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Fig. 1.

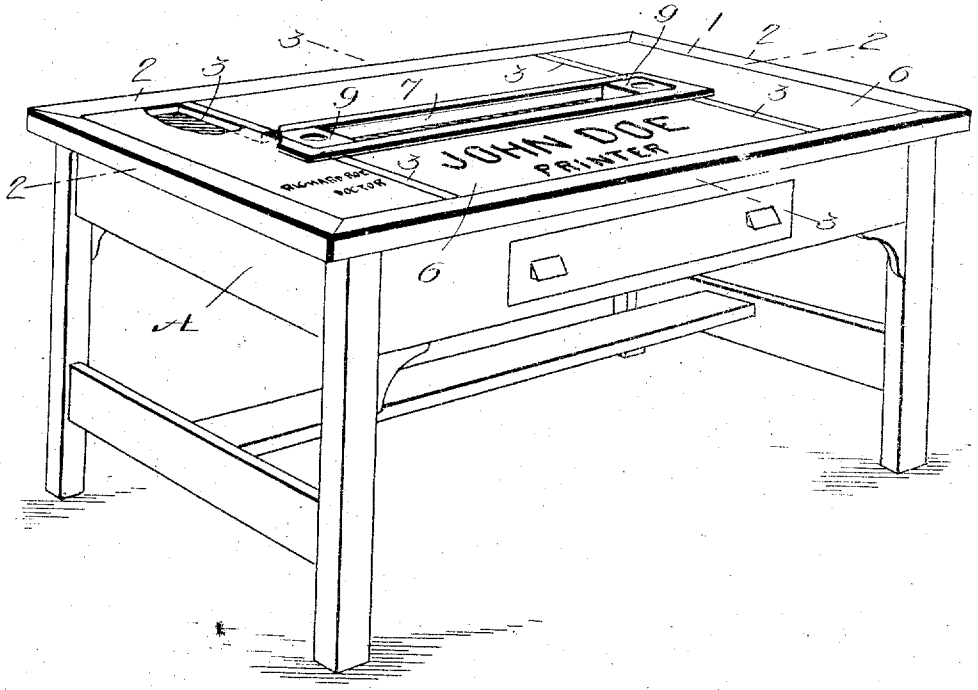


Fig. 2.

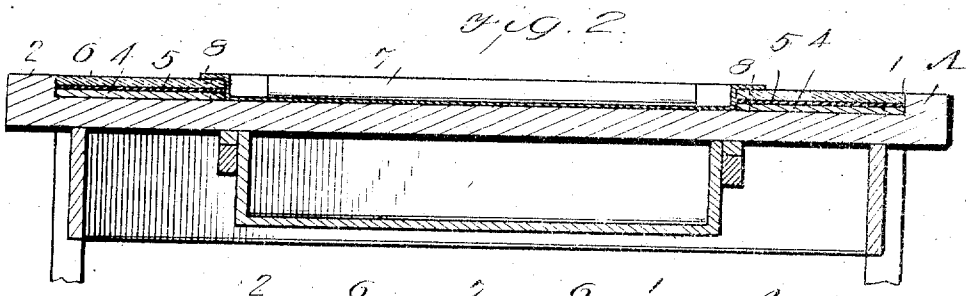
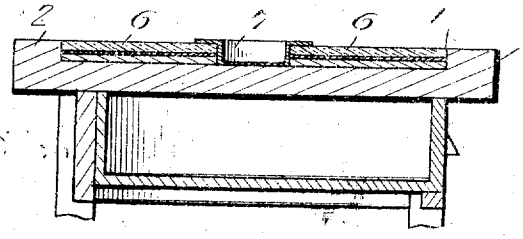


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS M. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Shelby, in the county of Cleveland and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Display-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in tables for displaying advertising and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a table which is primarily designed as a writing table for the lobbies of hotels, and in which is displayed advertising matter, underneath glass plates, the invention lying in the provision of means whereby one edge of each of the glass plates is covered by an ornamental receptacle which can be removed for permitting the grasping of the plate by the edge and the lifting of the plate from the table when it is desired to insert or remove the advertising matter.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described in which the plates are held between retaining strips and the sides of the table, one edge of each of the plates being contiguous to the sides of a central receptacle, thereby retaining the plates in position but permitting their ready removal when it is desired to insert new advertising matter.

A further object of my invention is to provide a table having a receptacle for articles such as ink, paper, pens, etc., which also serves the purpose of an ornament to the table and means for retaining the glass plates in position.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a section along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I make use of a table of any suitable material but preferably of the shape shown in Fig. 1. Such a table I have designated in general by A. The top of the table has a rectangular recess 1 which leaves marginal flanges 2. Extending transversely are partitions 3. These partitions, as will be seen from Fig. 1, are arranged in pairs, the inner ends of the partitions of each pair being spaced apart from one another. A cushioning material 4, such as felt, packing board or the like, is placed on the table and then advertising cards 5 containing advertising matter are placed on the cushioning material. Glass plates 6 are then placed over the advertising cards, these plates being held in position by the partitions 3 and being flush with the edges of the table as well as with the tops of the partitions.

Extending longitudinally of the table is a receptacle 7 which is provided with flanges 8. This receptacle is of rectangular form and the bottom of the receptacle rests directly on the table. The receptacle is U-shaped in cross section, as shown in Fig. 3, and the edges of the glass plates 6 abut the sides of the receptacle, being held in position thereby. The receptacle is designed to contain ink wells, such as those shown at 9, pens, pencils, writing paper, etc., not shown.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood.

An object of the invention, as stated above, is to provide a device in which the glass plates are held securely, but which provides for their ready removal. The fact that the plates have their edges flush with the edges of the table and the partitions 3 prevents their removal unless access can be had to one edge. When the receptacle is in the position shown in Fig. 1, one edge of each of the glass plates is covered. When the receptacle is removed, these edges are immediately uncovered, so that any one of the glass plates can be removed. The receptacle, therefore, serves a triple purpose. In the first place, it is an ornament to the table. It serves to contain necessary writing material and it serves to hold the plates in position as well as to cover the exposed edges of the plates.

It will be noted that the partitions 3 are arranged in pairs, the members of each pair being spaced apart to permit the end of the receptacle 7 to engage the end plates so as to hold them in position.

I claim:—

A display table comprising a table top

having a rectangular recess, removable glass plates disposed within the recess on the four sides thereof, the outer edges of which plates engage the walls of the recess and the inner edges of which plates are spaced apart from one another and form a single rectangular opening at the center of the table top, and a single receptacle loosely and removably disposed in the said opening between the inner edges of the said glass plates, with its base normally resting on the base of the table recess, and provided with flanges thereabout covering the said inner edges of the said glass plates, the removal of the said receptacle exposing an inner edge of each plate whereby the latter may be readily removed.

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