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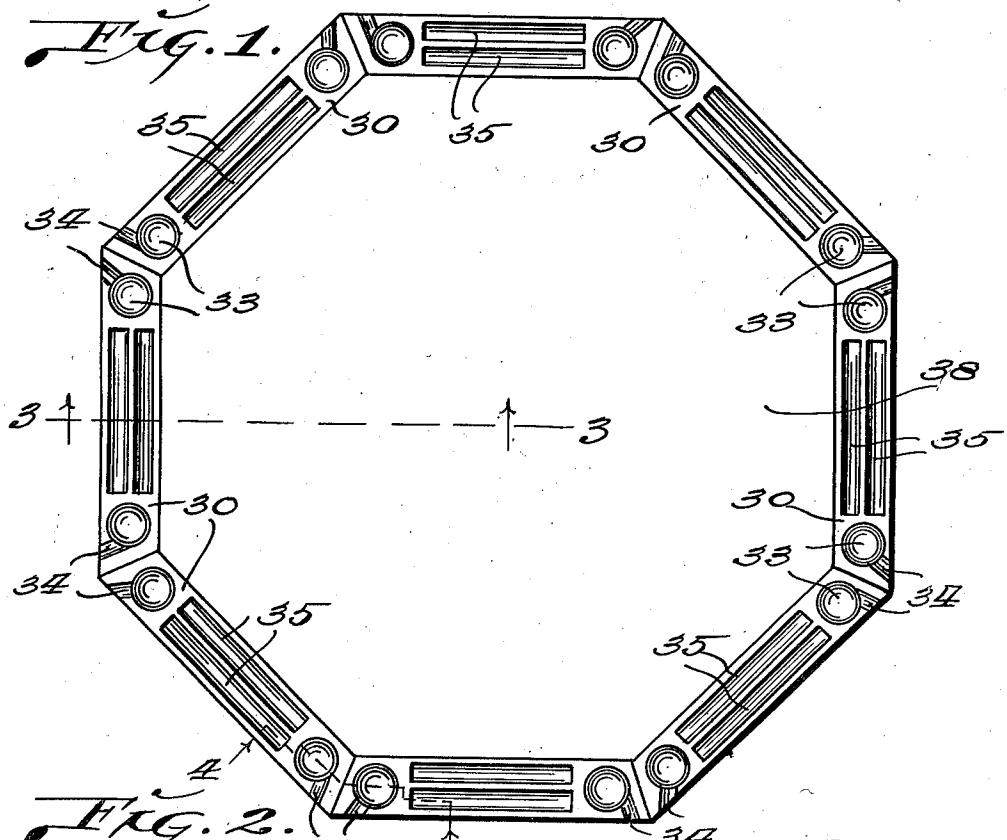

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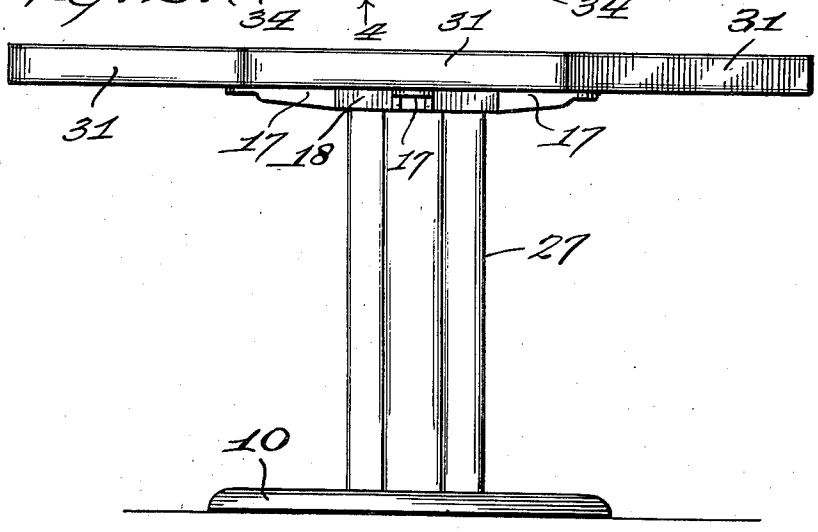

