

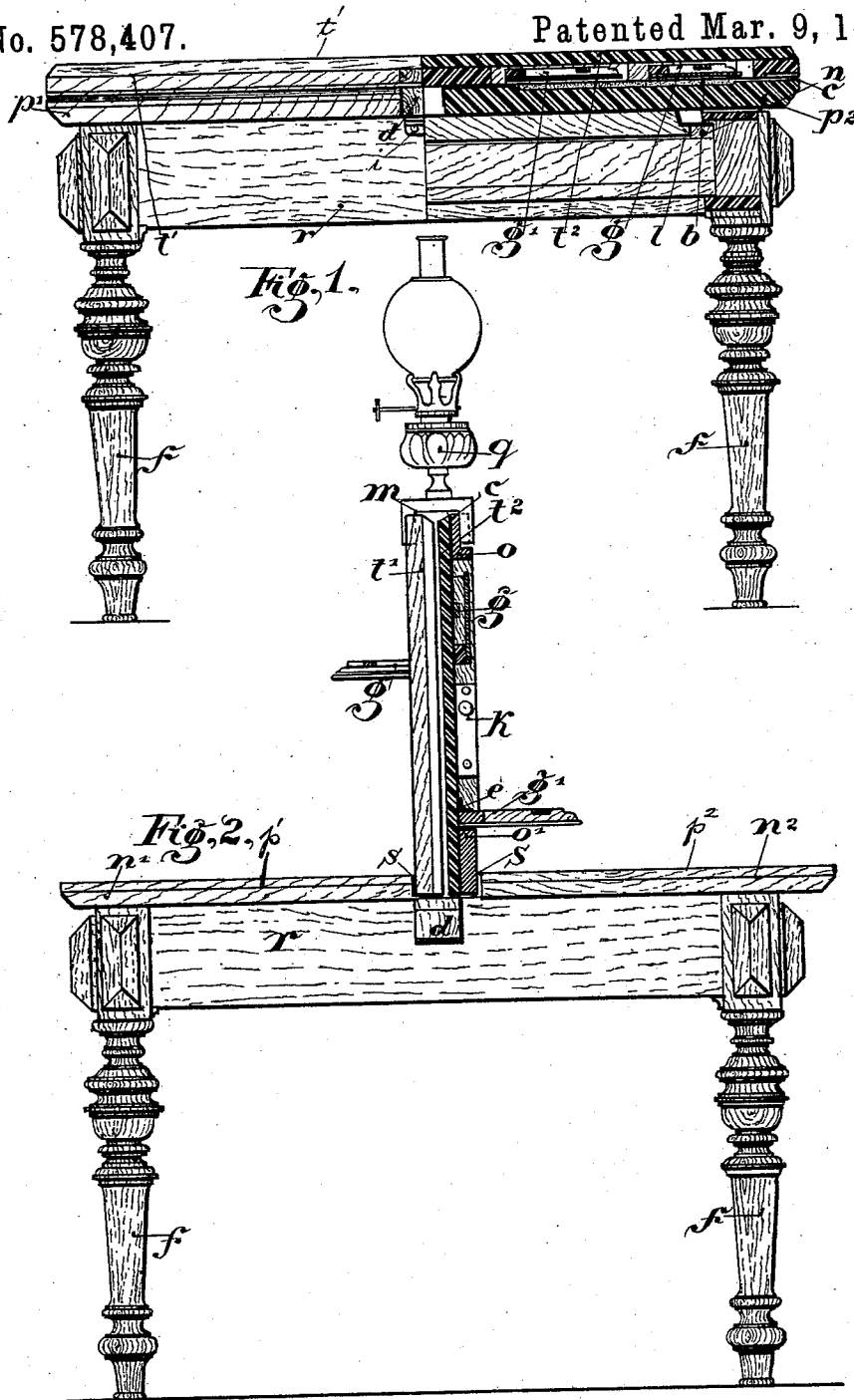
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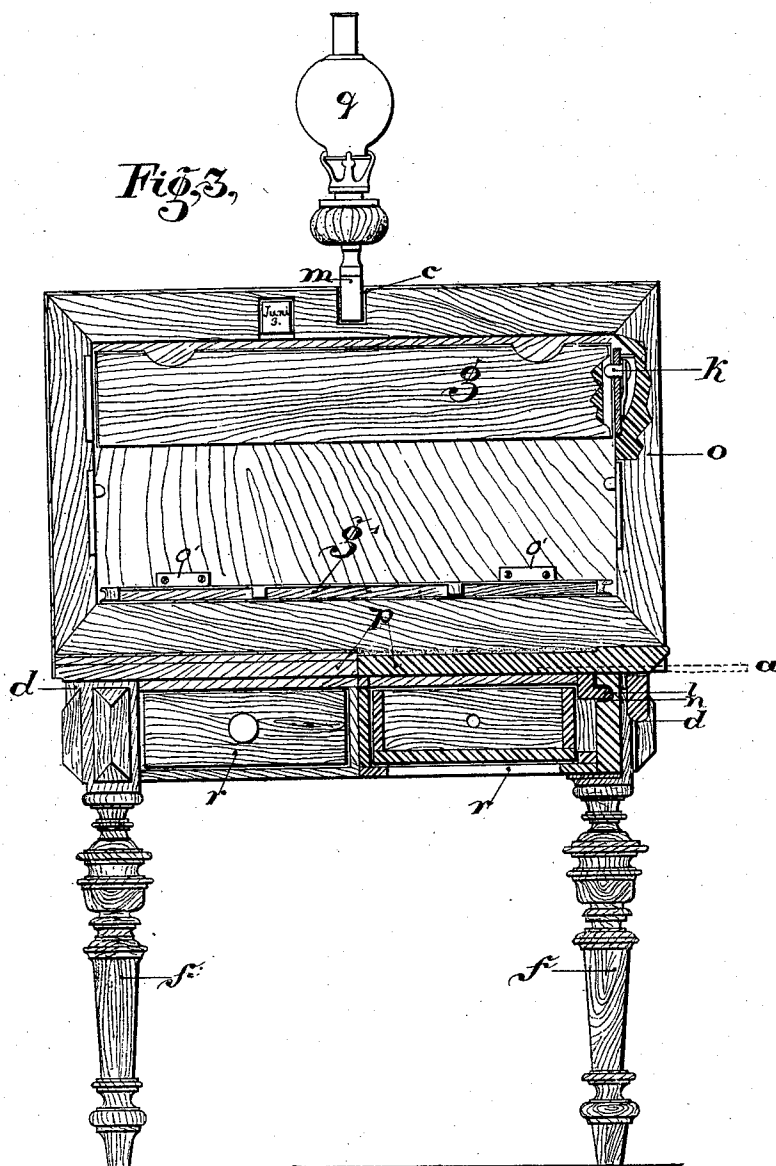
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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 578,407, dated March 9, 1897.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORG KÖHLER, hotel proprietor, and KARL SCHUCHARDT, joiner, subjects of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, residing at Weimar, in the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach and German Empire, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tables, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a construction of table that is especially suitable for use in hotels and which can not only be capable of use as a dining-table, but can be readily converted into a writing-table.

