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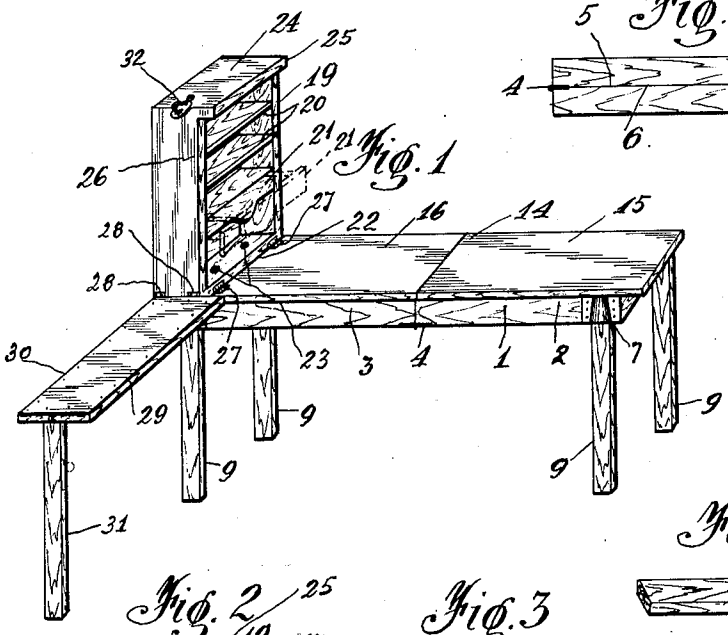


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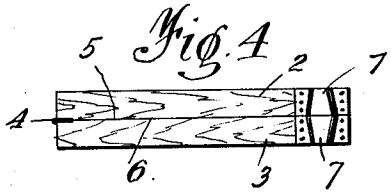


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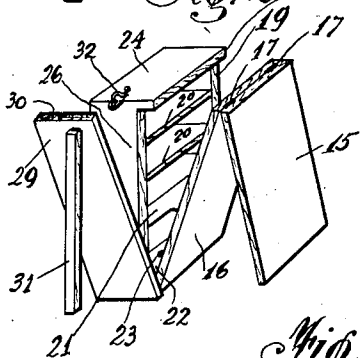


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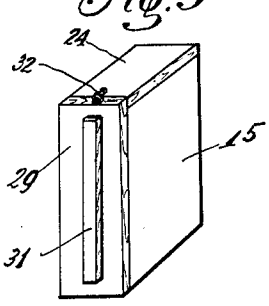


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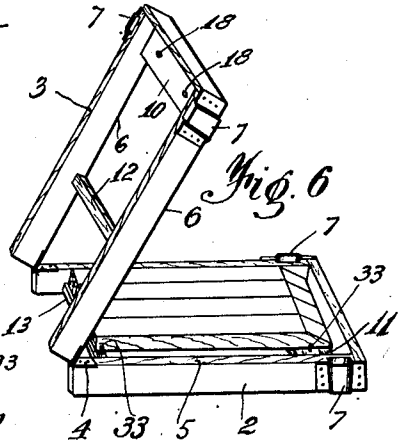
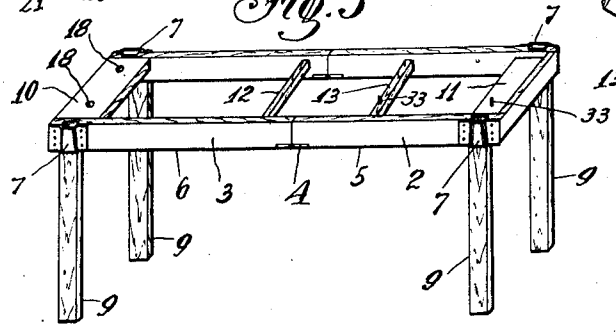


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to tables and more in particular to folding tables adapted for open air camping.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a combination table and food-cabinet which can be folded up into a very compact and limited space. Another object is to provide such a device which can be assembled or folded very easily and quickly. A further object is to provide a device which is adapted for quantity manufacture in wood, or in sheet metal. Additional features and advantages of this invention will appear from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the combination table and food-cabinet set up for use.

Fig. 2 is perspective view showing the food-cabinet and table tops partly folded.

Fig. 3 is a similar view to Fig. 2 but showing the same parts fully folded.

Fig. 4 shows the table-top-frame in folded condition.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the table-frame and legs.

