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[54] COMBINATION LECTERN AND TABLE

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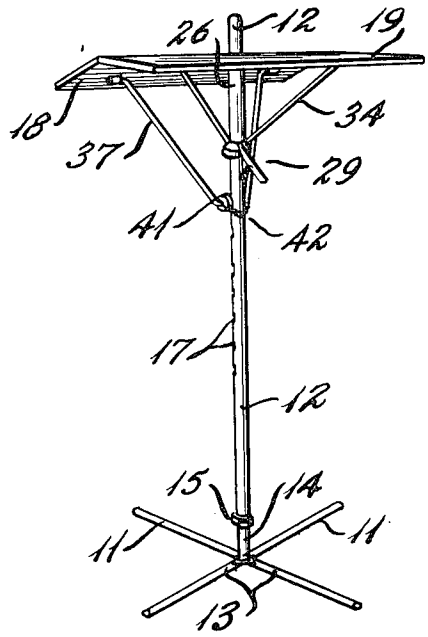
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A combination lectern and table having a two-part base and a two-part top with a supporting shaft. Each of the halves of the top may be disposed horizontally or at a desired angle, the entire table may be adjusted vertically and the base may be supported on one-half and both the base and the top may be detached from the supporting post or column.

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Fig. 1

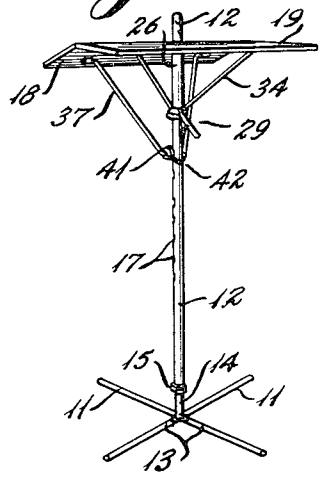


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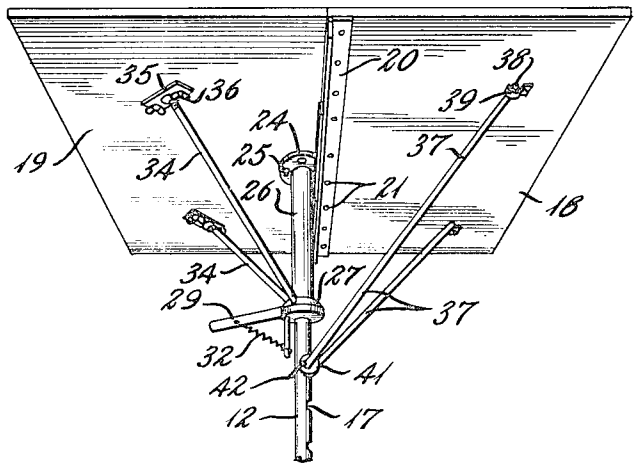


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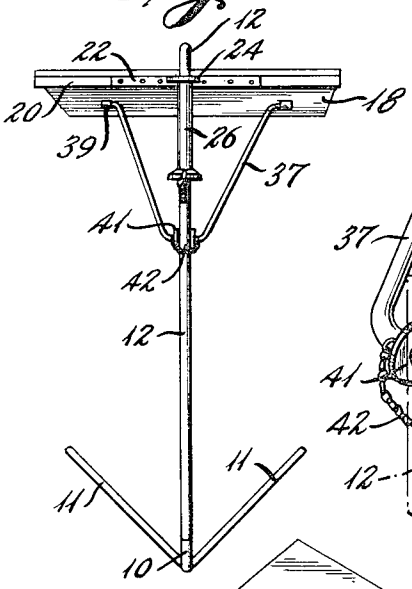


