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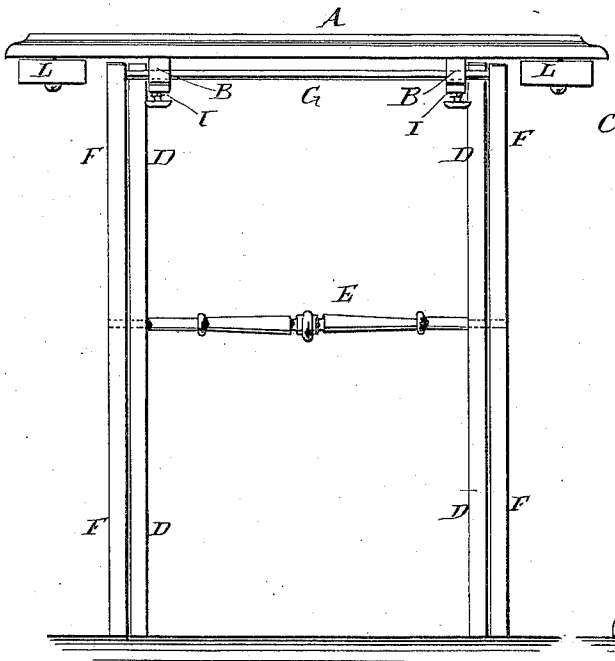
Fig: 1.



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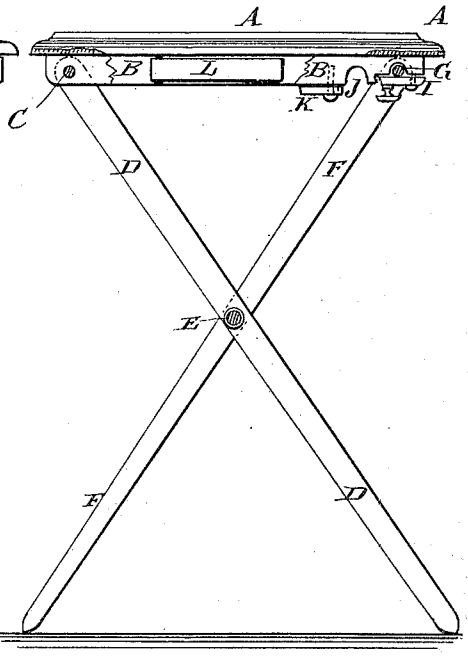

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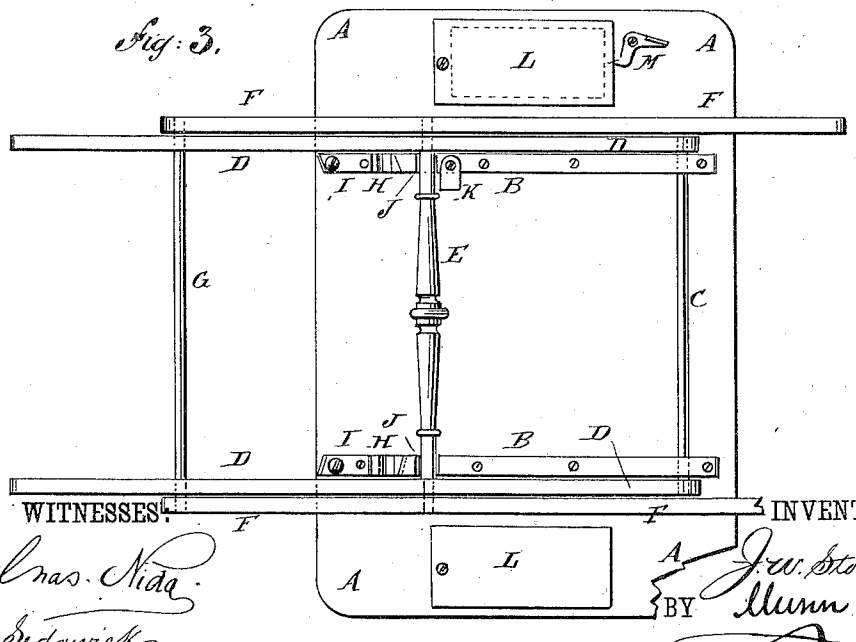

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. STOWELL, of Putney, in the county of Windham and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improvement. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same, parts being broken away. Fig. 3 is an under side view of the same folded.

The object of this invention is to provide folding tables constructed in such a manner that they can be folded compactly for storage and transportation.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and then specifically set forth in the claim.

A represents the table-top, to the under side of which, at a little distance from its ends, are attached two cleats, B.

To the rear ends of the cleats B are hinged by a round, C, the upper ends of the legs D, to the middle parts of which are hinged by a round, E, the middle parts of the legs F. The legs F are placed at the outer sides of the legs D, and their upper ends are connected by a round, G. When the table is opened for use, the round G enters recesses H in the lower sides of the forward ends of the cleats B, where it can be secured in place by buttons I, pivoted to the lower sides of the said cleats, or by other equivalent fastenings. When the table is closed for storage or transportation, the round E enters recesses J in the lower sides of the cleats B, at a little distance from the recesses H, where it is secured in place by a button, K, pivoted to the said cleats, or by other suitable fastenings. With this construction the table, when opened for use, will be firm and secure, and will be very compact when folded for storage or transportation.

To the under side of one or both the end parts of the table-top A are pivoted the ends of small drawers L, the free ends of which can be swung out from beneath the said table-top to give convenient access to the contents of the said drawers. The drawers L, when swung in beneath the table-top A, can be secured in place by latches M or fastenings secured to the said table-top, and engaging with the free ends of the said drawers, as shown in Fig. 3.

I am aware that a folding table has been provided on its under side with a transverse cleat and a longitudinal notched cleat provided with a pivoted plate. Legs were pivoted to the ends of the transverse cleat, and to these legs another pair of legs having a round at their upper ends were pivoted. This round was adapted to engage one of the notches in the longitudinal cleat and to be held there by the pivoted plate; also, that a similar structure used a pair of spring-clips on a horizontal cleat in place of the longitudinal notched cleat of the first-named construction, and that a hook was pivoted to the under side of the table to engage a pin on one of the legs to hold them folded; and I do not claim such as of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A folding table consisting of the top A, transverse parallel cleats B B, extending across the under surface of the top, notches H J, in the ends of the said cleats, legs F D, and round E, connecting them at a point the same distance from round C as one of the notches H J, round C passing through the ends of the cleats opposite the notches into the ends of legs D, round G, connecting the upper ends of legs F, and pivoted latch-plates I K at the notched ends of each cleat, whereby when the table is unfolded the round G will enter notches H, and when folded the round E will enter the notches J and be held by the latches K from swinging out therefrom, substantially as set forth.

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