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Fig. 1.

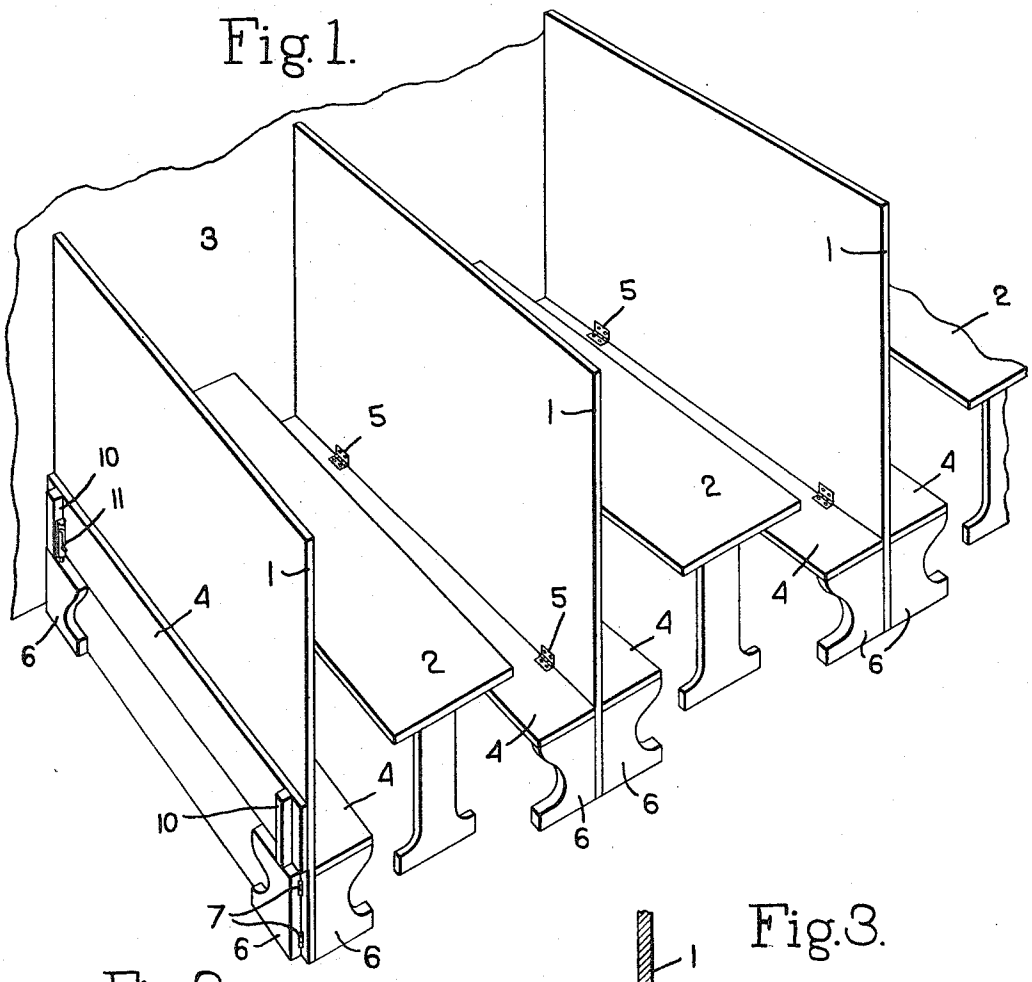



Fig. 2.

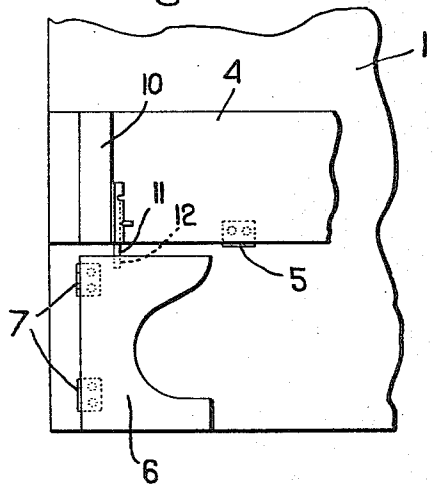
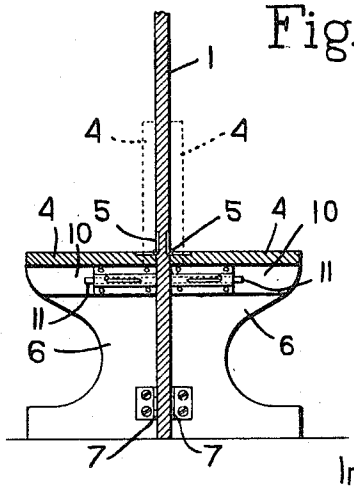



Fig. 3.




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It is more or less the common practice to provide ice cream parlors, restaurants, and similar eating places with separate eating compartments which open into and form part of the main room but are separated by partitions extending part way to the ceiling, these compartments being referred to as "booths," or "stalls," or "alcoves." In these booths or stalls the seats are secured to the partitions, the latter forming the backs and each booth thus has two long seats facing each other, one on each side of the table. Usually the tables and the partitions with the seats secured thereto form permanent fixtures in the room so that the space occupied by the alcoves can be used only for eating purposes.