A table according to the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the table when closed for use as a dining-table. Figs. 2 and 3 are respectively end and side elevations, each partly in section, showing the table opened out to serve as a writing-table.

On the framing *r*, which is provided with feet *f* and may have covering-pieces *n'* *n*², as shown in Fig. 2, there is mounted a table-top or plate consisting of two parts *p'* and *p*², and above this is a second table-top formed of two flaps *t'* and *t*², hinged at *S* to the parts *p'* and *p*², respectively. The part *p'* is rigidly fixed to the framing *r*, while the part *p*² can be moved outwardly, fillets *l*, that engage in grooves *n* at each end of the framing, affording the necessary support. The extent of the outward movement of the part *p*² is such as to permit of the flaps *t'* and *t*² being opened out into the vertical position shown in Fig. 2. The table-top *p'* *p*² is made shorter than the other *t'* *t*² by about twice the thickness of the latter, in order that the two flaps *t'* and *t*² shall be supported when in their vertical positions by the framing *r*. The vacant space left between the two parts *p'* *p*² of the table-top at each end is covered over or concealed by a small flap *d*, hinged to the frame *r* at *i*. The parts *p'* and *p*² are each provided with a

writing-pad *b*, with a pull-out slide *a* for supporting a drinking-glass or other article, as also with apertures for penholders and an ink-pot. The flaps *t'* and *t*² are each provided on their lower surface with a frame *o*, in which are fitted shelves *g* *g'*, fixed by means of hinges *o'*, so that when they are closed (in which position they are held by ball bolts or catches *k*, one of which is let into the side fillets of the frame *o* at each end) they will be flush with the lower edge of the frame *o* and with the general under surface of the flaps.

At the upper edge of each frame *o* there is provided a recess *c*, in which can be inserted a clip *m*, whereby the flaps *t'* and *t*² are pressed close against each other and are prevented from falling into the horizontal position. The clip *m* may serve to support a lamp *q*, candlestick, or other article. The flaps *t'* and *t*² may further be each provided with a recess for the attachment of a tear-off calendar.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of the said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is—

In a table capable of being converted into a writing-desk, the combination of a divided top, comprising a fixed part and a movable part, with a plate superposed on said top and consisting of two connected flaps, and turn-down shelves fitted to the under face of the said flaps, the said shelves being adapted to hold writing utensils and to be moved into and retained in a vertical position substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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