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Sheep Shearing Table.

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Fig. 1

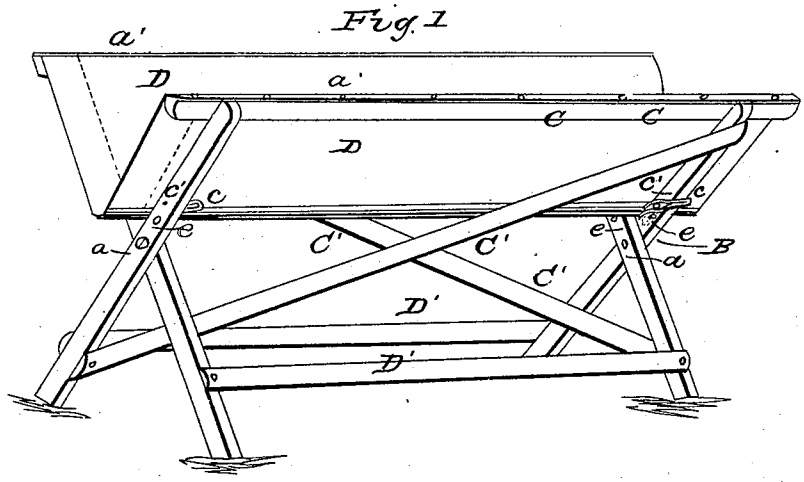
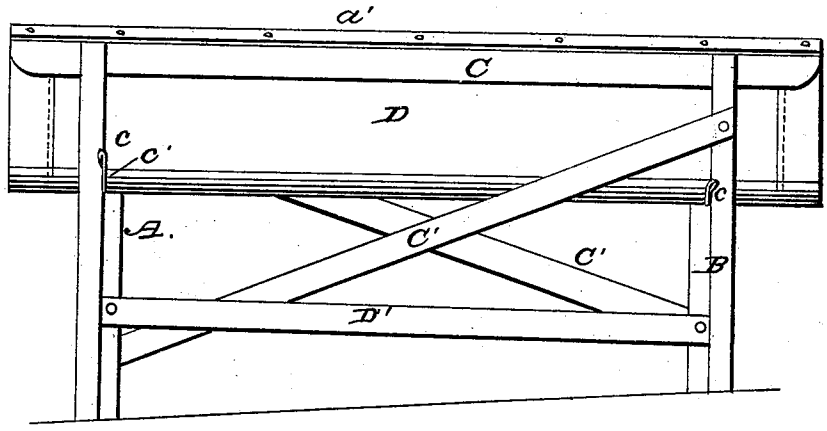


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHEEP-SHEARING TABLES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **53,425**, dated March 27, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, W. R. ELDER and O. T. BAKER, of Huntington, in the county of Lorain and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Sheep-Holder, Tag-Table, &c.; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description of the construction of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a side view.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the views.

Our improvement relates to a sheep-holder, tag-table, &c., as hereinafter described.

A represents two crossed legs that are pivoted together by a pin or bolt passing through them at *a*. B is two others, that are shorter than the ones at the other end, but can be of the same height if desired, being connected in the same manner. These legs support two bars, C, being fastened to the top of them, as shown in the drawings. Attached to the bars C is the canvas or other suitable material, D. A strip of leather, *a'*, is tacked on the bar over the canvas to prevent it from tearing out.

C' C' and D' D' represent braces extending between the cross-legs A and B, the braces C' reaching one from the top of one of the cross-legs B to the bottom of a cross-leg, A, and the other from the top of a leg A to the bottom of a leg B, thus passing each other in the center under the canvas, and the braces D' extend across near the bottom of the legs, one on each side, as represented. Under the canvas, attached to the cross-legs, is a cord or strap, *c*, with holes in it that loop over knobs *c'* on the legs and hold them in position, and also form a support for the canvas. The canvas is attached to the bars in such a way that the slack will form a hollow, bed, or holder of sufficient depth to hold a sheep when laid in on its back, or it can be spread out flat and form a table for shearing. When the sheep is laid in the bed or holder the canvas or cloth, which is elastic, will fit to the body, thus preventing the sheep from turning, and the canvas will not either injure or distress it.

In cases of rot it is easy to get at the feet, and also in tagging.

If it is desired to raise the canvas higher the bolt *a* can be taken out and inserted in the holes *e* above, which are for that purpose.

What we claim as our improvement, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement of the braces C' C' and D' D', in combination with the adjustable pivoted legs A B, straps *c*, and elastic holder D, constructed in the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

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