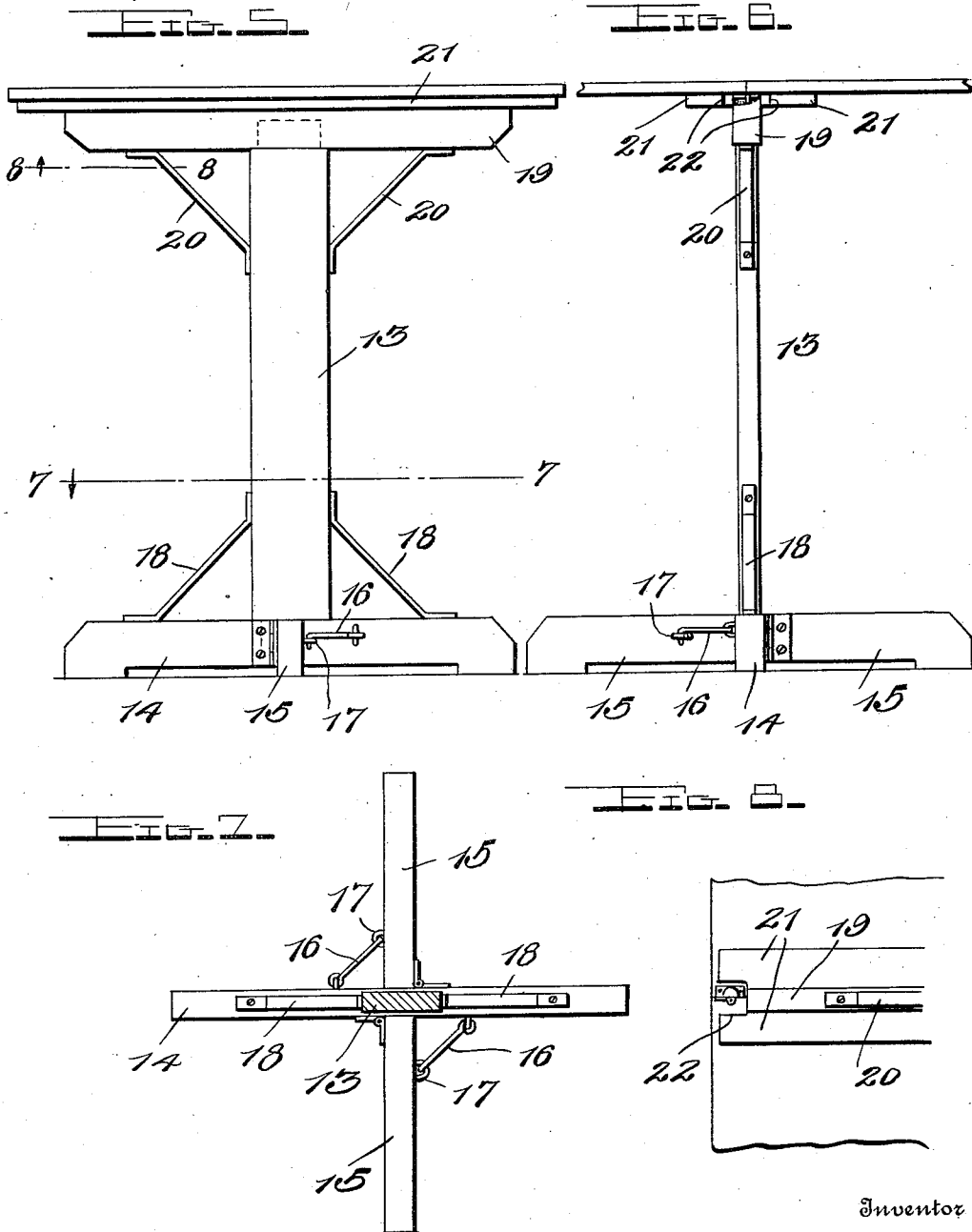


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD W. BAERRESEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pedestals, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to new and useful improvements in folding pedestals, the object of the invention being to provide a pedestal of this character which will take the place of the trestles commonly used for setting up banquet tables in lodge rooms, hotels and similar places, also for use in hotels for traveling men's sample tables.

Another object of the invention is to provide a folding pedestal of the above character which can be quickly and easily folded when not in use to occupy minimum space and can be readily set up when the tables are required.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pedestal of the above character which will possess advantages in points of efficiency and durability, is inexpensive to manufacture and at the same time is simple in construction and operation.

30 With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the claims and shown in the accompanying drawings in which,

40 Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pedestal constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a modified form of pedestal; Fig. 6 is an end elevation; Fig. 7 is a sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5, and Fig. 8 is a bottom plan view taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 5.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the upwardly extending standard, the lower end of which is mounted in the inverted U shaped supporting leg 2. Threaded into the intermediate portion of the supporting member 2 and into the lower end of the standard 1 is a screw bolt 3 upon the lower end of which is pivotally mount-

ed a second inverted U shaped supporting leg 4, which when not in use is adapted to be arranged in alinement with the supporting leg 2 and disposed beneath the same. 60 When the pedestal is in use, the member 4 is arranged transversely across and beneath the supporting member 2 so as to form a firm foundation for the standard 1.

