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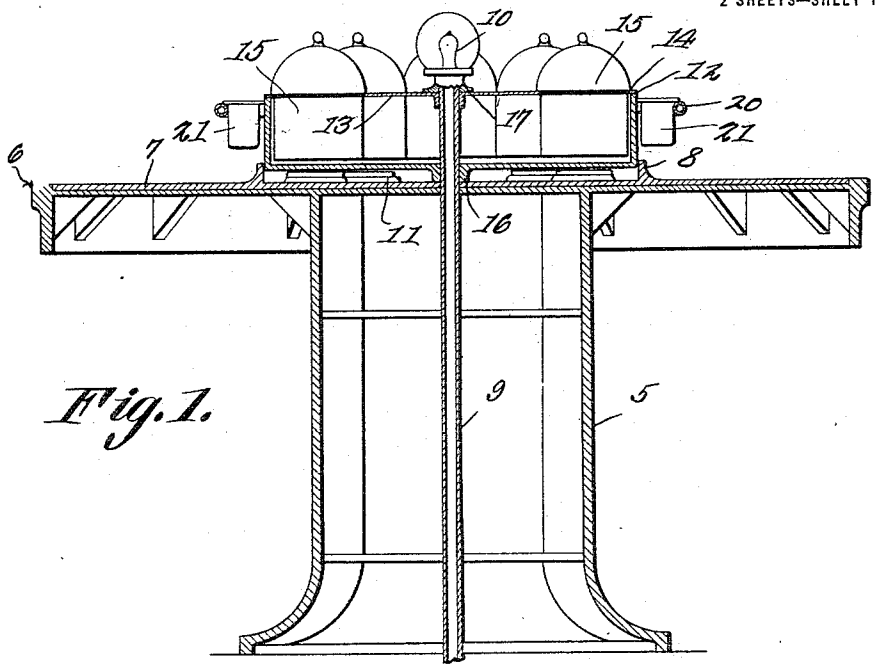


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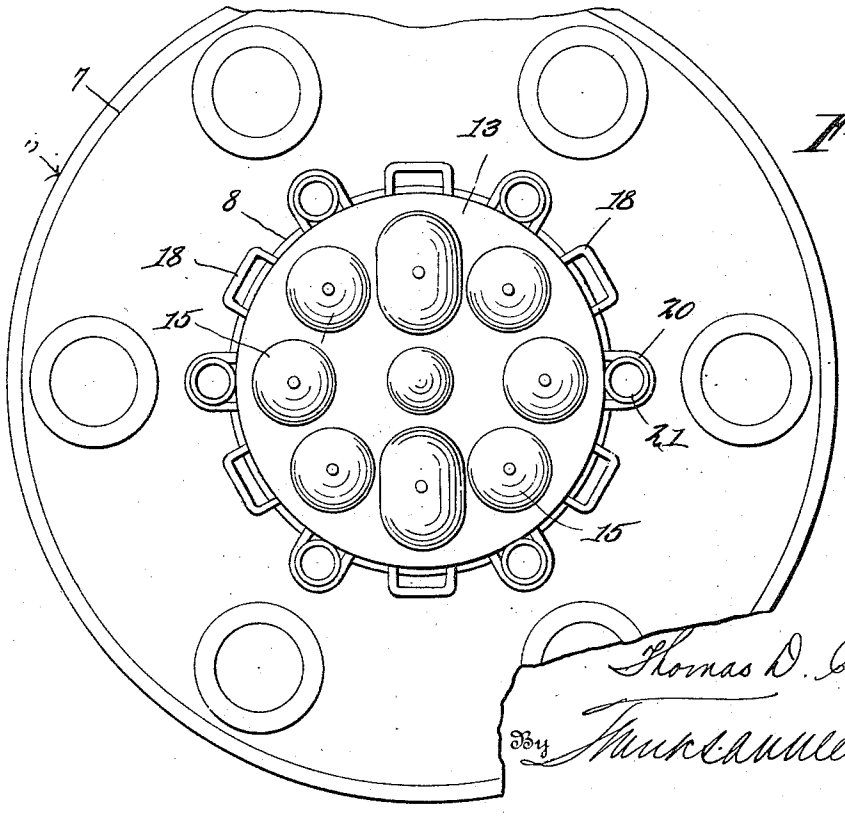


