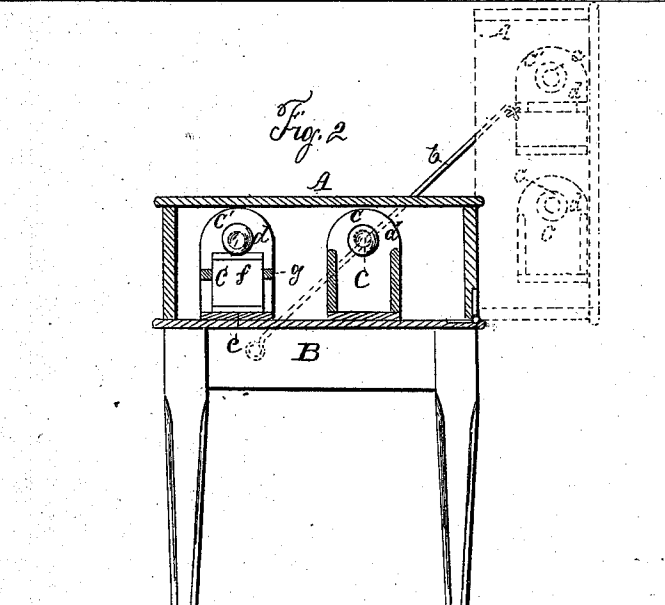
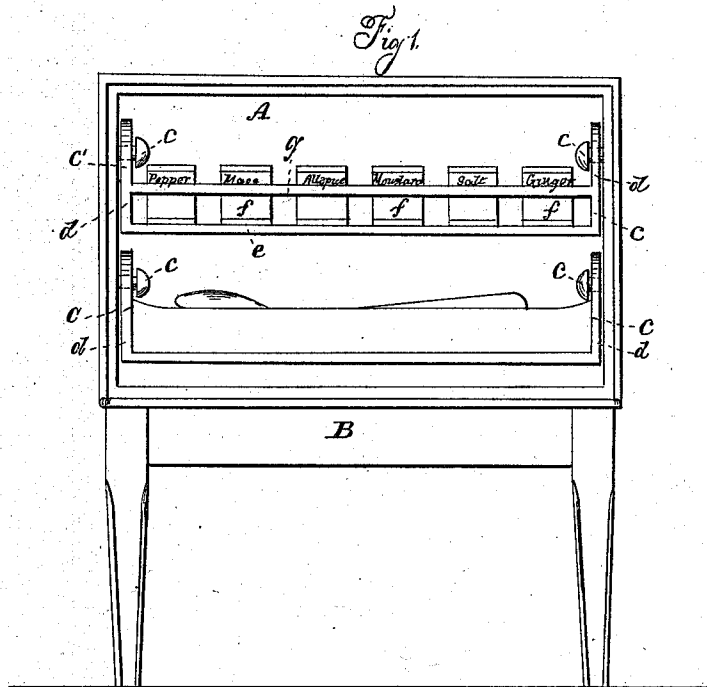


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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLES AND COUNTERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIGMUND SIMONSON, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables and Counters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention is applicable to kitchen-tables, office-tables, library-tables, ladies' work-tables and tables of other kinds, and to counters for stores; the improvement consists in so hinging a top to a table or counter that it may be brought into an upright position, and in providing beneath or within the said top one or more pendulous or gravitating racks or trays, for the reception of such articles of merchandise as are to be displayed for sale on counters to which these racks are attached.

In the accompanying drawing which represents my invention as applied to a kitchen-table—

Figure 1 is a front view, showing the top raised to an upright position, and

Figure 2 a transverse section, showing the top down on the table, and showing it raised in dotted lines.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

A is the top of the table, which is represented as of inverted box-like form, and which is hinged at the back by hinges *a a*, to the base or lower part B of the table, that it may be raised to the upright position shown in fig. 1, and dotted outline in fig. 2, in which position it may be held from falling back by one or more braces *b*, consisting of rods or cords.

C C' are the pendulous or gravitating racks or trays,

suspended within the table-top A by pivots *c c*, at each end.

These racks or trays may be of any suitable construction, according to the kinds of table or counter to which they are applied, and the articles which they are to contain.

In the table represented, C is a tray suitable for the reception of table-cutlery or silver or plated-ware, and C' is a rack for spice-boxes *f f*, composed of two end pieces *d d*, between which are secured a solid bottom board *e*, upon which the bottoms of the boxes rest, and an upper board *g*, in which there are holes through which the boxes are inserted and by which they are kept in place on the bottom board *e*.

The racks or trays thus applied always hang and are maintained by their own weight in the same position, so that the articles within them are always retained therein, whether the top A is down in the ordinary horizontal position of a table or counter, or in the elevated upright position, or being moved from one of said positions to the other.

When the top A of the table or counter is in the upright position, the trays and their contents are displayed to the view and within easy reach of a person in front of the table or counter.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the hinged top A of the table or counter, and one or more pendulous racks or trays C C', substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

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