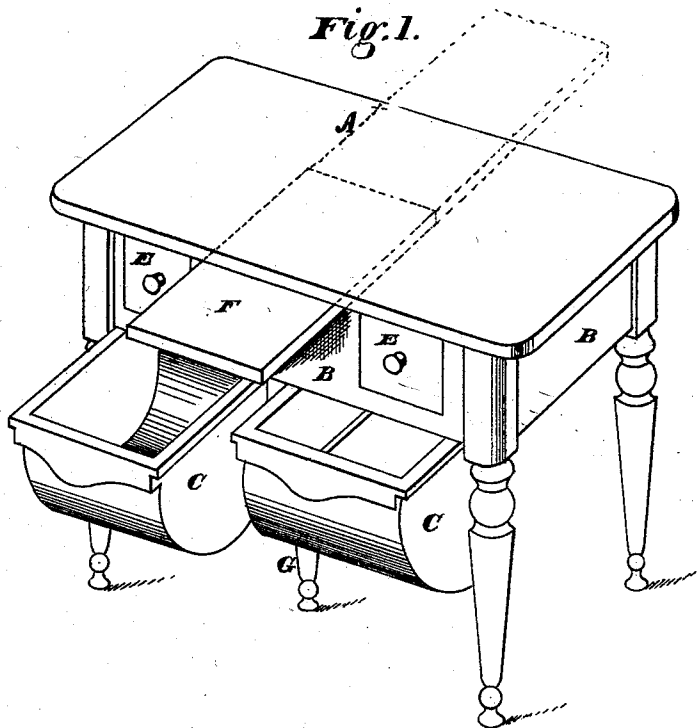


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IMPROVEMENT IN KITCHEN-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. TOWNSEND, of Oakland, Alameda county, State of California, have invented an Improved Kitchen-Table; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved table for kitchen use, which will not only be provided with more convenient drawers for containing flour and other small articles required in cooking, but will also have a sliding bread-board which can be drawn out upon either side of the table.

My improved table is fully represented in the accompanying drawings, in which the figure is a perspective view.

A represents a table, having the ordinary bracing-strips B secured around it below the table-top. Below these bracing-strips I construct two large drawers, C C, one below each end of the table, so that they can be drawn out separately. The inside of each of these drawers is made semicircular in one direction. I make the outside semicircular also, so that no projecting corners will be left to be in the way of a person standing in front of the table. These drawers are intended to contain flour, and by making their interior semicircular in one direction I leave no corners for the flour to pack into, and render its removal from them more convenient.

In the strip B, directly above the drawers C C, I make two or more small drawers, E, in

which small articles—such as are required in a kitchen—can be kept. Directly under the top board of the table I arrange a kneading-board, F, so that it can slide out or in upon either side of the table, similar to a drawer. When the kneading-board is closed into the table it is entirely out of the way, and when it is required it is within convenient reach, it being only necessary to draw it out like a drawer.

To strengthen the middle of the table, where the strain upon the kneading-board is received, an additional or fifth leg, G, may be placed between the two flour-drawers, C C, so that it also aids in supporting the weight of the flour in the drawers.

This kneading-board will be very convenient in case the table is used as a dining-table, as it will serve as an extension to sustain articles usually placed on a sideboard.

I thus provide a cheap and very convenient kitchen-table, which will not only be ornamental, but will save many steps in the kitchen.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A kitchen-table consisting of the top A, provided with the bread-board F, arranged to slide from either side of the table, and the sliding semicircular drawers C C below, all constructed to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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