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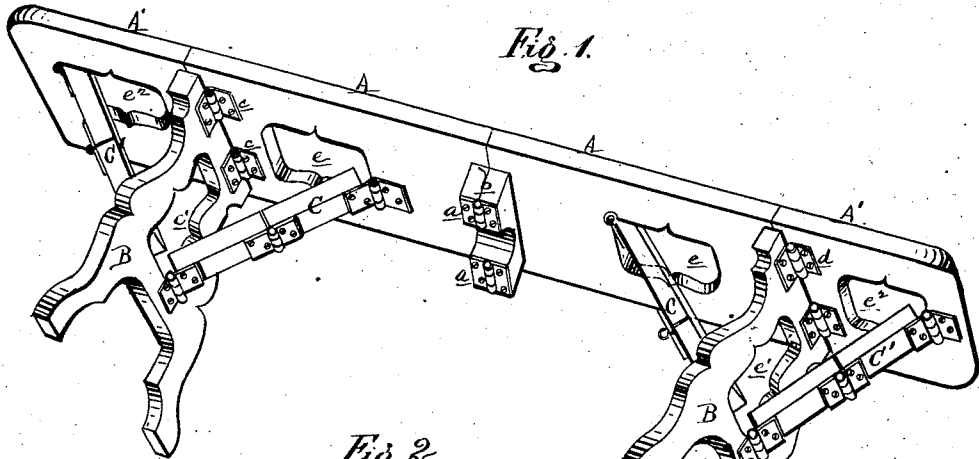
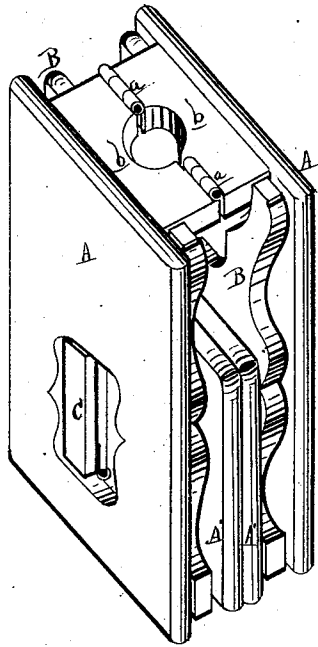


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING TABLES FOR UNDERTAKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CURTIS B. SIMMONS, of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Folding Pall-Table for Undertakers, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a table for supporting a coffin in lieu of the trestles heretofore used for that purpose, which table can be compactly folded into a small compass for transportation; and the invention consists in the novel and peculiar construction and combination of the table, leaves, legs, and braces, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the table extended, looking at it from below. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the table folded up.

In the drawing, A A represent the two main sections of my table, hinged together end to end by hinges *a* on pendent lugs *b*, whose depth is equal to the thickness of the leaves A' and legs B. The legs B are hinged to the ends of the main sections A by hinges *c*. When said legs are extended they project half their thickness at the top from the ends of the sections. The leaves A' are hinged to the tops of the legs by hinges *d*, which have one leaf set back from the edge of the fall-leaf, so that when the latter is raised it will abut against the end of the main section. Openings *e e'* *e''* are cut in the main sections, legs, and leaves, into which are, respectively, folded one-half of the jointed braces C C'. One end of

each brace C is hinged to the inner end of the opening in a main section, A, the other end being hinged to the lower end of the opening in the leg. At the other side of the leg-opening the brace C' is hinged, its upper end being hinged to the under side of the leaf at the outer end of the opening. All the hinges are on the under side of the braces, which are cut away at their middle joints to cause them to sag a little, and prevent them being accidentally folded up by end pressure upon the table.

When it is desired to fold the table, the braces C' are folded first, which folds the leaves down against the legs. The braces C are then doubled up, which folds the legs and leaves against the under side of the table; and, finally, the main sections of the table are folded together, the braces folding into the openings, as described, making a very convenient pall-table for funeral undertakers. It may also be used as a portable dissecting-table.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described folding pall-table, wherein the main sections A A, fall-leaves A' A', legs B B, and braces C C' C' C' are constructed and arranged to fold, substantially as shown and set forth.

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