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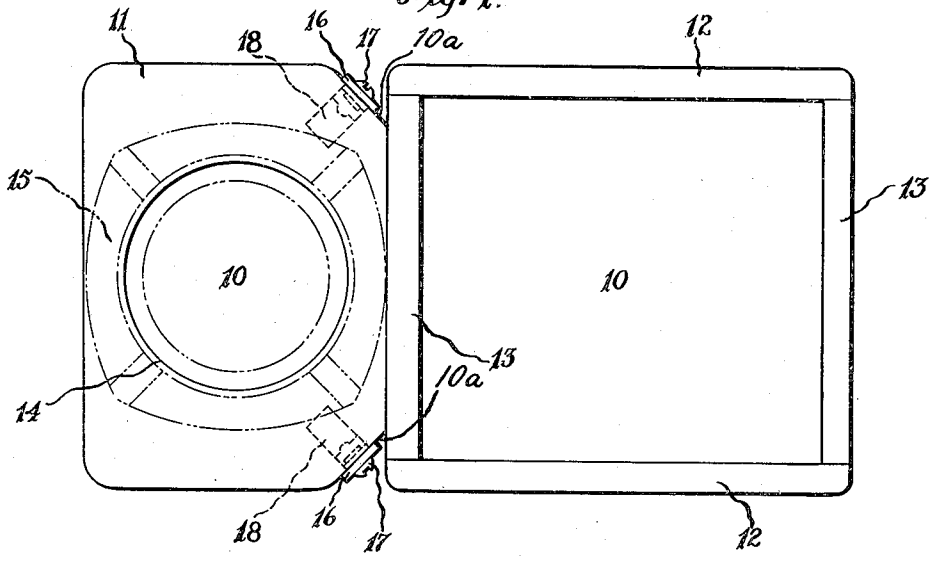


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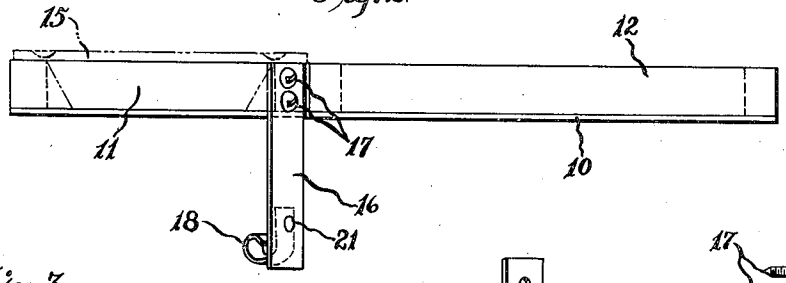
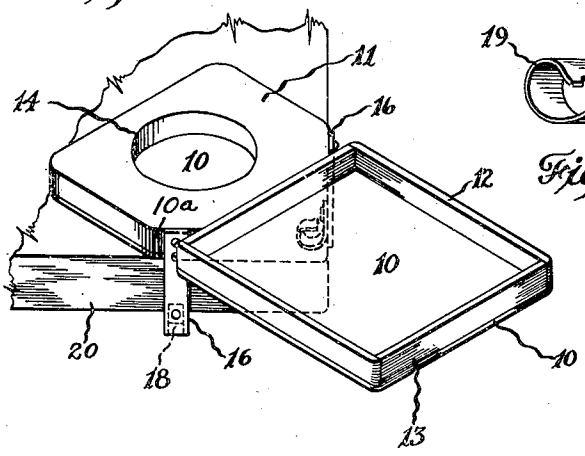


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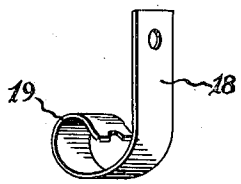


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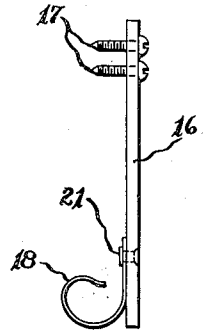


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My invention relates to detachable table trays and more particularly to an ash tray and drink holder for card tables.

