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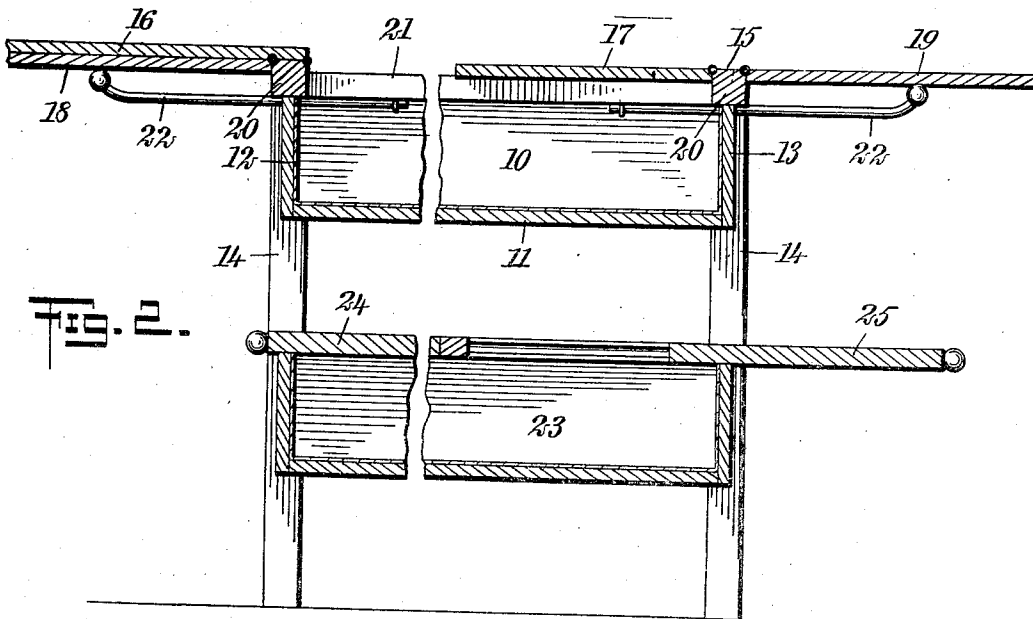
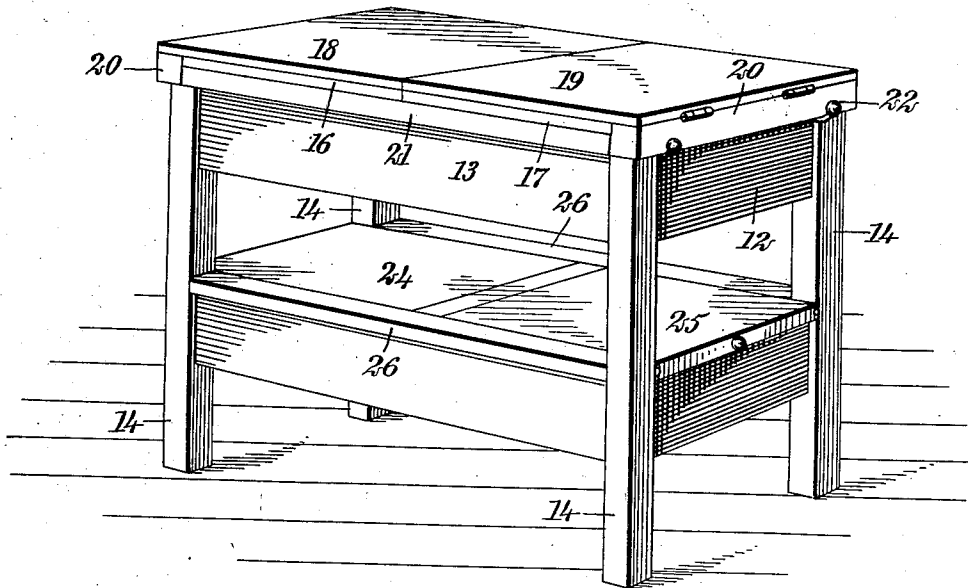
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FIG. I.



