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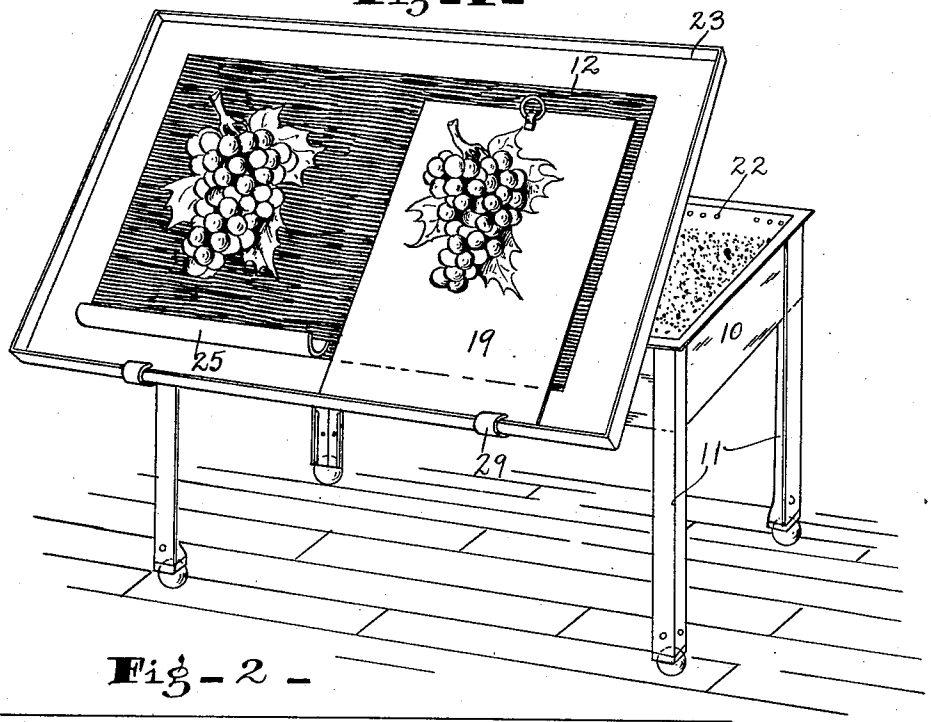

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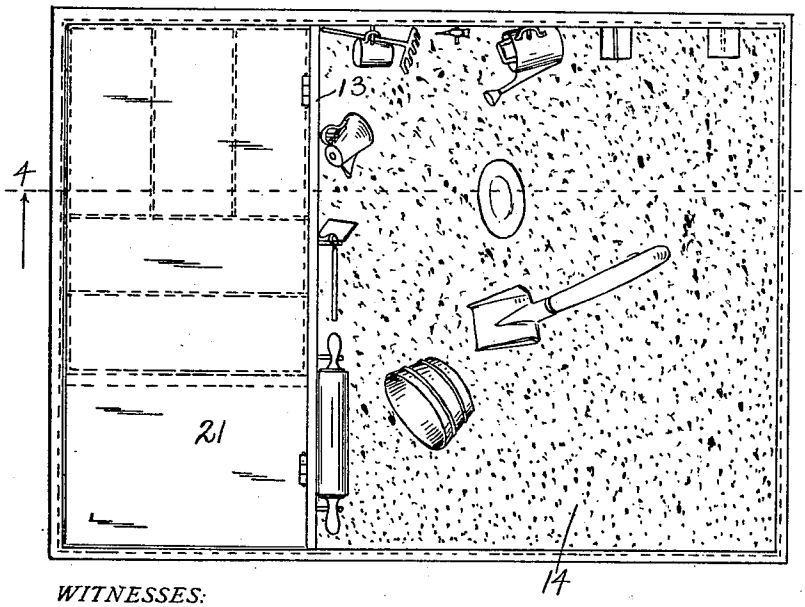

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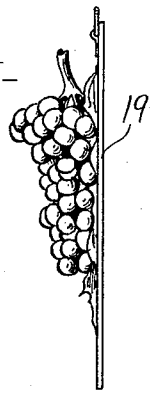

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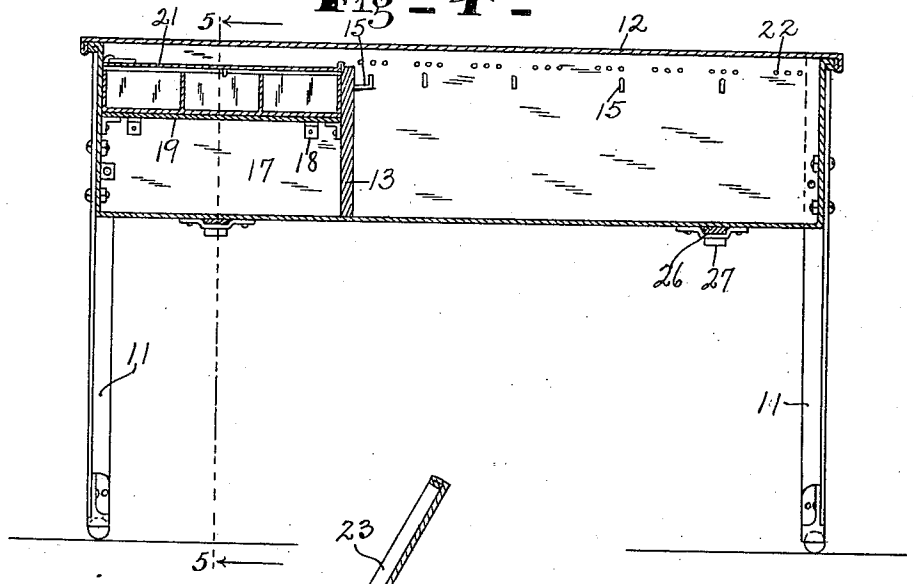

