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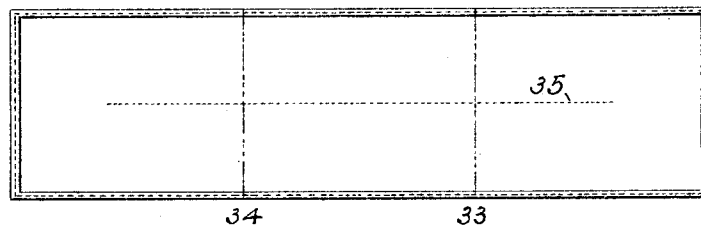
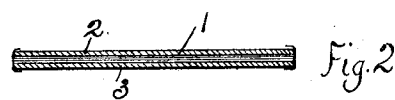
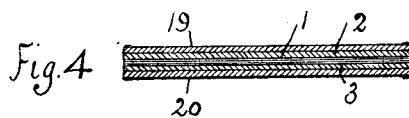
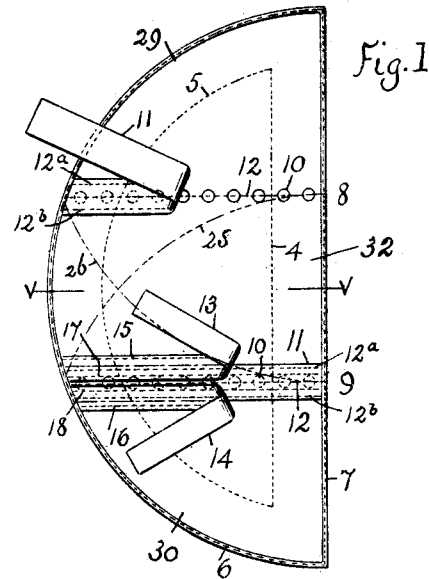
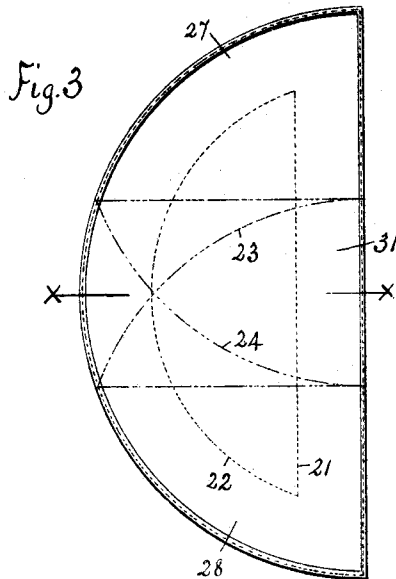


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR WINTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Top Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements for producing a soft, pliable and noiseless sectional dining table pad as a protection of the table top from injury by hot dishes, or liquids spilled on the table spread.

To accomplish the objects desired there is first an inner course of heat resisting material, such as asbestos or other equally suitable material, and inclosing this inner course there is an envelop or covering of impervious material, to prevent any moisture or liquid passing to the inner layer of heat resisting material, which would tend to its disintegration. There are also embodied means whereby the sectional members may be uniformly folded into compact space, without danger of creasing or presenting a ridge or groove on the exterior covering, all of which will be more definitely set forth in the specification. It must be understood that a protector or pad comprises several complete and separate sections shaped to conform to the table top, when laid edge to edge.

The protector is illustrated in the accompanying drawing where similar parts are designated by similar reference characters, throughout the views in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a semicircular section, comprising the heat resisting material and its impervious protecting envelop or cover, and its anti creasing and grooving means, and the folding means. Fig. 2 is a section on line V V Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view of a semicircular section, complete with an exterior cover. Fig. 4 is a section on line X X Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view of a section adapted to cover extension leaves.

By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen there is a central course 1 of heat resisting material, which may be of one or more layers, governed by the size of the section, as required by the size or shape of the table to be covered. Inclosing the inner course of heat resisting material 1 there is an envelop or protection 2, 3 of impervious fabric, the members 1, 2, 3 being continuous throughout each and every section. In Fig. 1 it will

be seen that the members 1, 2, 3 are secured together by lines of stitching 4, 5 and also upon their outer edges 6, 7 and as there is no use of glue, cement, paste or other adhesives the sections are soft, pliable and noiseless.

