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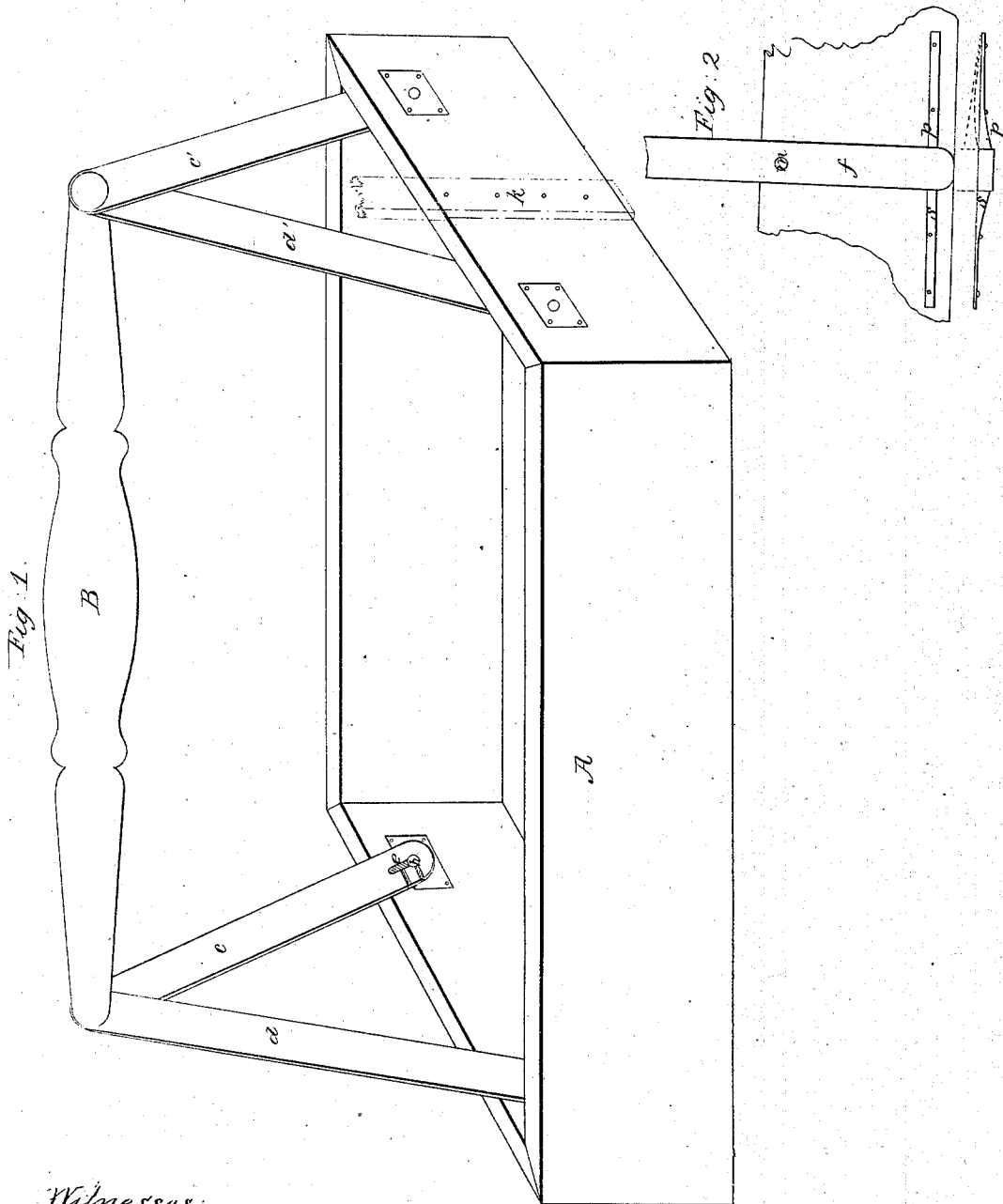


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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BUTLER'S TRAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HOFFMAN, of the city of Benicia, county of Solano, and State of California, have invented a new and useful Apparatus for a Single-Handed Tray, which I call "Hoffman's Single-Handed Tray;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view: Fig. 2, is a sectional view of one end.

15 A, is the box or tray.

B, is the handle of wood or metal, connected with the tray by the arms *c*, *c'* and *d*, *d'* attached by means of the pins or pivots *h*, two of which arms *c*, *c'*, have slots in them, as shown at *e*, so that they may be disconnected from the tray, in order to receive large dishes, also to take up less room when the tray is not in use. The handle may also be connected with the tray by the stationary arm *h*, or by the arm *f*, swinging on a pivot *m*, and kept in place by the spring catch *p*, attached to plate *s*, as shown in Fig. 2.

The advantages of this arrangement over that of trays heretofore in use, are that the apparatus can be used with one hand, leaving the other free to open doors, or to carry other articles, also that they take up less room in passing through the passages of the house. By unshipping the arms *c*, *c'*, it will receive dishes as easily as trays with handles at each end, and can be packed away in as small a space.

What I claim as my invention and for which I desire Letters Patent as a new article of manufacture is—

A single-handed butlers-tray, furnished with a hinged or pivoted handle so as to be detached, or swung out of the way, to facilitate the placing or removing of articles upon it, and to economize room and space in carrying, or stowing it away, as herein set forth and explained.

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