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DEVICES FOR PACKING TABLES AND OTHER ARTICLES.

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Fig. 1.

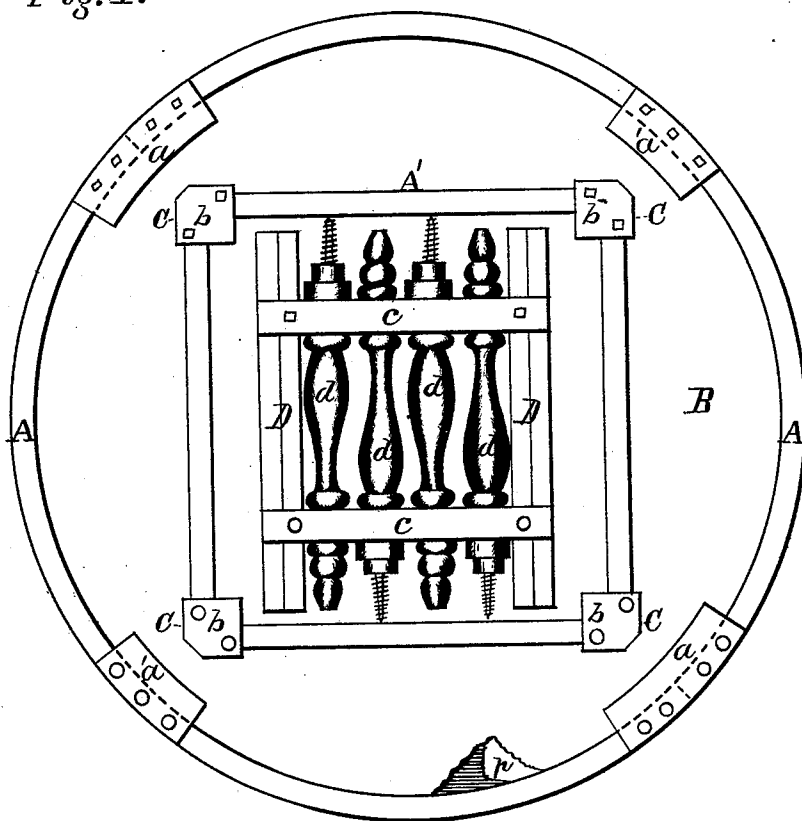
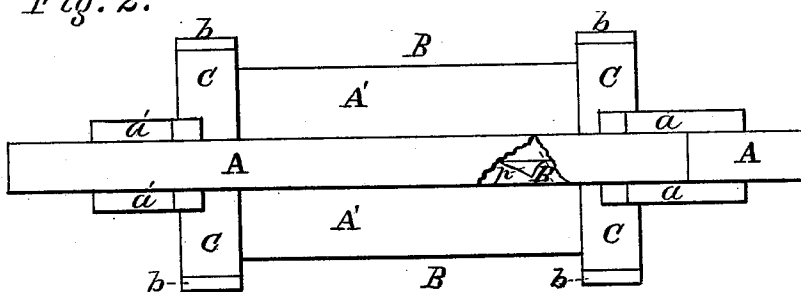


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR PACKING TABLES AND OTHER ARTICLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA P. WRIGHT, of the city of Springfield, county of Clarke, and State of Ohio, have invented an Improved Device for Packing Tables and other Articles, for the purpose of protecting them in handling and during their transportation.

This improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a pair of knock-down tables packed for shipment. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same, with a section of the band broken out to show the table-tops.

The design of my invention is a complete device for packing tables, that will not only protect them from injury by handling or during transportation, but which shall be so constructed and attached upon the various parts of the tables most likely to be injured as not to mar or deface the same, and also to add the least possible bulk and weight thereto.

In the figures, two extension-tables are shown packed together, my device being intended for packing tables in pairs. I do not, however, confine my invention to this kind of table exclusively, as it can be used upon different kinds of tables, stands, and other articles.

A is a wooden band, which is bent around the edges of the table-tops. This is shown as being in two pieces. It may be constructed in one piece, or of two or more. This band is slightly wider than the thickness of two table-tops B, so as to allow of a sheet of paper or other thin material being laid between them, as seen in Fig. 1. *p* is the paper, seen where the section is broken out as interposed between the two table-tops. Where the ends of the band unite, the pieces *a a* are screwed or nailed to its edges, securing the ends firmly together. These pieces extend over upon the under sides of the two table-tops, so as to clamp the band upon them. Two intermediate pieces, *a' a'*, are also used for holding the band in place at points between the former. All the pieces are nailed or screwed to the band A, only extending over the under side

of the table-tops B far enough to hold them together and to keep the band in its place. This constitutes the principal part of my invention.

I do not confine myself strictly to tables, as this mode of packing is applicable to other articles, as piano-tops, stools, &c.

In sectional or knock-down tables I attach caps *b b* to the ends of frame-posts *C C* by screws or nails, these parts also being exposed to abrasion. This cap consists simply of a piece of board of the form of the cross-section of the post. It is attached by two screws or nails, one each side of the center.

The slides are also protected by the pieces *c c*, which extend across the slide-rails *D D* near their ends. They also form, in connection with said slide-rails *D D*, a crate for holding the detached legs *d d d d* of the tables, the whole forming together a complete, compact, light, and strong packing device, with but a slight increase in bulk to the original article.

In packing tables the band-sections A are first bent in a form, and the blocks or pieces *a a* fastened to the edge of their united ends, and the pieces *a' a'* between them on one side. One of the tables B is then set down into the band until its under surface rests on the blocks *a a* and *a' a'*. A sheet of paper or other thin material, *p*, is laid on the inclosed top, and the other table-top inverted and let down into the band to its place, after which the fellow-blocks *a a a' a'* are then fastened, as before, opposite to the first ones.

In knock-down tables such as are shown the legs can be crated and the posts capped, either before banding the tops or afterward.

I claim as my improvement—

The band A, with its overlapping pieces *a a*, for uniting the ends thereof and clamping together the two table-tops B B, substantially as shown and described, and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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