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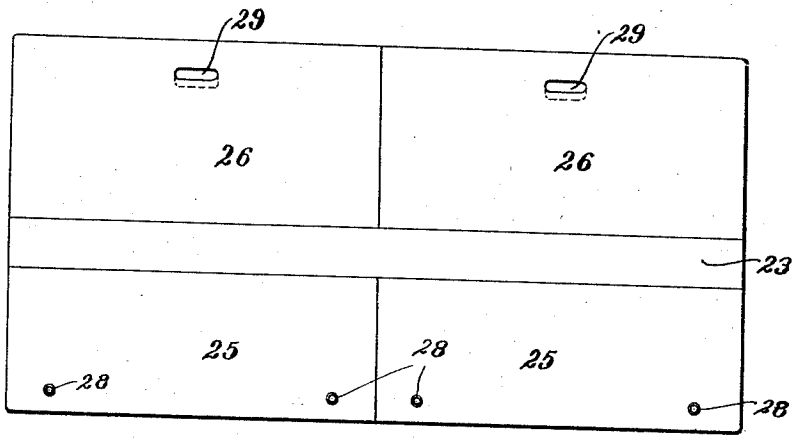
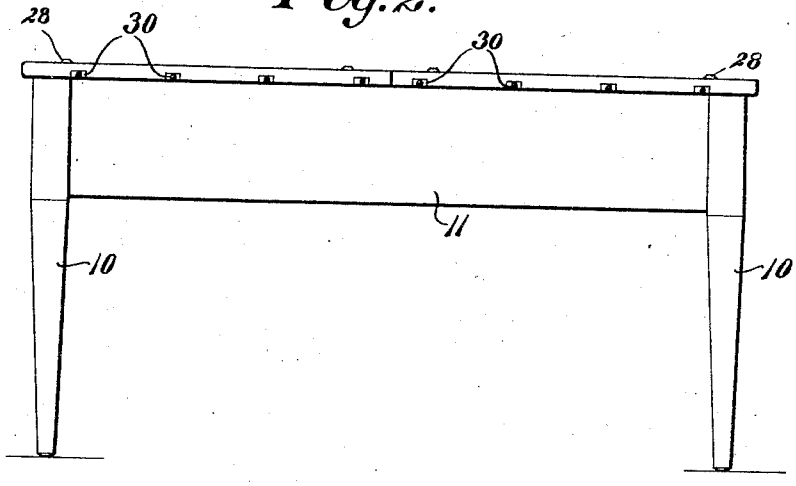


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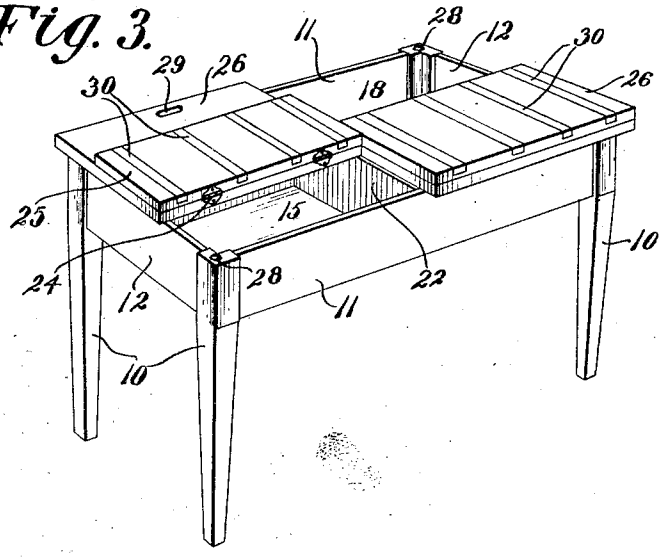