Mounted upon the upper end of the standard 1 is a cross arm 5, the intermediate portion of which is provided with a recess portion 6 in which is pivotally mounted a U shaped clutch member 7, said clutch member being pivotally mounted at its intermediate portion upon the screw bolt 8. 70 When the pedestal is used with a plurality of table tops, the ends of the tables are each provided with a semicircular disk 9 having a shoulder 10 formed at the intermediate portion thereof. The pedestal is placed beneath the meeting ends of the table tops and the clutch member 7 swung transversely across the meeting ends of the tops and adapted to engage the disks 9 to securely hold the table tops against longitudinal movement, the clutch member engaging the shoulders 10 to limit the rotary movement thereof. 80

The supporting leg 4 is provided upon its upper face and at each end thereof with the longitudinal grooves 11 in which are normally disposed the brace members 12. The brace members 12 are hingedly secured to the member 4 at the inner end of the grooves 11 and when not in use are normally arranged in the grooves so that the member 4 can be arranged beneath the supporting leg 2. When the supporting leg 4 is arranged transversely across the member 2, the brace members 12 are swung inwardly and adapted to engage the standard 1 so as to further support the standard when set up ready for use. 85

In Fig. 5, I have illustrated a slightly modified form of my invention which comprises a suitable standard 13 the lower end of which is mounted in the transverse foot piece 14. Hingedly secured to the intermediate portion of the foot piece 14 and arranged upon each side thereof, are the supporting members 15, said supporting members being normally arranged in parallel relation with the foot piece 14 when not in use. When the pedestal is set up ready for use, the members 15 are disposed at right angles to the foot piece 14 and held securely 100 105 110

in place by means of the hooks 16 which are secured to the foot piece 14 and adapted to engage the eyes 17 carried by the members 15. The standard 13 is further braced by means of the brace members 18, one end of which is secured to the standard adjacent the lower end thereof and the other end secured to the upper side of the foot piece.

Secured to the upper end of the standard 10 13 is the cross bar 19 which is suitably supported by means of the brace members 20. When the above form of pedestal is used to support the meeting ends of two table tops, the meeting ends of the table tops are arranged upon the cross bar 19 so that the transverse cleats 21 carried by the ends of the table tops abut snugly against each side of the cross bar. The cleats 21 are provided at each end upon the inner side thereof with the recesses 22 in which any suitable form of locking means may be arranged so as to securely lock the ends of the table tops to the cross bar 19.

From the above description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, 25 it will be readily apparent that I have provided a simple and durable folding pedestal which can be quickly set up ready for use and at the same time may be quickly and easily folded so as to occupy minimum space 30 in transportation or when packed away.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention, it will be obvious that various changes in the details 35 of construction and in the proportions may be resorted to for successfully carrying my invention into practice without sacrificing any of the novel features or departing from the scope of the appended claims.

40 What I claim is:—

1. A pedestal comprising an inverted U-shaped supporting leg, a standard mounted in the intermediate portion thereof, a second supporting leg pivotally mounted 45 beneath the first leg and normally arranged in alinement directly beneath the leg, said second leg being disposed transversely of the first leg when the standard is in use, in combination with the abutting ends of two table

tops each having a semicircular disk carried thereby, said disks having their straight edges arranged in alinement with the ends of the table tops and a pivotally mounted clutch member adapted to engage the semicircular surfaces of the disks on the ends of the table tops to securely fasten said table tops upon the upper end of the standard. 50 55

2. A folding pedestal comprising a foot piece, a standard mounted in the intermediate portion thereof, means secured to said foot piece and normally arranged in longitudinal relation therewith, said means being adapted to be disposed at right angles to the foot piece to support the standard, in combination with the abutting ends of two table tops each having a semicircular disk carried thereby, said disks having their straight edges arranged in alinement with the ends of the table tops, a cross arm 65 mounted upon the upper end of the standard and provided with a recess at its intermediate portion and a clutch member pivotally mounted within said recess and adapted to engage the semicircular disks on the ends of the table tops to securely fasten said table tops upon the upper ends of the standard. 70 75

3. In combination with the abutting ends of two table tops each having a semicircular disk carried thereby, of a pedestal comprising a standard, a supporting base for the standard, a cross arm mounted upon the upper end of the standard and provided with a recess at its intermediate portion, a clutch member pivotally mounted within said recess and adapted to engage the semicircular disks on the ends of the table tops to securely fasten said table tops upon the upper end of the standard. 80 85

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 90

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