compass for storage or transportation.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table embodying my invention with two of the extension leaves applied for use. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary bottom plan view thereof. Figs. 3 and 4 are sections on the lines 3—3 and 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a bottom perspective view of one of the extension leaves. Fig. 6 is a section on line 6—6 of Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of one of the coupling plates.

In accordance with my invention, the table 1 is composed of two main sections 2 and 3, each forming a rectangular or oblong rectangular casing to receive a drawer 4. Each of said main sections or casings is open at one side for the insertion and removal of the drawer, and is adapted to be closed at said open side by a hinged door 5 adapted to be fastened in closed position by turn buttons 6. The said sections 2 and 3 are adapted to be placed end to end and coupled by a simple type of connecting means. As shown in Fig. 2, the sections are provided on their undersides with metallic sockets 7 having pivoted catches 8, and extending across the meeting ends of the sections are coupling plates 9 having terminal tongues 9^a to enter said sockets and shoulders 10 adapted to be engaged by the catches to hold the plates in position against the bottom surfaces of the sections. Upon swinging back the catches and detaching the coupling plates from the sockets, the two main sections 2 and 3 may be disconnected, as will be readily understood.

The outer ends of the sections 2 and 3 are provided with pivoted keeper loops 11, adapted to receive the upper reduced ends of

supporting legs 12 each comprising upper and lower sections 13 and 14, respectively carrying cuffs or sleeves 15 and 16. The meeting ends of the leg sections, to wit, the lower end of the section 13 and upper end of the section 14, are beveled to form a scarf joint, and the cuff 15 receives the upper end of the section 14, while the cuff 16 receives the lower end of the section 13, thus firmly binding the sections together. It will be understood that when it is desired to remove the legs in the operation of disassembling the parts of the table, the upper end of the leg section 13 may be withdrawn from engagement with the keeper 11, and the section 14 then pulled outward to disengage it from the section 13. In practice, the sections of the legs when so disconnected may be packed away in the drawers 4.

In the drawings I have shown for use in connection with the main table sections two extension sections or leaves 17 and 18. The extension leaf 17 is adapted to be arranged at either end of the table, and is provided with an elongated central bracket 20 having a downturned arm or hook 21 and side brackets 22 each having a hinged hook or arm 23, the said hooks or arms of the respective brackets being adapted to fit down into keeper loops 24 and 25 secured upon the outer end of each main section.

The mode of applying the extension leaf 17 will be apparent from the foregoing description, and it will be understood that in order to detach said leaf, it is simply necessary to lift the leaf to bring the hooks out of engagement with the keepers, whereupon said hooks may be turned or folded over upon the brackets to lie close to the underside of the leaf to save space in storage.

The leaf 18 is formed in its underside with a recess 26 to receive a supplemental leaf 27. The said supplemental leaf is hinged at its inner end to one of the sides of the leaf 18 so that it may be folded outwardly therefrom to project laterally at one side of the table, as shown in Fig. 1, a catch, such as a turn button 28, being provided to secure said leaf in such position. The purpose of the leaf section 22 is to afford convenience when the use of a lateral extension is desired. It is understood, of course, that two leaf sections like the section 17 may be employed at the ends of the table or that two leaf sections of the type 18 may be so employed.

The mode of setting up the table will be readily understood from the foregoing description. In taking down or disassembling the parts of the table, the extension leaves are first removed, and the supplemental leaf section of the leaf 18 folded over upon the same, after which the legs may be detached and the main sections 2 and 3 finally uncoupled. As before stated, the leg sections may be stored in the drawers 4, and in practice it is preferred to make these drawers of less depth than the compartments in which they fit, so that the respective end extensions or leaves 17 and 18 may be stored or fitted within such spaces between the drawers and the tops of the sections 2 and 3. The coupling plates 9 may also in practice be stored within the drawers, so that after the parts have been packed in this manner and the doors 5 closed, all the elements of the table will be retained in the main sections 2 and 3, affording convenience in storing and transporting the article.

It will thus be seen that the invention pro-

vides a collapsible table which may be conveniently set up and taken down, which is simple of construction and comparatively inexpensive of production, and in which the parts when disassembled are adapted to be packed in close compass for storage or shipment.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A table comprising two main sections adapted to be placed end to end, said sections being provided on their undersides near their meeting ends with sockets, coupling plates adapted to bridge across said sections and having tongues to enter said sockets and shoulders adjacent said tongues, and pivoted catches on the sockets to engage said shoulders.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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