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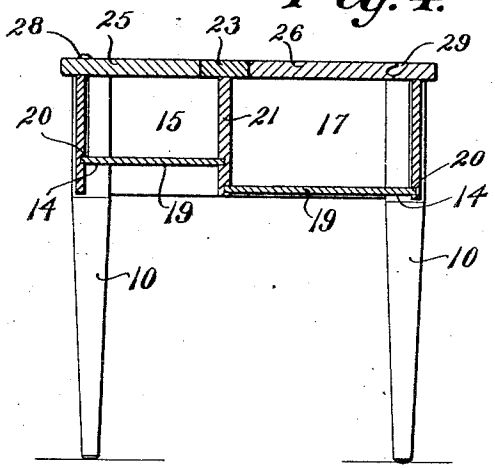
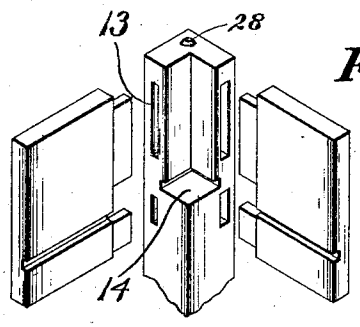


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to furniture construction, having special reference to office equipment and has for an object the provision of a novel form of table, by means of which the distribution of various classes of mail matter to the boxes in a post office, may be greatly facilitated.

To this end, the invention includes a plurality of compartments for different classes of mail, which compartments may all be normally closed, except the compartment containing the mail matter which is being distributed, the lids or closures of the remaining compartments providing a support or table, whereby the particular class of mail being distributed may be sorted or arranged without danger of becoming mixed with mail matter of a different class.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a distributing table with the compartments closed.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the same.

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing two of the compartments open.

Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the form of connection between the rails of the table and the supporting legs, the parts being separated.

Referring in detail to the drawings, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the invention which is in the form of a table includes supporting legs 10 which are connected along their opposite sides with side rails 11 and at their ends with end rails 12. Both the side and end rails are mortised within the legs as illustrated at 13 in Figure 5 and the legs are recessed to provide shoulders 14.

The side and end rails form side and end walls for compartments 15, 16, 17 and 18, the bottom 19 of these compartments having two of their edges resting within grooves 20 provided in the side and end rails, while their remaining edges rest within similar grooves formed in a longitudinal partition 21 and a transverse portion 22, while one corner of the bottom of each compartment rests upon the shoulder 14 provided in each of the legs 10. The various members thus far described have an interlocking engagement with one another so as to provide a strong and rigid structure.

Secured upon the longitudinal partition 21 is a horizontally arranged strip 23 and hingedly secured to the opposite edges of this strip as shown at 24 are lids or closures 25 and 26, the first mentioned lids or closures serving to cover the compartments 15 and 16, while the lids or closures 26 cover the compartments 17 and 18. The table is provided at each corner with cushioning elements in the form of rubber buttons 28 which also act as cushioning elements and serve to prevent mutilation of the top of the table. The lids or closures 26 are provided with finger sockets 29, whereby they may be more conveniently opened.

The under face of each of the lids or closures is provided with spaced transversely arranged reinforcing strips 30, whose opposite ends are secured to the opposite edges of the lids or closures and are preferably flush. The compartments may be of any desired depth and may be all of the same depth, or of different depths as shown and when in use, these compartments are adapted to contain mail matter of different classes. For example, one compartment will contain first class matter, another compartment daily papers, circulars and magazines or other second class matter, while the other compartments may contain parcels or third class matter. In distributing or boxing the mail, the compartments containing the particular class of mail to be distributed is opened and the remaining compartments may be left closed. Thus, the lids or closures of these remaining compartments will provide a table or support upon which the mail matter may be sorted for distributing without danger of becoming mixed with mail matter of a different class and the boxes or other receptacles in which the matter is received, may be placed upon the closures without danger of damage thereto, due to the reinforcing strips 30.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

A table comprising a leg supported frame including side rails and end rails, said rails having horizontally disposed grooves in their opposed faces, a vertically disposed recess provided in each leg and defining horizontally disposed shoulders at the lower ends of said recesses adjacent the ends of the horizontal grooves, partitions dividing the frame into separate compartments, said partitions also having horizontally disposed grooves therein, bottoms for said compartments, said bottoms having their edges disposed within the grooves and their corners resting upon the horizontal shoulders, means for securing the side and end rails to the legs and a separate cover for each compartment.

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