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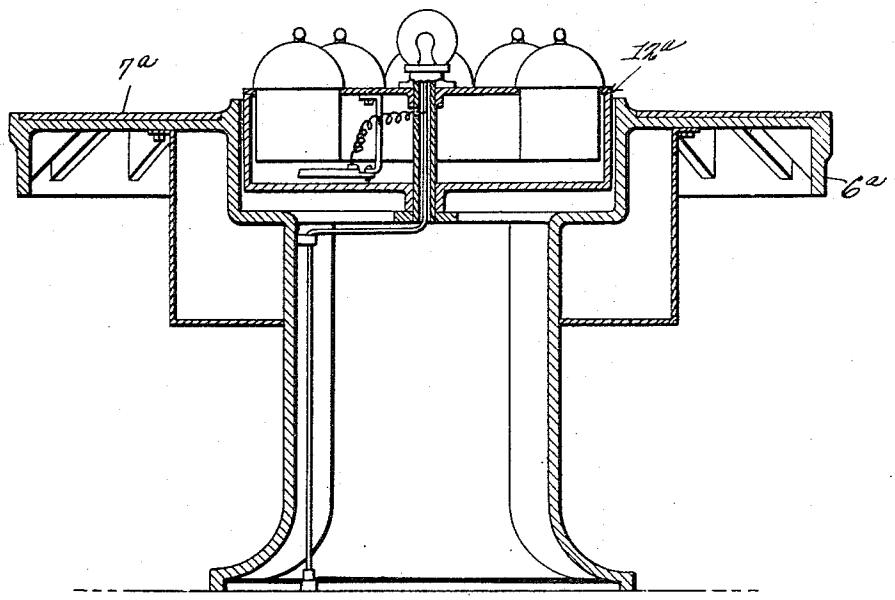


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS D. EILERS, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Storm Lake, in the county of Buena Vista and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Dining and Service Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to furniture and particularly to a combined dining and service table.

An object of this invention is to provide novel means for supporting viands or holding them so that the containers may be moved with relation to places or seats at the table in order that occupants of the table may serve themselves from the containers which are movable, as stated, so that any particular receptacle may be brought into position near the server, a further object of the invention being to provide means for maintaining heat around the containers so that the contents thereof may be kept warm.

A further object of this invention is to provide a receptacle for the containers which is rotatable for the purpose of carrying the containers in the manner stated, the said receptacle being provided with brackets for carrying bowls or cups, for condiments.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a vertical sectional view;

Fig. 2 illustrates a top plan view; and

Fig. 3 illustrates a sectional view embodying a slight modification.

In these drawings 5 denotes a pedestal, 6 a table and 7 a covering for the table which may be of any composition such as is now usually employed for use as table tops and the said top is preferably provided with an annular flange 8 which constitutes the inner edge of the table top.

A pipe 9 extends through the pedestal and through the table top and is intended as a conduit for conductors of electricity which supply the lamp 10 with current and which are also utilized for heating electrodes 11 which may be employed for heating the contents of the receptacle 12, the said receptacle 12 preferably containing water for maintaining the temperature of the food practically uniform. The receptacle 12 has a top 13 with apertures 14 for the reception of the holders 15 and provision for holders may be increased or diminished according to the requirements in practice. The receptacle has an apertured central boss 16 with any type of water proof joint between the receptacle and the pipe 9 which extends through the aperture of the receptacle and the said pipe also passes through the top 13 as fully shown in the drawing. The pipe is supplied with a coupling or fixture 17 making a liquid proof joint between the pipe and the top of the receptacle. The containers may be of ordinary construction, but are preferably provided with covers.

Handles 18 are attached to the receptacle so that the said receptacle may be manipulated and if desired, brackets 20 may also be supplied to travel with the receptacle and these brackets may contain condiment holders 21 so that they can be brought within access of the occupants of the table.

The electrodes are not shown in detail, as any suitable heating apparatus may be employed for maintaining the temperature of the contents of the receptacle at predetermined bounds, and I do not wish to be limited with respect to the manner of accomplishing this result.

Instead of having the device constructed as heretofore described, the table may have either three or four legs in place of the pedestal 5.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3, the table top 7^a may have the center removed to correspond to the size of the receptacle 12^a and the said receptacle countersunk into the table 6^a.

The bearing on which the receptacle 12^a rotates may be placed below the said receptacle and the electrode may be immersed in the contents of the receptacle.

I claim—

In a table comprising a pedestal having a table top thereon with an aperture therethrough, a pipe extending through the pedestal and projecting above the table top, a

receptacle having an apertured top for the reception of holders and a bottom with an aperture to receive the pipe, the said top of the receptacle also having an aperture to receive the pipe, whereby the receptacle is rotatably mounted on the pipe, an electrode for heating the receptacle, a conductor of electricity extending through the pedestal and the pipe to the electrode, whereby a rotatable heating table is mounted with respect to a dining table.

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