At 8, 9 there are lines of perforations 10 through members 1, 2, 3 to enable uniform folding into the most convenient space for laying away or storing, without any liability of breakage or disintegration, and, to protect member 1 from any possibility of becoming dampened or wet, an impervious lap or cover strip 11 is laid over the perforations 10 and secured by a line of stitches 12 central on the line of perforations 10, and side lines of stitches 12^a, 12^b. Over edge of strips 11 there are side strips 13, 14 their inner edges close together, with lines of stitches 15, 16 and central lines of stitches 17, 18 which confine the edges of strips 11 preferably at one side of the impervious cover or envelop; this makes a folding line which presents no groove or ridge when the section is unfolded, but an absolutely smooth surface under the outer cover. Line 8 presents the first stage of the folding line, and line 9 the completion of all of the folding lines.

In Figs. 3, 4 a section is shown with an exterior covering 19, 20 and rows of stitching 21, 22 and when the sections are finished with covers 19, 20 these lines will go through all members and the lines 4, 5 seen in Fig. 1 will be omitted. Dotted lines 23, 24 and 25, 26 show the outer edges of the outer portions of the sections 27, 28 and 29, 30 when folded upon the central sections 31, 32.

The section illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 without an exterior covering, is especially adapted to the wants of purchasers who prefer to furnish the outer covers, and to those who prefer a protector without the cost of the outer cover, which can be used under the table spread with equal protection and efficiency.

Fig. 5 illustrates a section adapted to cover extension leaves, its construction is every way similar to Fig. 1, except as to contour, and with a cover similar to Fig. 3, except as to contour, and is folded on lines 33, 34, with a central line of stitching 35.

I claim—

1. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat-resisting material continuous throughout the same,

an envelop therefor consisting of material impervious to moisture also continuous throughout the same; said heat-resisting material and said envelop each having a series of perforations therethrough arranged in a coinciding line; and means secured to the protector and coinciding with the series of perforations for uniting the heat-resisting material and the envelop impervious to moisture so that the corresponding series of perforations in each material will be held in line.

2. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat-resisting material continuous throughout the same, an envelop therefor consisting of material impervious to moisture also continuous throughout the same; said heat-resisting material and said envelop each having series of perforations therethrough arranged in coinciding lines; and means consisting of lines of stitching coinciding with the series of perforations uniting the heat-resisting material and the envelop impervious to moisture so that the corresponding series of perforations in each material will be held in line.

3. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat-resisting material, an envelop therefor consisting of material impervious to moisture; said heat-resisting material and said envelop each having a series of perforations therethrough arranged in a coinciding line; a covering located outside the said envelop impervious to moisture, and means consisting of a line of stitches coinciding with the series of perforations for uniting the heat-resisting material and the material impervious to moisture so that the corresponding series of perforations in each material will be held in line.

4. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat resisting material continuous throughout the same, a covering or envelop therefor of impervious fabric also continuous throughout the same, lines of perforations through the interior course and its impervious envelop or covering, and central lines of impervious cover strips secured over the lines of perforations.

5. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat resisting material continuous throughout the same, a covering or envelop therefor of impervious fabric also continuous throughout the same, lines of perforations through the interior course and its impervious envelop or covering, central lines of impervious cover strips secured over the lines of perforations, and side lines of cover strips secured over the edges of the central line of cover strips, their adjacent edges being slightly separated.

6. In a table top protector, the combination of a central course of heat resisting material continuous throughout the same, a covering or envelop therefor of impervious fabric also continuous throughout the same, lines of perforations through the interior course and its impervious envelop or covering, central lines of impervious cover strips secured over the lines of perforations, side lines of cover strips secured over the edges of the central line of cover strips, their adjacent edges being slightly separated, and an outer covering of suitable material.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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