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Advertising Table

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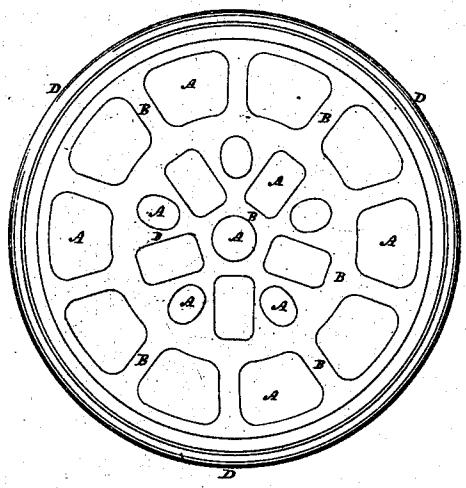

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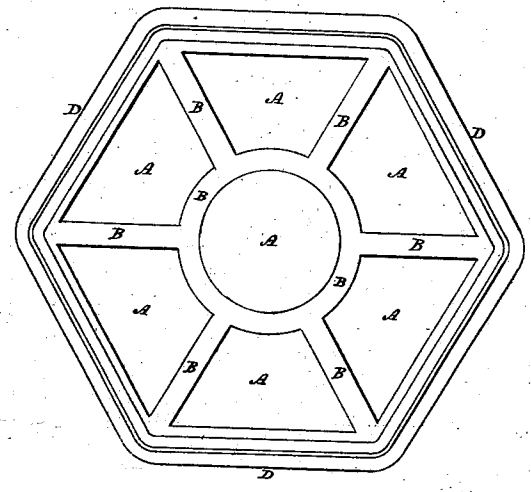

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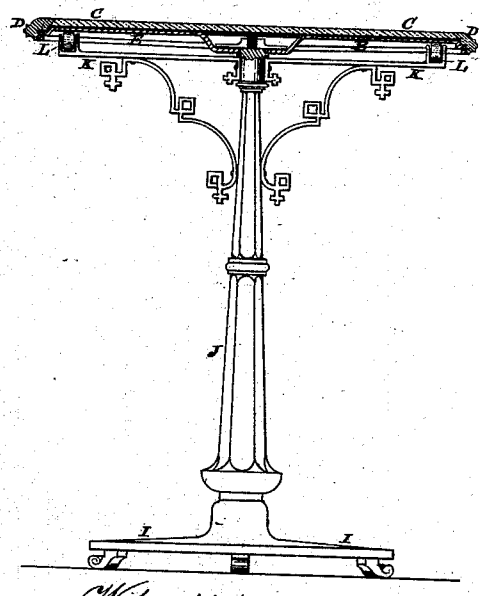

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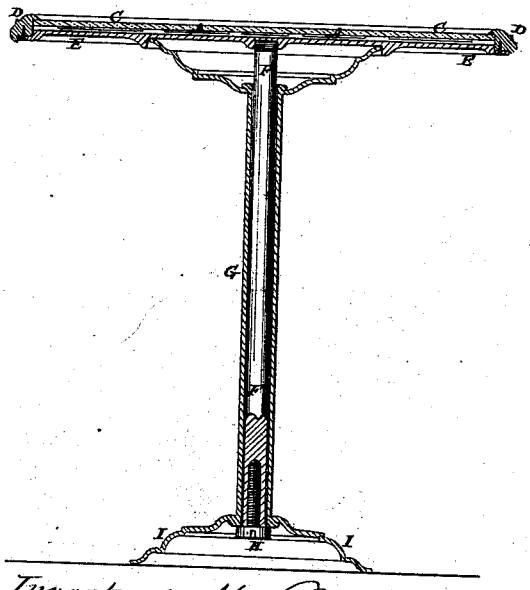
Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHANN MAXIMILIAN PLESSNER, of London, England, have invented an Improved Table-Top for Holding Advertising-Tablets, Photographic and other Views or Devices in Sheets, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to construct a table-top with spaces in the surface for holding tablets or sheets of advertisements, photographs, &c., in sheets, and covering the same with a sheet of glass, so that the devices or advertisements can be seen and read from above. The table-top is, in most cases, fitted upon a stand, so that the top can be rotated to enable the advertisements to be examined without the observer moving from his position, as exemplified in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a table, and Fig. 2 a plan of the top surface, showing the spaces A, in which the advertisement-tablets or photographs, in sheets, are to be arranged. The ribs B B divide the spaces and form rests for a sheet of glass, C, which is retained in position by its edges being within a bezel or ring, D, fastened to the edge of the top base-piece E by screws inserted from below. The center of the top base-piece is connected to a pillar-stem, F, supported and kept central by a tube, G, the stem being held by a screw-pin, H, from below, and with the head of the screw-pin bearing slightly against a shoulder of the tube, as shown. The tube terminates in a foot or base, I, and the upper part is of annular spread-out shape to steady the table-top, and to assist as a bearer for the rotation in an easy manner. The table-top and the stem rotate as one body in this plan, but in Figs. 3 and 4 the stem, as forming part of the top, is dispensed with, and in lieu thereof the central portion of the top base-piece is dropped over a pin, and a nut holds it in position, the cavity in which the nut takes being covered by a plate or disk to hide the nut from view.

The pillar J of this table is solid, or it may be hollow for lightness, and has, say, three arms, K K, projecting, which carry rollers L L as bearers for the table-top to be rotated upon. The bezel ring or band D, in this case, is screw-threaded upon its inner periphery, to take over a threaded edge of the top base-piece, so that it, when the glass is in place, can hold the advertisement-tablets or photographic views in the spaces A, and prevent them shifting should the table, from any cause, be tilted.

In some cases, such as when the top is fitted not to rotate, the bezel ring or band can be hinged, and then the glass can be fitted permanently, so that it would lift with the band when the advertisements or views have to be removed and others placed in.

The table-top may be of any shape, and any number of spaces can be formed in the top base-piece for grouping the views, designs, or devices, photographic or others, to be exhibited.

By my invention a series of photographic portraits, say of a family, can be displayed at a glance, and a number of persons can examine them at one time, the table-top being rotated to bring each photograph round to the observers in succession.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, a table having a suitable transparent top, with spaces for the display of advertisements, photographs, or other similar devices, and a base, E, having recesses formed therein to contain said advertisements, photographs, or other similar devices, arranged with capability of being rotated by means of the tubular portion G, and so constructed that the top plate may be removed with facility for changing the advertisements, &c., substantially as shown and described.

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