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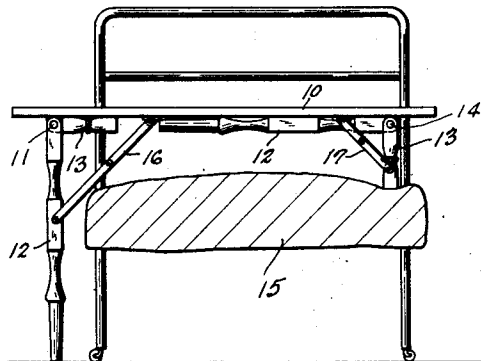


Fig. 1.

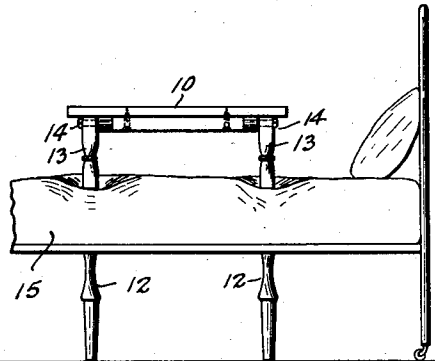


Fig. 2.

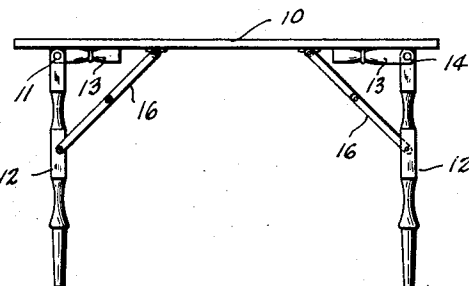


Fig. 3.

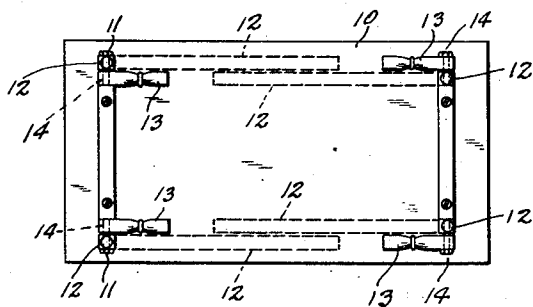


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This invention relates to a table, and particularly to a table so constructed and arranged as to be adapted for a number of different uses; and it relates especially to a table which may be used in the ordinary manner as a card table or the like and is also adapted for use for supporting food or other articles before an invalid while in bed.

It is, therefore, an object of the invention to provide a table with a plurality of different means of support which may be used either separately or in combination, and when not in use may be folded to an ineffective position, so that the table may be used in the ordinary manner and also if desired may be used as an invalid's table and located over the bed in which the invalid is confined.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, I have devised the table and the supporting means therefor shown somewhat diagrammatically in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, similar reference characters being employed throughout the various figures to indicate corresponding elements. In this drawing,—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my improved table showing it used as an invalid's table.

Fig. 2 is an end elevation looking from the right of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the table arranged for use in the ordinary manner, and

Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof.

As mentioned above the showing in the drawing is somewhat diagrammatic. As I do not wish to be limited to any particular means of fastening the legs to the table top or body I have merely shown a conventional means for mounting these legs. I am aware that tables have been made with legs hinged to the top or body thereof so that they are foldable against the under side of this top or body so that the table will not require much room in transportation or storage. I have combined with this type of table additional shorter legs which may be used separately or in combination with the longer legs to increase the usefulness of the table.

In the drawing the table top or body is indicated by the numeral 10, and it may be of any desired shape such as rectangular. At the opposite ends of this table are pivoted at 11 two pairs of legs 12 of the usual length to support the table at the proper height above the floor, these legs being so

mounted that they may be extended to support the top or body as shown in Fig. 3 or folded against the under side thereof as indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 4. I have also provided in addition to these longer legs a pair of shorter legs 13 at each end of the table and also pivoted to the top as indicated at 14. These legs may be either folded against the top or body in an effective position as indicated in full lines Figs. 3 and 4 or they may be swung to the upright position to support the top as desired. The long and short legs are mounted independently of each other. Thus the long legs may be used alone, the short legs may be used alone, or a combination of the long legs and the short legs may be used as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. It may, therefore, be used as an invalid's table as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 with the long legs 12 at one end of the table resting on the floor in the usual manner while the short legs 13 at the other end may rest on the bed as indicated at 15. In this position the table would lie over the invalid in the bed and be entirely supported above him so that the weight would be entirely supported by the bed and the floor. This combination provides at a slight additional expense a single table which may be used as a card table or in any usual manner, a sick room table upon which the invalid may have papers, books and magazines, or it may be used as a low table on which a child may have its playthings.

The various legs may, of course, be hinged to the table in any desired manner. The two longer legs or the two shorter legs at the ends may be connected together so as to fold as one against the under side of the top, or each leg may be individually pivoted with suitable snap catches for holding them in the extended or folded positions. In the drawing I have shown foldable braces indicated at 16 and 17 for holding the long legs and short legs respectively in extended position, but it will, of course, be understood that any other suitable means of pivoting the legs and retaining them in either of the extreme positions may be used as desired.

In the drawing I have shown a pair of long legs and a pair of short legs at each end of the table, and this is the preferred arrangement, but there may be, if preferred, additional short legs at only one end of the table, as this is all that is ordinarily required

for use as an invalid's table in the manner shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be apparent from the foregoing description that I have provided a table which is adapted for a greater number of uses than the ordinary table, and this at a slight additional expense. All of the legs are foldable against the under side of the top so that the table requires no more room than the ordinary so-called folding table, but by use of the different lengths of legs or a combination thereof as indicated, the table may be used in the ordinary manner, as an invalid's table or a child's table as desired.

Having thus set forth the nature of my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A table comprising a top or body, two sets of supporting legs at the opposite ends thereof and of substantially the same length to support the top or body at substantially the usual height from the floor, one set of

said legs being hinged so as to be foldable against the top or body, and a second set of legs hinged adjacent the first set of foldable legs so as to be foldable to an ineffective position and shorter than the other legs to rest on a support raised above the floor while the longer legs at the opposite end rest on the floor.

2. A table comprising a top or body, two sets of supporting legs hinged to said top or body at the opposite ends thereof, each set comprising two pairs of legs all of which are mounted so as to be foldable against the top or body when not in use, two of the legs of each set being of the usual length to rest on the floor and the other two legs of each set being shorter so as to rest on a support raised above the floor while the longer legs at the opposite end of the top or body rest on the floor.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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