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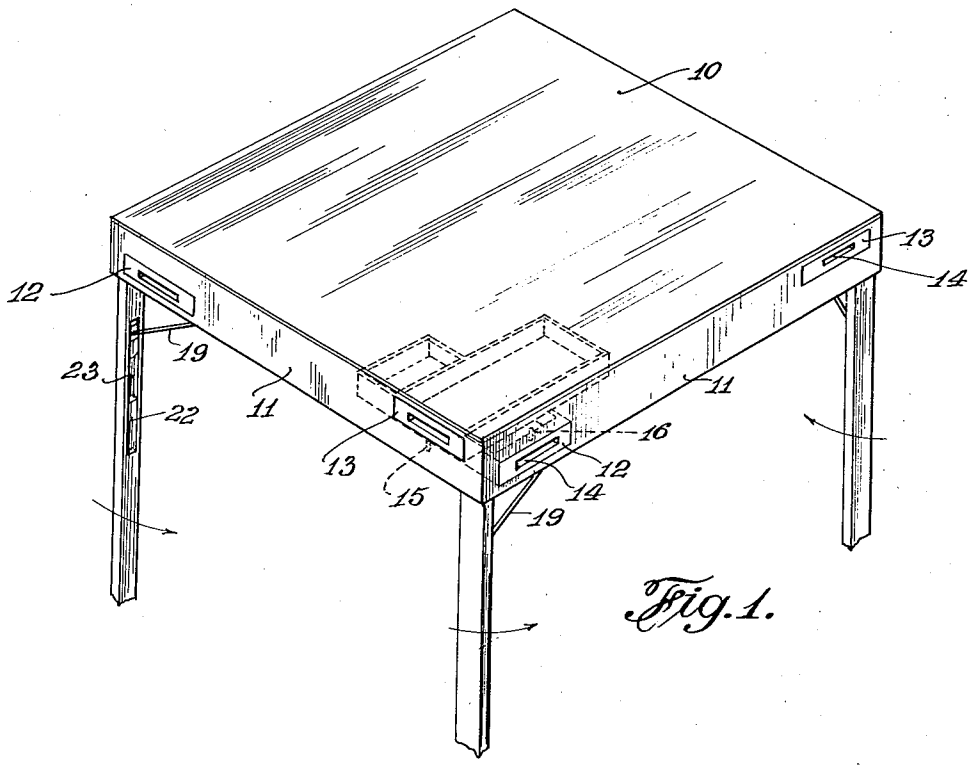


Fig. 1.

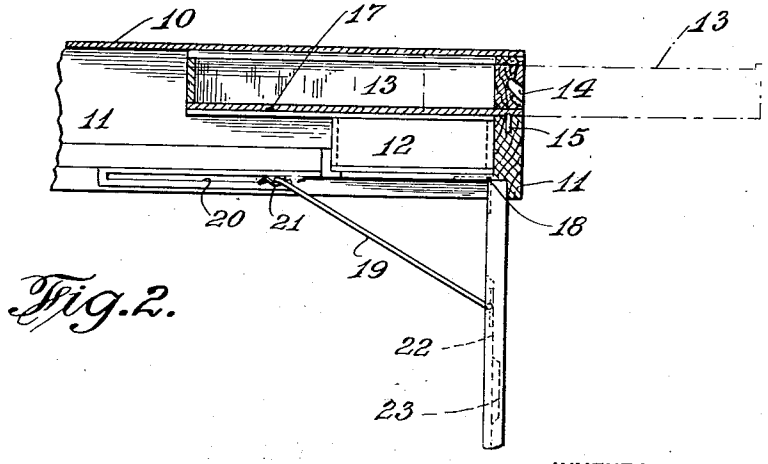


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 311—103)

This invention relates to tables in general, and particularly to what may be termed collapsible card tables.