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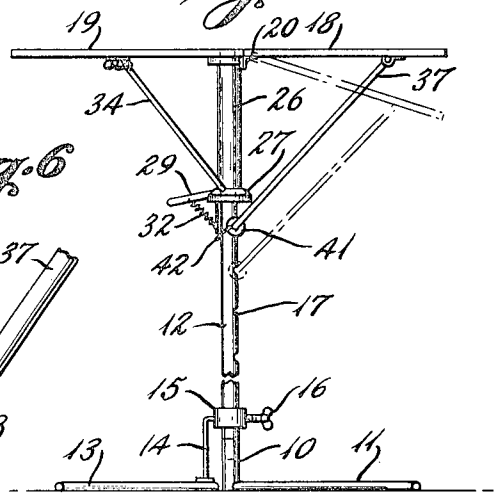


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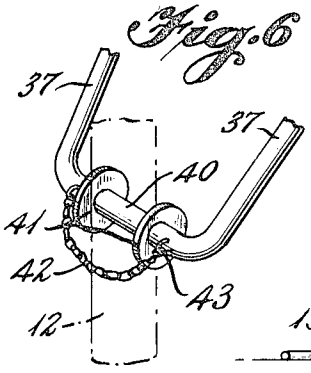


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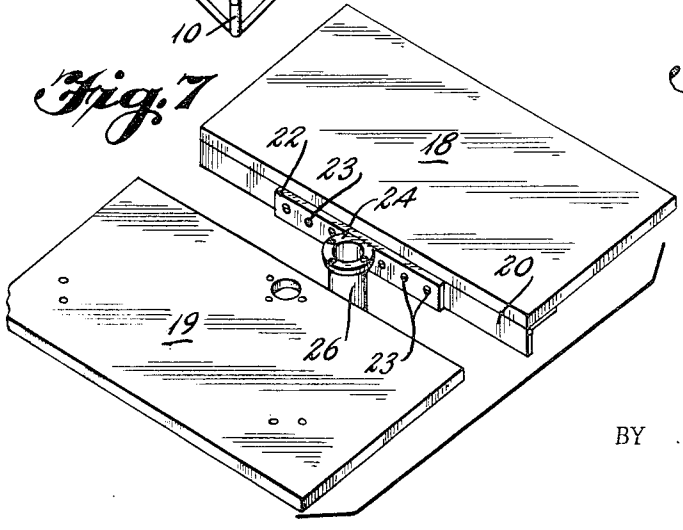
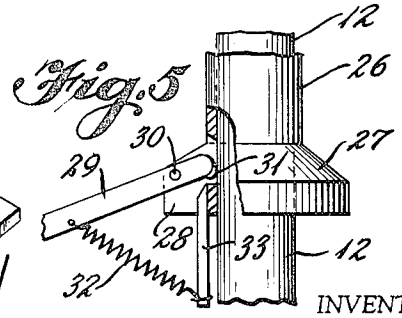


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COMBINATION LECTERN AND TABLE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The invention is in the field of stands or supports on which various articles can be supported.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Various types of devices have been provided which serve as lecterns, tables or the like. However, these have been awkward to use and particularly difficult to adjust to different levels and angles as well as to be used in different sizes.

SUMMARY

The invention is a combination lectern and table of simple construction, light in weight, having a two-part base, one part useable without the other for supporting a post on which one or both parts of the top can be mounted and adjusted as to height. Also, the base and top portions may be detached from the post and the parts compactly disposed for transportation and storage.

It is an object of the invention to provide a simple, inexpensive, multiple part and multiple use stand of adjustable height, capable of being used wholly or in part as a speaker's stand or as a table by a user sitting or standing.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective illustrating the lecture table of the present invention;

FIG. 2, an enlarged front elevation of the upper portion of the same;

FIG. 3, a side elevation on a reduced scale of the lecture-table;

FIG. 4, a front elevation of the rear portion of the table including the base, the post, and the rear portion of top;

FIG. 5, an enlarged fragmentary detail of the support which is longitudinally adjustable on the post;

FIG. 6, a perspective of the angle bar supporting member; and

FIG. 7, a perspective of the tabletop.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With continued reference to the drawing, the combination lectern and table of the present invention includes a multiple part base, for example, two parts. One part of the base has a relatively short upright post **10** with diverging floor engaging members **11** disposed at substantially 90° to each other, and with the post being a sleeve in which is received the lower end of a post or upright **12**. The other half of the base is composed of right-angular members **13** provided with an upright bracket **14** and a collar **15** of a size to fit snugly over the post **12** and secured thereto by means of a wing screw **16**. The post **12** is provided with spaced notches **17**, the function of which will be apparent later in this description.

