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Table Tray,

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Fig: 1.

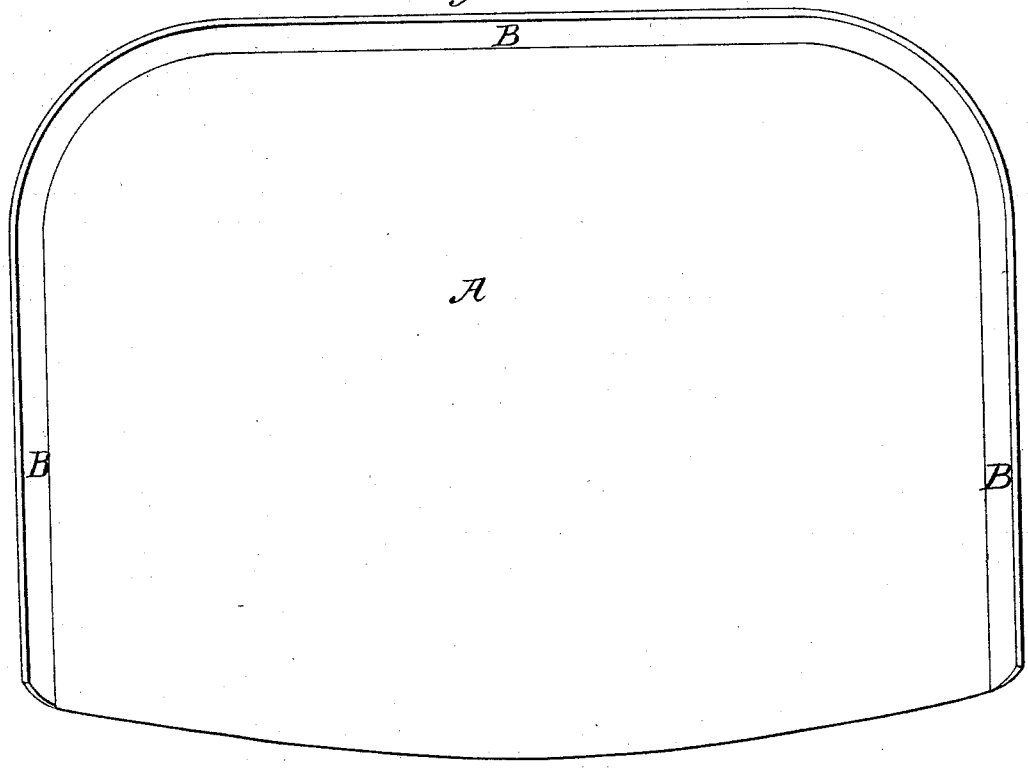


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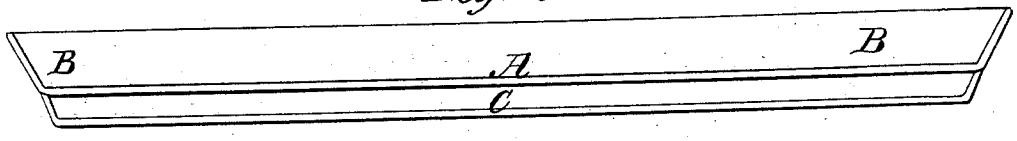
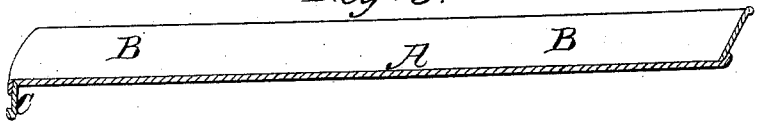


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVED TABLE WAITER OR TRAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL WATERMAN, a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Table Waiter or Tray; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a side view, and Fig. 3 a transverse section, of it.

In carrying out my invention the rim of the tray is not to extend entirely around it, but the tray is to be made so that there may be an interval or portion of the edge of its bottom left without any elevation or rim, and such portion is also to have a flange, or its equivalent, extending downward from it. The said part of the bottom on which there is no rim may be either curved or straight, but, I prefer to make it curved, in order that it may fit to the edge of a round table top when the tray may be used thereon.

In the drawings, A denotes the bottom, and B the rim, of the tray, such rim being shown as elevated only on one side and the two ends of the said bottom, the other side being unprovided with a rim and having a flange or lip, C, such flange or lip being extended downward from the said bottom. The tray so made when placed on a table and in front of a person who may be sitting thereto will have no projecting rim directly under the arms of such person to interfere therewith, and, furthermore, such tray will be kept in place or from sliding forward by the lip or flange, which will extend down against the edge of the table. A tray of this kind is also very useful for a child, as it will prevent him from soiling that part of the table-cloth which may be contiguous to his body while he may be seated at a table and be in the use of the tray.

I claim—

The improved tray, made substantially as described.

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