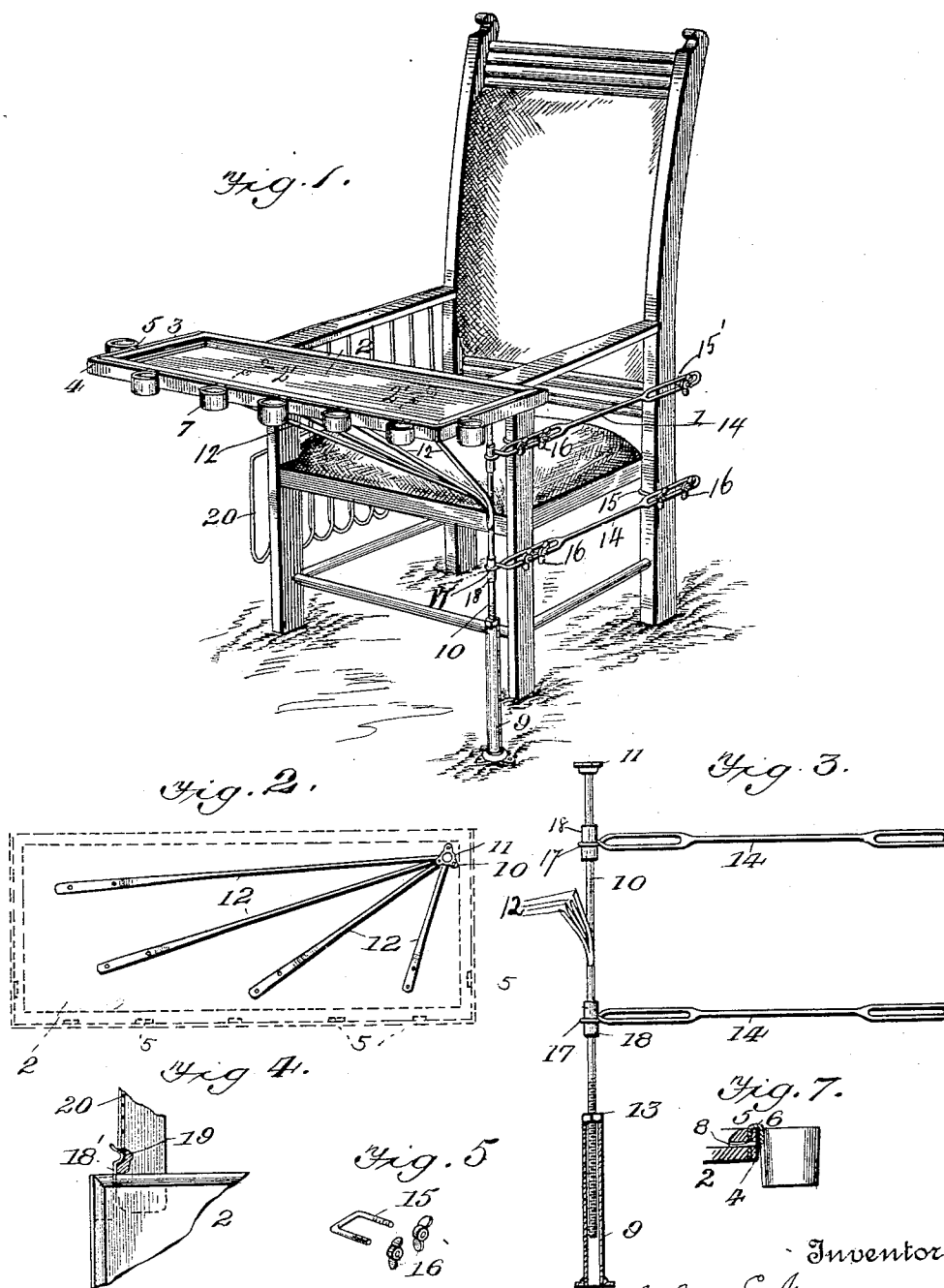


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN EVERS MOUDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berkeley Springs, in the county of Morgan and State of West Virginia, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Table Attachments for Chairs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of this improvement is to provide an individual table designed mainly for use in restaurants, lunch-rooms, &c., but which may be used for other purposes.