Fig. 6 is a representation of the table-top-frame partly folded with the removable legs nested therein.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a removable leg, assumed to be made of wood.

Referring to the drawing, the combination table and food-cabinet comprises an independent table-top-frame 1 made in two parts 2 and 3 foldably connected together by means of hinges 4 situated on the underside of the frame and disposed to allow the undersides 5 and 6 of both frame-halves to contact, when folded. On each corner of the top-frame are secured the leg-sockets 7 suitably tapered and dimensioned to receive therein the accordingly shaped upper ends 8 of the legs 9. The various sides of the frame are held together by means of the cross-pieces 10, 11, 12 and 13 visible especially in Fig. 5.

Upon the top-frame is placed the table-top, or leaf 14, which is also made in two halves 15 and 16 held together by means of hinges 17 disposed in a similar manner like the hinges 3, i. e. allowing the underside of the leaf-halves to contact when in folded position.

Secured at one end of the top-frame by means of suitable bolts inserted in apertures 18 provided in the cross-piece 10 is the food-cabinet 19 comprising several shelves 20, one or more drawers 21, and having in the lower side 22 bolt apertures 23 registering with the apertures 18. The top side 24 of this cabinet has a ledge 25 which extends beyond the vertical sides 26 an amount equal to, or greater than, the total thickness of the table-leaves when folded, the purpose of this ledge being to prevent rain to enter the cabinet, when closed up by said table-leaves. The table-leaf nearest the cabinet is connected to the latter by means of hinges 27 which enable the folding up of the said leaves against the open front of the cabinet.

At the bottom of one of the vertical sides 26 of the latter there is also fastened by means of hinges 28 an additional, narrow, table-leaf 29, preferably lined with a metal top 30 upon which a camp-cooking stove of any desired and suitable type may be placed. If required, a similar extra-leaf may be secured in an identical manner to the other vertical side of the cabinet to provide additional storage-space for food or dishes needed during a meal. The additional table-leaf 29 is carried at its unsupported end by the hingedly connected leg 31. The former is held in closed position against the cabinet by means of a hasp or hook 32 of any desired commercial design.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the combination table and food-cabinet comprises three independent groups of elements, namely: the top-frame, the four legs 9 and the food-cabinet with the table-leaves attached thereto.

To fold up the combination table and food-cabinet, the main table-leaves 15 and 16 and the additional leaf 29, with its hinged leg, are folded up against the cabinet in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The table legs 9 are then pulled out of their sockets and placed upon the cross-pieces 11 and 13 of the top-frame, said pieces being purposely set below the top-edge of the frame; the latter is then folded up, as shown in Figs. 6 and 4. In order to maintain the legs in their place on the cross-pieces and to prevent rattling, pins 33 are driven in the latter in proper position to substantially clamp said legs against one side of the table-frame, as illustrated in Fig. 6. The folded food-cabinet and the folded table-frame, which have substantially the same width and height, are then placed together and packed in a suit-

able bag (not shown) which is closed in any desired manner, such as for instance by using a strap. When so packed, the combination table and food-cabinet requires very little space and can be easily mounted on the running board of an automobile, whereon it is securely held by means of the same bolts used for securing the cabinet on the table-frame. Suitably spaced holes are, of course, provided for that purpose in said running board.

Although the drawing illustrates the invention as constructed principally of wood, it will be apparent to all those versed in the art that the invention is well adapted for manufacture in stamped sheet metal, which construction may be better suited for quantity manufacture and which is more durable.

Many changes in the precise construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts may be made without exceeding the scope of the claims, and I reserve the liberty of making all such changes as may be thought desirable and come within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. In combination, a table-frame composed of two halves hinged to and foldable on each other; means positioned on said frame for removably securing table-legs thereto; a food-cabinet positioned on said frame; a foldable table-top hingedly connected to said cabinet; cross-pieces positioned in one half of the frame for storing thereon said table-legs, and cross-pieces positioned on the other half of the frame and adapted to bear on said legs when stored in the folded frame.

2. In combination, a table-frame composed of two halves hinged to and foldable on each other; means positioned on said frame for removably securing table-legs thereto; a food-cabinet positioned on said frame; a foldable table-top hingedly connected to said cabinet; cross-pieces positioned in one half of the frame for storing thereon said table-legs; cross-pieces positioned on the other half of the frame and adapted to bear on said legs when stored in the folded frame, and pins positioned in the cross-pieces of one of the frame-halves for holding said table-legs in close parallel relation.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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