The prime object of this invention is to provide a practical, inexpensive and effective table, wherein at each table corner is provided a cross-wisely arranged pair of drawers, so disposed, that at each side of the table are available two drawers, of which the drawers at one of the ends of all four table sides are off-set relative to the drawers of the other ends of the table sides, and wherein all upper drawers are disposed just beneath the upper table edge, while all lower drawers operate near the lower edges of the table sides.

Another object of this invention is to provide in connection with all of the drawers, suitable means for normally holding them in their closed position, and other means whereby some of the drawers, preferably the upper drawers, may be held in a partially drawn-out position.

Another object of this invention is to provide in connection with the table, foldable table legs, adapted to fold beneath each side of the table, and in such a manner that each folded-up leg abuts, near its connected end, with the lowermost drawer of each corner drawer pair.

The foregoing and still further important objects and improvements will become more fully apparent from the ensuing description and the accompanying drawing, forming part of this disclosure, but which are intended, more or less, to illustrate the same without limiting me to the very structure shown.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a partial perspective view of a preferred construction of my table, in accordance with my invention; and

Fig. 2 is a partial enlarged cross-sectional view through the corner construction of my table, showing a reversed arrangement of the drawers.

Referring now specifically to the illustrations, numeral 10 is a table top, the outer edge of which is preferably flush with its sides 11. At each corner of the table is provided a pair of cross-wisely arranged drawers consisting of a lower drawer 12, and an upper drawer 13. These drawers are indicated at the front corner of the table, shown in Fig. 1, in broken lines, to illustrate their respective arrangement to one another.

The front of each drawer is made of relatively heavy material in which I preferably provide a slot 14, adapted to be used instead of a knob, for pulling out drawers when desired. Normally these drawers are preferably made flush with their respective sides when they are in their closed position. In order to hold the drawers in that position, I am providing spring induced pins, such as indicated at 15 and 16, which pins are adapted to engage suitable depressions provided in the drawers, thereby holding them in their closed position. Pins 15, for holding the upper drawers in closed position, may also engage depressions 17, provided in the bottom member of drawer 13, as indicated in Fig. 2, for holding the upper drawers in their outward position, shown in broken lines in that figure.

The arrangement of the table legs is such that they are hinged at each corner, as indicated at 18, beneath the lower drawers 12, and are provided with hinged braces 19, which are guided in a slot arrangement 20, and are held, at the time when the legs are in operative position, by means of clips 21 or any other suitable similar device. When the legs are collapsed, braces 19 are imbedded in suitable grooves 22, provided within the legs, which grooves are deepened at 23 for accommodating clips 21. When the legs are collapsed, their hinged ends assume an adjacent position relative to lower drawers 12 of each corner drawer pair, and their outer faces are flush with the lower edges of their sides 11.

The drawers serve for accommodating game utensils, such as pads, cards, chips, and similar articles, which latter are preferably placed in the lower drawers 12. The right-hand upper drawers are preferably utilized for the purpose of accommodating ash trays, glass trays, etc., which should be handy, and yet out of the way of the players. Of course, it is obvious that the use of these drawers may be arranged in accordance with the particular wishes of the players, and I shall not be limited to the use indicated. Similarly, it is obvious that, while I have shown in Fig. 1 that all right-hand drawers form the upper drawers of each corner pair of drawers, such arrangement may be reversed, as indicated in Fig. 2, as long as a cross-wisely arranged drawer pair is provided at each table corner.

Furthermore, while I have shown a specific general arrangement of my table, be it understood that changes and improvements may be made therein to suit particular conditions, and I therefore shall not be limited to the construction shown, and I reserve for myself the right to make changes and improvements in the table construction, all without departing from the broad scope and intent of my invention, as defined in the annexed claim.

I claim:

In a game table having a table top and side

members depending from and being flush with the edges of the table top, each two adjacent side members forming relatively broad table corners, a double drawer construction provided at each table corner and in close proximity to the corner edge, each drawer construction comprising a pair of superimposed drawers, arranged at substantially right angles to one another, the upper drawer of each pair being disposed in one of the side members, directly below the table top, the lower drawer being located just above the bottom edge of the other, adjacent side member.

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