Sometimes it is very desirable to be able to use for other purposes than eating the floor space of eating establishments which is occupied by the permanent booths or alcoves.

One of the objects of my present invention is to provide a novel portable alcove or booth construction which can be easily folded up and removed from the room when it is desired to use the floor space of the booth for other purposes than eating, and which can be as quickly and easily set up in position to form booths or alcoves when these are desired.

In order to give an understanding of the invention I have illustrated in the drawing a selected embodiment thereof which will now be described after which the novel features will be pointed out in the appended claims.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portion of an ice cream parlor or restaurant showing alcoves or booths embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view illustrating a portion of one of the partitions with the seat folded;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section through one of the partitions.

In the drawing 1 indicates partition members which form between them compartments each adapted to receive a table 2, each compartment constituting an alcove or booth. These partitions extend at right angles from one wall 3 of the main room as usual and each partition is provided with a seat 4 for each compartment. Each alcove or compartment, therefore, will have two seats 4, one on each side thereof with a table 2 between the seats.

In accordance with my present invention the partitions 1 with their seats 4, as well as the tables 2, are portable so that the partitions and tables can be readily removed when it is desired to use the floor space occupied by the booths or alcoves for other purposes. The partition members 1 are not secured to the floor.

Each partition member 1 is made with two seats 4, one on each side thereof and I propose to hinge the seats to the partition member so that they may fold thereagainst as indicated at the left hand side of the left hand partition in Fig. 1 and as shown in Fig. 2 and in dotted lines in Fig. 3. These seats 4 can be thus hinged to the partition member 1 in any suitable way. As herein shown I provide ordinary hinges 5 for this purpose.

When the seats 4 are in operative position they are supported by means of seat-supporting members 6, which, when in operative position, also form feet for supporting the partition members 1.

Each seat-supporting member 6 is shown as hinged to the partition 1 to swing about a vertical axis as shown at 7 so that said members may be either folded back against the partition as shown in Fig. 2 and on the left hand face of the left hand partition Fig. 1, or may be swung into operative position at right angles to the partition as shown in Fig. 3. I propose to use a pair of seat-supporting members 6 at each end of each partition, with which construction the seats 4 will be supported at each end. When the two seat-supporting members 6 at each end of each partition are placed in their operative position they form relatively wide bases or feet for supporting the partition and maintaining it in its upright position.

When it is desired to use the space occupied by the partition members 1 and tables 2 for purposes other than eating, the seats 4 and seat-supporting members 6 may be folded against the partition as shown at the left hand Fig. 1 and in dotted lines Fig. 2 and the partition members may then be readily removed and placed in any convenient place for storage. The tables 2 are also portable so that they can be readily carried from one position to another. The conversion of the space occupied by the booths from one containing booths to a free floor space can thus be carried out in a very short time and without the use of any tools or implements. Similarly, the conversion of a free floor space into one containing booths or alcoves can be made in a very short time by simply setting up the partition members and tables.

Means are herein provided for locking the seats 4 and seat-supporting members 6 in their folded position.

Each seat is provided adjacent its end with a cleat member 10. This member forms a stop for

the seat-supporting member 6 when the latter is in operative position.

The seat-supporting members are shown as being of thicker material than the seats so that when both the seats and the seat-supporting members are folded as shown at the left in Fig. 1 the seat-supporting member 6 projects beyond the seat.

The seat-supporting members are locked in their folded position by means of locking bolts 11 which are carried by the cleats 10 and are adapted to engage recesses 12 formed in the upper edge of the seat-supporting member 6.

I claim:

1. A portable booth construction for ice cream parlors, restaurants and the like, comprising a plurality of portable partition members adapted to be placed at right angles to the wall of a room thereby to form eating compartments opening into the room, seat members hinged to the partition members and adapted to fold thereagainst, seat-supporting members also hinged to the partition members and adapted to swing from an operative seat-supporting position at right angles to the partition member into an inoperative position against the partition member, means for locking the seat members in their folded position, locking bolts carried by the seat members and adapted to engage the top of the seat-supporting members when in their folded position thereby locking them in folded position against the partition, and portable tables separate from the partition members arranged to occupy said compartments, the portability of the partitions and tables permitting them to be removed to provide a free floor space.

2. A portable booth construction for ice cream parlors, restaurants and the like, comprising a plurality of portable partition members adapted to be placed at right angles to the wall of a room thereby to form eating compartments opening into the room, a seat member hinged to each partition member and adapted to fold there against, seat-supporting members also hinged to each partition member and adapted to swing from operative seat-supporting position into an inoperative position against the partition member, a locking device to lock each seat member in its folded position, comprising locking bolts carried by each seat member on the under side thereof and each adapted to lock into a notch formed in the upper edge of a seat-supporting member when the latter is folded.

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