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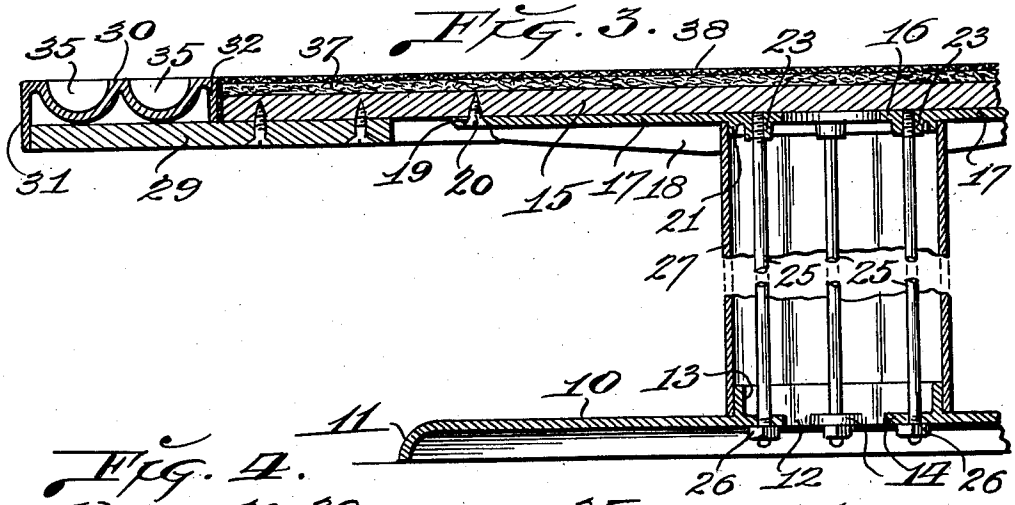

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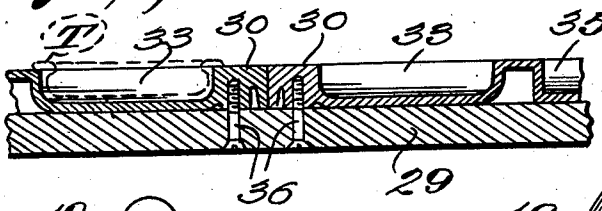

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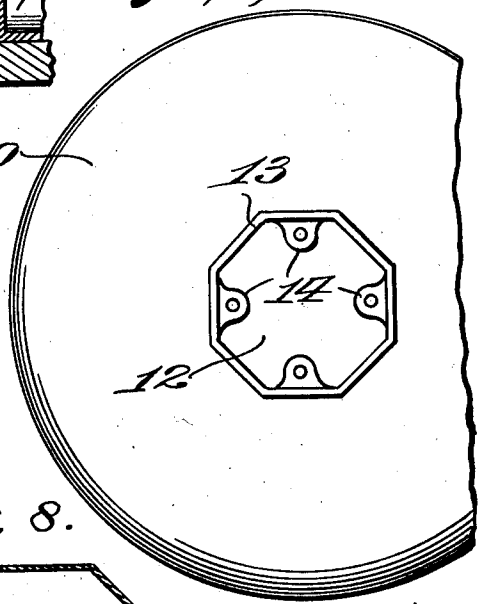

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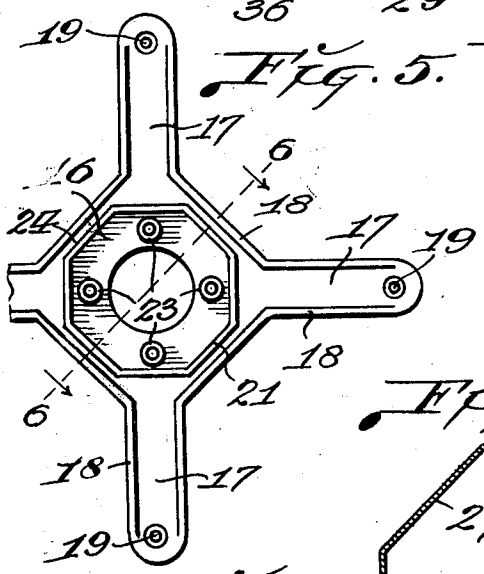

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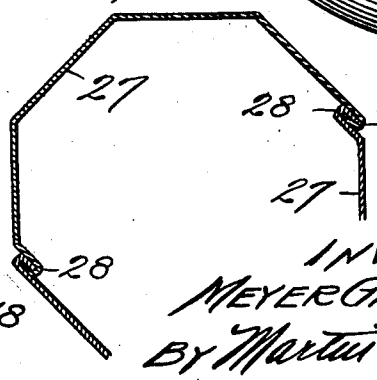

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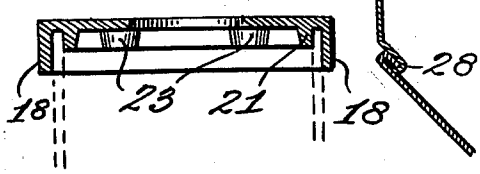

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My invention relates generally to tables and more particularly to a table that is especially designed for use in the playing of cards or other games requiring a smooth, flat playing surface, and the principal objects of my invention are, to generally improve upon and simplify the construction of the existing forms of card tables and, to provide a table that is relatively simple in construction, capable of being easily assembled, and which is of strong and rigid construction so as to firmly maintain the table top in proper position and prevent wabbling thereof while the same is in use.