Usually restaurant-tables are designed to accommodate four or more persons, and the viands are put on the tables by hand, a single dish at a time, requiring much handling to accomplish this, besides creating confusion by mixing the dishes of one guest with those of another.

By my invention each guest is provided with a separate table, to which the food is carried on a tray and then placed all at once upon the table. Around the table is fastened a series of cups to contain the receptacles for the various condiments. The table is secured to a chair by a pivotal support, so that it can swing on one side horizontally on the pivot to allow a person to be seated and then swing around again in front of the seat.

To these ends the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combinations of parts hereinafter described, and then definitely claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair with my table attached. Fig. 2 is a plan of the support for the table, with the top of the table shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a side view of the table-support and means for fastening the same to the chair. Figs. 4, 5, 6, and 7 are details which will be more fully described hereinafter.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by figures, 1 represents an arm-chair of any approved construction, and 2 a table-top having raised edges 3 around it and a metallic band 4. Between the edge of the table and the band are several apertures 5 (shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2) to receive the hooks 6 of a series of cups 7, designed to receive the bottles containing water, sauces, pepper, vine-

gar, salt, &c. These cups may be fastened in place by a screw passing through a hole 8 in the hook; but this is not necessary, and if left unfastened they can be more readily removed for cleaning when required.

Screwed to the floor is a tubular standard 9, in which sets the lower end of a rod 10, whose upper end is screwed into a triangular plate 11, which is screwed fast to the under side of the table 2. Branching out from near the top of this rod are four arms, (indicated by the figures 12,) each of which is broadened out at the outer end and fastened to the under side of the table-top by screws. The lower end of the rod is threaded and is provided with a nut 13, by which the height of the table can be adjusted as desired.

The table is further secured to the chair by the following means: Secured to the side bars of the chair are two slotted irons 14, which are fastened by clips 15 and wing-nuts 16. As shown in the drawings, the irons are fastened by three of the double clips 15, as shown in Fig. 5, and a single clip 15', (shown best in Fig. 6,) as the construction of the chair does not admit of a double clip being used at the upper fastening at the back of the chair; but where the style of chair admits of such use I prefer to use all double clips. At the front end of each of the slotted irons is a loop 17, in which is secured in any convenient manner a short tube 18, in which the rod 10 works, said tube forming a guide or boxing for said rod; but any other style of boxing may be used, if desired.

Underneath the table are two springs 2', (shown in dotted lines,) in which one edge of a napkin may be held, so that a guest can raise the other edge and spread it over his lap or tuck the corners in his vest-pockets, or otherwise, as preferred.

One end of the table is provided with a spring-catch 18', that engages with a notch 19 in the arm of the chair, by which the table can be held fast in the front position. By withdrawing the spring from the notch the table can be readily swung around out of the way for the guest to leave the chair.

At one or on each side of the chair there may be placed a rack 20, which will be useful for holding newspapers or other articles.

It will be observed that as the rod 10 is con-

nected to the chair and passes down into the foot or standard 9, and as said foot is fixed to the floor, it serves to prevent movement of the chair to any great extent, as said chair
5 can only move around the foot 9 as a center. The fixed foot therefore serves two functions—first, to form a support for the table, and, second, act as a stop to prevent motion of the chair except in a circle.

10 What I claim as new is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a restaurant-table adapted to be attached to a chair, comprising the table-top 2, having a rim 3 provided with notches 5, a metallic band
15 4 adapted to hold the handles of cups in said notches, a support consisting of a rod 10 having arms 12, and means for adjusting the height of said table, all substantially as described and shown.

20 2. The combination with a chair, of the

table 2, the fixed foot 9, the rod 10 having branches 12 secured to the under side of the table, the adjusting-nut 13, the slotted irons 14, clips 15, wing-nuts 16, and spring-catch 18', all constructed and arranged substantially
25 as shown and described.

3. The combination with a chair, of a table, the rod 10 arranged to turn in bearings attached to the chair, said rod having branches 12 secured to the under side of the table, and
30 the spring-catch 18', all constructed and arranged substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 10th day of December, 1895.

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