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## TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AGNES BARKER PHELAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Alliance, in the county of Box-butte and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and Improved Table, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in tables, and more particularly to that type of table in which there is provided a compartment beneath the top thereof, which may be uncovered by moving said top. The compartment may be employed for the storage of kitchen or table articles, or may, if desired, be employed as a sink.

The object of my invention is to provide a table in which the top thereof is formed of a plurality of separate leaves or sections, preferably four in number and so arranged that all four sections may be in the same plane, so as to present a table surface of the maximum area, or the sections may be arranged in two parallel planes to cover the chamber or compartment and present a table surface of one-half the area, or in which the sections may be swung outwardly to uncover the chamber and provide for the supporting of articles at each end thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures, and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section therethrough.

In my improved table, I provide a compartment or chamber 10, having a bottom 11, oppositely-disposed ends 12, and oppositely-disposed sides 13. The compartment is supported at its four corners by suitable legs 14 and about its upper edge is a rectangular frame 15. This frame serves to support the top of the table, which latter embodies the main features of my invention. The top is preferably formed of four sections 16, 17, 18 and 19, each of which is hinged to the frame 15. The end members 20 of the frame 15 extend to a slightly higher elevation than do the side members 21 of said frame, and the difference in height is substantially equal to the thickness of the top sections 16 and 17. These last-mentioned sections are hinged to the end members 20 of the frame

at the inner edges thereof and are adapted when folded toward each other, to rest upon the side members 21 and lie flush with the upper surfaces of the two end members 20. The two top sections 18 and 19 are also hinged to the end members 20 of the frame, but are hinged to the outer edges thereof, so that when swung outwardly they lie flush with the upper surfaces of the members 20, but when folded inwardly to lie above the sections 16 and 17, they cover the hinges of the latter and said end members 20.

In the use of my improved table, all of the table sections may be folded inwardly, so that the table top proper is formed by the sections 18 and 19 and the other two sections are entirely concealed. The table then presents a top surface of the minimum area and the top of the chamber or compartment 10 is covered. When it is desired to increase the area of the top of the table, the two sections 18 and 19 may be swung outwardly, so that they will lie in the same plane with the sections 16 and 17. The table will then have approximately twice the area as before, and the table top proper will be formed by the four sections 18, 16, 17 and 19, arranged in series. When in this position, the sections may be supported by any suitable form of bracket or rod, as, for instance, the sliding rods 22.

When it is desired to use the compartment 10 as a sink, or when it is desired to place any article therein, the sections 16 and 17 may be folded outwardly to lie above the sections 18 and 19, as indicated at the left-hand end of Fig. 2, and the table will then present a supporting surface of substantially the same area as shown in Fig. 1, but divided into two portions with the compartment 10 disposed intermediate the same.

In connection with the construction above described, I may, if desired, employ a second chamber or compartment 23 supported by the corner posts or legs 14 at a distance below the compartment 10. The sides, ends and bottom of this compartment may be formed in any suitable manner, but there is preferably provided a top formed of two sections 24 and 25, slidable endwise between the posts and held within oppositely-disposed guides 26 at the upper edges of the opposite sides of the compartment. By pulling these cover sections 24 and 25 outwardly to their limiting position, they may also be used as

supports, while, at the same time, the compartment is uncovered to permit of articles being placed therein or taken therefrom.

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

10 A table having a chamber or compartment and a table top, said top being formed of four sections, two sections being hinged upon each end of the compartment, whereby all of the sections may be folded over the compartment, or all of the sections may be folded outwardly to uncover the compartment, or

two of said sections may remain over said compartment to close the same and the other 15 two of said sections folded outwardly and into alinement with the two compartment-covering sections.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 20 two subscribing witnesses.

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