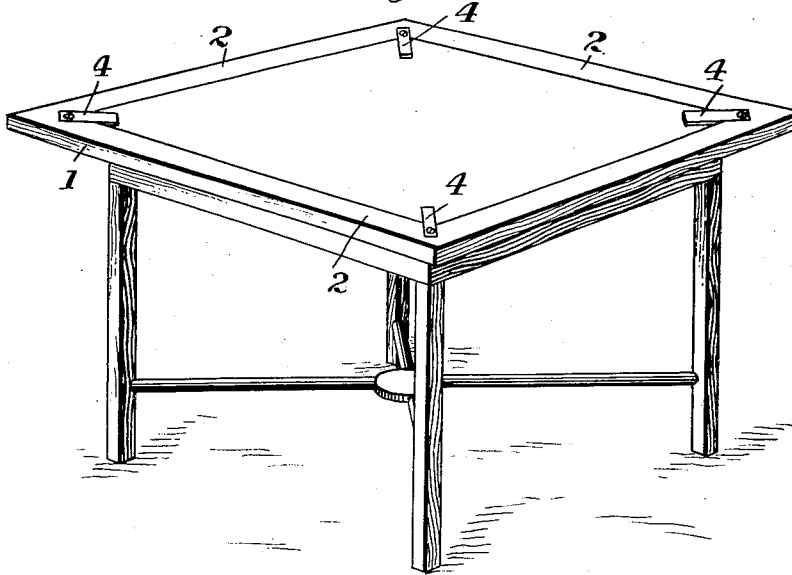


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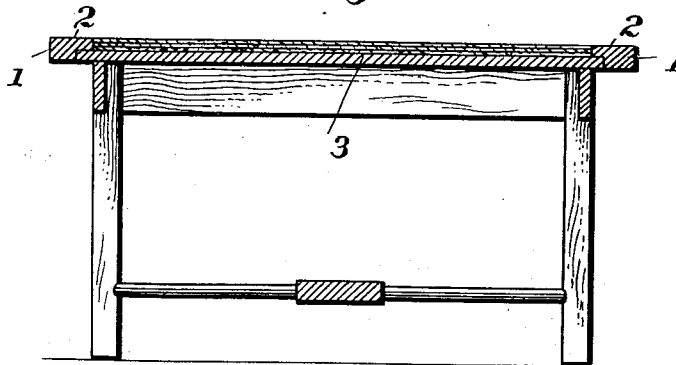
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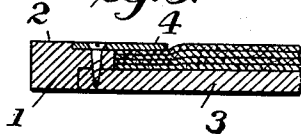
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MAY B. SAMUEL, a citizen of the United States, and residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tables, and has particular reference to tables used for playing cards.

It has been found that the surface used upon card tables, which is ordinarily cloth, soon becomes soiled and worn, and it is difficult and expensive to have this surface removed.

The object of my invention is to provide a surface for a card table which will be as satisfactory for playing purposes as the cloth covers heretofore used and which will at the same time be easily removable for the purpose of substituting a new and clean cover. To these ends I have devised a table in which the playing surface can be made in the form of a sheet of suitable material which can be easily and quickly removed or put in place.

The novel features of my invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the drawings:

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a table embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a cross section of the table top; Fig. 3 is a cross section taken through one of the corners of the table; and Fig. 4 is a view showing the under surface of the spring clip which I use.

My table is made with narrow margins 1 having a smooth level top surface 2 which is preferably polished. Within this margin the table top 3 is depressed a slight distance below the level of the polished surface 2, and I prefer to make this depression about one-eighth of an inch. I have shown the table top rectangular in form, but it will of course be understood that it may be made of any suitable angular outline. When made in rectangular form, as shown, I place in each corner of the margin 1 a spring clip 4 which is secured to the margin in any suitable way with its top on a level with the top of the margin, so that it will not project above the top of the table. This clip is made

flat and thin and projects inwardly over the depressed portion of the table top, and is preferably made roughened on its under surface so as to properly engage and hold the sheets hereafter described constituting the table cover.

Within the depressed portion of the table cover I place a sufficient number of superimposed sheets of suitable material to fill the depressed portion and bring the top sheet on a level with the top of the margins 1. These sheets are made of the proper shape to fit the opening and are inserted beneath the spring clips 4 which spring clips bear down upon them and hold the sheets in place. I have found that a cheap grade of blotting paper constitutes a very satisfactory covering for the table and I preferably make my removable sheets from this material.

It will be understood that when the top sheet of the blotting paper or other material becomes soiled or worn it may be easily and quickly removed by raising the ends of the spring clips 4 so as to release the corners of the sheet. Another sheet may be as easily and quickly placed in position in the same way.

What is claimed is:

1. In a table, the combination with a smooth level topped border having sides meeting at angles, of a central part depressed slightly below the border, and spring clips secured in said border at the corners and having thin flat flexible portions extending diagonally inward over the depressed portion.

2. In a table, the combination with a smooth level topped border, having sides meeting at angles, of a central part depressed slightly below the border, superimposed sheets of suitable material fitting within and filling said depressed portion, and spring clips secured in the corners of said border substantially on a level with the top of the border and having thin flat flexible portions extending diagonally over and bearing upon the edges of said sheets.

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

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