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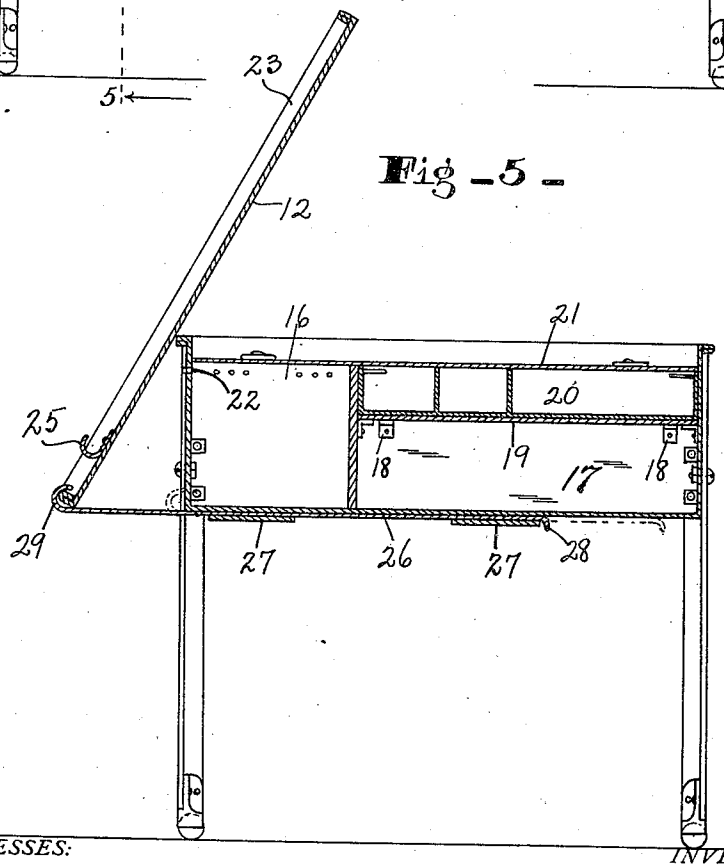

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE GLENDON ROBBINS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain useful Kindergarten-Table; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of this invention is to provide a child's work and play outfit for home or school use.

To those familiar with child study of the kindergarten or primary age, the features of this invention will be understood as it is adapted to combine the features of the "gift" and "occupation" studies taught in the grades mentioned and of a construction preventing the rusting, leaking or warping of the members which constitute serious drawbacks to those tables on the market, so far as known.

The nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the table. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device with the top removed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the clay modeling board shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a vertical transverse section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

In detail the drawings herein show a table having a box-like top 10 supported on legs 11 and with a removable top or cover 12.

The box portion is made of sheet metal, of rigid water tight construction with the top edges flanged and curled under and with the interior enameled preferably and divided by a transverse partition 13 into two compartments such that one compartment has substantially twice the volume of the other. The larger compartment 14 may be used for a sand box and hooks 15 are provided on the sides thereof to receive the sand tools, as shown in Fig. 4. The smaller of the two compartments is again divided into two compartments 16 and 17, one substantially twice the size of the other, the smaller one 16 being adapted to receive clay for modeling. The walls of the chamber 17 have brackets 18 secured thereon to support a clay modeling board 19 and the space below may be used to store unfinished work or supplies. Said clay modeling board 19 is formed of enameled sheet metal. A tray 20, adapted to fit the chamber 17 and rest upon the clay board, is divided into convenient compartments. A lid 21, hinged to the partition 13, covers the compartments 16 and 17.

The side walls of the clay and sand compartments have a series of perforations 22 near the top flange to allow the ventilation of said compartments.

The table cover 12, also formed of sheet metal, has the edges curled to form a flanged edge to fit around the flanged edge of the box portion of the table. The central surface 24 of the top within the flanges has a slate finish for crayon work and a crayon trough 25 is secured to the top below said finished portion. Bars 26 slidable in brackets 27 secured to the bottom of the box portion have stops 28 on their inner ends to limit their outward movement and their outer ends 29 are bent in an upward return curve and when it is desired to use the crayon board the top is removed from the table, held in a vertical position and the flange 23 entered in said curved portion 29 of the sliding bar 26 and then rocked back until the top 12 rests against the box portion 10, thus locking the top.

The tray 20, before mentioned, is also enameled and is divided by longitudinal and lateral partitions into five compartments of substantially the same dimensions. Materials for work and play may be stored in these compartments, such as paper and shears for cutting, paste and cardboard for mounting, rule, needle and thread and such things.

It will be readily seen that in using the table the nature of the occupation will govern the position of the top member, whether the top is to be used as a flat table for games or as a tea table or inverted and held in an inclined position as a crayon board or removed entirely.

I claim as my invention:

1. A table having a body, an unsecured top for said body, and reciprocable means mounted in connection with said body, for coöperating therewith in supporting and securing said top in an inclined position.

2. A table having a body, an unsecured top for said body, and top supporting means slidably mounted in connection with the

table and horizontally and at a point below the top of the table and with the outer edge thereof turned upward whereby said top supporting means may be drawn outwardly partially and support and secure the lower edge of the top when it is placed in an inclined position and leaning against the upper edge of the table body.

3. A table having a body, an unsecured top for said body having the edges bent at an angle therewith, and top supporting bars slidably mounted in connection with the table and horizontally and at a point below the top of the table and with the outer ends thereof turned upward and returned downward whereby, when one of said bent edges is inserted within the curved end portion of said supporting bars and the top turned to rest against said table, said top will be secured.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of the witnesses herein named.

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