A further object of my invention is, to provide a simple, practical, and inexpensive table comprising a base, a pedestal, and a top supported by said pedestal, the construction of the base and pedestal being such as to provide a strong and substantial support for table tops of different sizes and shapes and further, to provide improved means for firmly and substantially connecting the base with a frame or spider that supports the table top and which connection is enclosed within a tubular shell that combines with said connection in forming the pedestal.

A further object of my invention is to provide a table of the character referred to wherein the table top includes a plurality of marginal sections, each being formed in a single piece, and which when properly assembled on the margin of the table top impart to the same an attractive, finished appearance.

A further object of my invention is, to construct the separately formed marginal sections of the table top with depressions or shallow recesses, one of which may be used as an ash receptacle and the other as a receptacle for a drinking glass and, other depressions that are formed in each section being elongated and substantially semi-circular in cross section so as to provide convenient grooves or pockets for the reception of conventional chips utilized in playing certain games.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a table constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the table.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 with parts of the pedestal broken away.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a view looking against the under side of the spider or frame that is secured to the under side of the table top and which is mounted on the upper end of the pedestal.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged cross section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the base that supports the pedestal and table top carried thereby.

Fig. 8 is a horizontal section of the pedestal with parts broken away.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the base of the table which is in the form of a disc, preferably of cast metal, and provided with a depending marginal flange 11 that rests directly upon the floor.

Formed in the center of the disc 10 is an opening 12, preferably octagonal in shape, and formed integral with and projecting upwardly from the base around this opening is a flange 13 that has the same shape as the opening. Obviously, the opening 12 and flange 13 might be square, circular, or hexagonal in shape.

Projecting from the edge of the body of the disc 10 into the opening 12 therein are integral lugs 14 that are perforated vertically for the reception of rods that tie the base to the table top supporting frame or spider.

The top of the table comprises a central portion 15, preferably formed of wood and of any desired shape. In the present instance, I have shown the table top octagonal in shape although it may be round, square, hexagonal, or any other desired shape.

Applied to the under side of the central portion of the table top member 15 is a frame or spider, preferably of cast metal, and which includes a plate 16 from which projects a plurality of radially disposed arms 17. The arms and the edges of the plate between said arms are provided with depending reinforcing flanges 18 and, formed through the outer portions of the arms 17 are apertures 19 for the reception of screws 20 that secure the spider to the table top member 15. Formed on the under side of the plate 16 is a depending flange 21 having the same size and shape as the flange 13 on base 10 and, portions of this flange 21 are spaced a slight distance inwardly from the adjacent flanges 18 that depend from the marginal edge of plate 16.

Formed integral with and depending from plate 16 are lugs 23 that are provided with axially

disposed threaded apertures 24 and screw seated in said apertures are the threaded upper ends of rods 25.

These rods function as ties between the base 10 and the spider that supports the table top and, the lower ends of said rods which are threaded project through the perforations in the lugs 14 on base 10 and receive nuts 26.

The main body of the pedestal that is arranged between base 10 and the table top supporting frame or spider comprises two identical parts 27, preferably formed of sheet metal, and in order to impart to the table a pleasing appearance I prefer to shape the pedestal so as to conform with the shape of the marginal portion of the table top. Thus if the table top is octagonal in shape as herein illustrated, the pedestal is made octagonal in horizontal section.

The vertical edges of the two parts forming the pedestal are formed with inter-engaging hook-shaped flanges 28, the flange on one edge of each pedestal member being turned inwardly and the flange on the other edge being turned outwardly so that when the parts of the pedestal are assembled, the respective flanges are engaged with each other as illustrated in Fig. 8.