The table top is of multiple parts, such as two halves **18** and **19**, each half being substantially identical in size and the half **18** having hinge **20** attached along its edge by means of fasteners **21**. To the hinge **20** is secured the flange **22** by means of conventional screws or fasteners **23** and such flange forms part of a collar **24** having openings **25**. This collar is carried at the upper end of a sleeve **26** slidably received over the upper end of the post **12**. The lower end of the sleeve **26** is provided with a second collar **27** having a radial slot **28** in which a latch member **29** is mounted by means of a pivot **30**. The latch member has a post engaging end portion **31** and the latch member also has a coil spring **32**. Between one end of the latch member and a bracket **33** is connected a spring which normally tends to hold the latch member in engagement with the post **12**. When the latch member is rotated about its pivot **30** extending the spring **32**, it relieves the binding action between its tip **31** and the post **12** so that the sleeve can move downwardly on the post with the top of the post projecting above the tabletop.

A pair of braces **34** have spaced diverging extremities fastened by plates **35** and wingnuts **36** to the half **19** of the top and with the opposite ends of the braces converging and resting on the collar **27** on the sleeve **26**. Thus, the half **19** of the tabletop is retained in horizontal position. The other half **18** of the tabletop is connected to the hinge **20** and by means of said hinge its angularity can be changed subject to the control of a yoke-type brace **37** having right-angular oppositely disposed end portions or hinge portions **38** journaled in small hinge members **39** attached to the under surface of the said tabletop **18**.

The center portion **40** of the yoke member is adapted to be selectively inserted in notches **17** with the tabletop portion **18** at the desired angle either horizontally or angularly disposed. Such center portion of the yoke **37** also is provided with a pair of spaced discs or stops **41** for the bracing effect of the same when the post is located between them and a confining chain **42** is provided having its ends attached by staples **43** to the yoke **37**.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that a simple, lightweight stand is provided which may be used as a lectern by a speaker or as a table and the height of which is adjustable so that it may be used while the user is either standing or sitting.

Thus, the device is sufficiently flexible that it can be located comfortably near a user regardless of whether sitting or standing. The complete device is illustrated in FIG. 1, but in FIG. 4 parts **13–16** of the base have been removed and the detachable portion **19** of the tabletop likewise has been removed. All that was necessary to detach the removable front portion of the base was to loosen the setscrew **16** and remove the post **12** from the sleeve **10** and from the collar **15** and thereafter reinsert such post or column into the sleeve or post section **10** attached to the arms **11** where they converge. When the part of the base is removed the half **19** of the table top also may be removed. This is done by removing the three bolts **25** which extend through the collar **24** and through the three corresponding openings in the tabletop. Reversely the tabletop half **19** may be replaced. The braces **34** on the underside of the tabletop engage and rest upon the collar **27** when the tabletop part **19** is in place.

I claim:

1. A combination lectern and table comprising an elongated post, a first base means connected to one end of said post, a second base means selectively removably mounted on said post adjacent to said first base means, a sleeve slidably mounted on said post, means for attaching said sleeve to said post in adjusted position, hinge means mounted at one end of said sleeve, a first tabletop portion carried by said hinge means for swinging movement relative to said post, a first bracket means swingably connected to said first tabletop portion, means for adjustably mounting said first bracket means on said post for swinging said first tabletop portion about said hinge means and attaching the same to said post in adjusted angular position, a second tabletop portion removably mounted on said sleeve substantially in alignment with at least one edge of said first tabletop portion, and second bracket means supporting said second tabletop portion from said sleeve, whereby said first tabletop portion is angularly adjustably mounted relative to said post and said second tabletop portion and said second base means are removably mounted on said post.

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