It is well known that the placing of ash trays, glasses, score pads, and candy dishes on a card table presents a considerable problem in view of the limited space which remains for actual card playing. For this purpose, I propose to employ a duplex tray which utilizes the extreme corner of the card table as well as extending out beyond the corner of the table to provide additional space. My tray is primarily adapted to hold a removable ash tray and an additional receptacle such as a drinking glass, a cup and saucer, a candy dish, or a score pad.

An object of my invention, therefore, is to provide a detachable tray for playing card tables having a circular depression to accommodate either a glass or an ash tray, and a generally rectangular or square depression for accommodating other articles.

A further object of my invention is to provide a quickly detachable tray for card tables which will prevent accidental upsetting of ash trays and tumblers.

A further object is to provide a detachable tray for playing card tables which will utilize the extreme corner of a playing card table for the purpose of securely positioning objects near the edge of the table without the danger that they will be accidentally pushed off the table.

A further object of my invention is to provide a tray for playing card tables having resilient spring clamping means to engage the underside of the table.

Further objects will be apparent from the specification and drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the tray constructed according to my invention;

Fig. 2 is an elevation of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 illustrates the manner of attaching the tray to the corner of a playing card table; and

Figs. 4 and 5 are details of the clamping device.

While certain novel features of the invention are disclosed herein with considerable detail with respect to certain particular forms of the invention, it is not desired to be limited to such details since many changes and modifications may well be made without departure from the spirit of the invention in its broadest aspect.

My tray is constructed with a bottom 10 extending the entire length of the tray. Attached to bottom 10 is a hollow block 11 and perpendicular sides 12 and 13. Block 11 is hollowed out at 14

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to accommodate any object which it may be desired to place on a card table, for example, ash tray 15. Sides 12 and 13 form an enclosed area over one end of base 10 in which other objects, as described above, may be conveniently placed. Approximately mid-way of base 10, triangular shaped notches 10*a*, 10*a* are cut at 45° angles to accommodate legs or straps 16 which extend vertically downward from base 10 and which are attached to block 11 by screws 17. Block 11 is of generally rectangular shape and has the two outer corners thereof somewhat rounded and the two opposite inner corners thereof beveled to correspond to the triangular notches 10*a*, 10*a*. The card tray is securely held to a card table by means of flat springs 18 having a curved upper portion 19 engaging slidably the underside of the card table 20. Springs 18 are attached to straps 16 by means of rivets 21.

The rigid attachment of legs 16 and the combination of a non-resilient leg or strap with a strip of flat spring stock of rounded configuration permits the tray to be readily attached and detached from the table and at the same time provides ample rigidity and support for all required purposes.

The distance between the upper curved portion 19 of the springs and the bottom of base 10 is calculated so that the tray can be easily but securely engaged with a standard size card table.

A particular advantage of my construction is that the extreme corner area of the table is utilized in addition to an area enclosed by sides 12 and 13 which extends out beyond the surface of the card table. I have found in practice that the locking action obtained by means of strap 16 and springs 18 permits weights as high as five pounds to be placed at the outer extremity of the tray without danger of disconnection from the table.

Furthermore, it will be possible to construct the tray from wood or from any combination of synthetic plastic materials. It will be possible, furthermore, to mold the tray in one piece or to manufacture it from component parts as illustrated.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A tray for playing card tables comprising a base member of generally rectangular configuration, a block attached to one end of said base member, said block having a round opening adapted to receive an ash tray or the like, side walls attached to the other edges of the base member, said side walls forming a generally rectangular enclosure, said side walls positioned

along three edges of the base member and adjacent the block, and a pair of clamping legs secured centrally of said base member, said clamping legs being located at an angle of 45° to the opposite sides of the base member and extending downwardly to engage the underside of a card table top.

2. A removable tray for card tables and the like, comprising a generally rectangular body member having a pair of notches centrally located on opposite sides of said body member, a depending leg rigidly secured to the body member in each of said notches, a resilient clip constituting the lower terminus of said leg, and walls on the top of said body member defining recesses for receiving and retaining small objects.

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