When properly assembled, the upper edges of the pedestal enclose the flange 21 that depends from plate 16 of the spider and with portions of the walls of the pedestal positioned between portions of the flange 21 and the adjacent flanges 18 that depend from the edges of plate 16. The lower end of the wall of the pedestal surrounds and fits directly against flange 13 that projects upwardly from base 10 and, the tightening of the nuts 26 on the threaded lower ends of the tie rods 25 draw the base and spider toward each other so as to firmly clamp the interposed pedestal and consequently, providing a strong and substantial construction for supporting the top of the table.

Suitably secured to the under side of the outer portion of table top member 15 is the inner portion of a substantially ring-shaped member 29, the outer portion thereof projecting a substantial distance beyond the marginal edge of member 15, thus providing a support for the separately formed sections that constitute the marginal portion of the completed table top.

Each marginal member 30 is formed in a single piece, preferably by being cast or molded from metal, plastic composition, or the like, and is formed with an outer vertically disposed wall 31 and a shorter inner wall 32. When the marginal sections are properly positioned upon the projecting portion of the supporting member 29, the outer walls 31 of said members combine to produce a continuous apron around the margin of the table and the inner walls 32 occupying positions immediately adjacent the marginal edge of the table top member 15.

In each member 30 adjacent its ends are shallow depressions 33, preferably circular in shape, and either one or both of these depressions may receive and hold a drinking glass, or serve as an ash tray.

If desired, a separately formed shallow tray, molded or pressed from thin sheet metal, plastic composition, or the like, may be provided and removably positioned in the recesses 33, thus making it possible to remove, from time to time, accumulated ashes and the stubs of cigars and cigarettes. Such a removable tray is shown by dotted lines T in Fig. 4.

Formed in the top of each marginal member 30 adjacent each end thereof and extending from the outer face of the member to the depressions 33 are grooves 34 that provide convenient depressions for receiving and holding cigars or cigarettes.

Formed in the top of each member 30 between the depressions 33 are parallel grooves 35, preferably half round in cross section, and which serve as pockets for the reception of conventional chips or the like that are utilized in the play of certain games.

Each marginal section 30 is secured to the projecting portion of member 28, preferably by means of screws 36 that project upwardly through member 29 into the ends of said members 30.

Applied to the top of member 15 is a layer or pad 37 of felt wadding or the like and overlying the same is a section 38 of fabric, such as billiard cloth, thus providing the playing area of the table with a more or less yielding and resilient surface.

The edge of the overlying fabric section 38 extends downwardly and is firmly clamped between the outer edge of table top member 15 and the inner walls 32 of the marginal members 30.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a table particularly adapted for use in playing cards and other games and which table is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

The separately formed sections that constitute the marginal portion of the table top are constructed so as to afford convenience for the players seated at the table and in addition, the marginal sections add materially to the pleasing effect and appearance of the table, particularly where said marginal sections are distinctively and attractively finished.

Table tops of different sizes and shapes may be conveniently mounted on the upper ends of the pedestals and the construction employing the spider that is secured to the under side of the central portion of the table top, together with the base and pedestal, provide a strong, substantial construction that effectually prevents any undue vibration or wabbling of the table top while the table is in use.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved card table, may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a card table the combination with a base, a pedestal projecting upwardly from said base and a spider fixed to the top of said pedestal, of a table top secured to said spider and comprising a central member, a pad overlying said central member, a substantially ring-shaped member having its inner portion disposed beneath and secured to the marginal portion of the central member, a series of identical separately formed segmental members positioned upon and secured to the projecting portion of said ring-shaped member, the upper surfaces of which segmental members are flush with the upper surface of the pad on the central member of the table top, the inner faces of said segmental members bearing directly against the edges of said table top and the pad positioned thereupon, a flange depending from the outer face of each segmental member and overlying the outer edge of said ring-shaped member and all of said segmental mem-

bers being provided in their upper faces with recesses.

2. In a card table the combination with a base, a pedestal projecting upwardly from said base and a spider fixed to the top of said pedestal, of a table top secured to said spider and comprising a central member, a pad overlying said central member, a substantially ring-shaped member having its inner portion disposed beneath and secured to the marginal portion of the central member, a series of identical separately formed segmental members positioned upon and secured to the projecting portion of said ring-shaped member, the upper surfaces of which segmental members are flush with the upper surface of the pad on the central member of the table top, the inner faces of said segmental members bearing directly against the edges of said table top and the pad positioned thereupon, a flange depending from the outer face of each segmental member and overlying the outer edge of said ring-shaped member and each segmental member being provided in the intermediate portion of its upper face with a pair of longitudinally disposed channels and with substantially circular recesses adjacent its ends.

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