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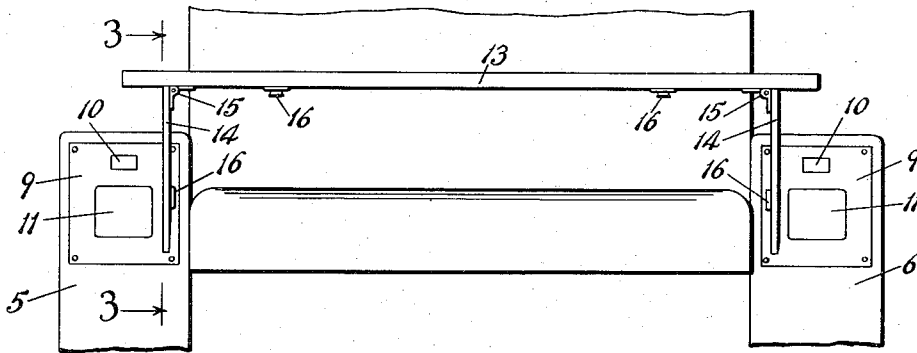


Fig. 2

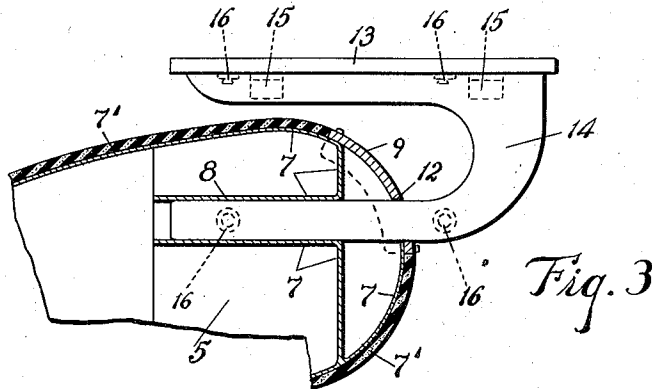


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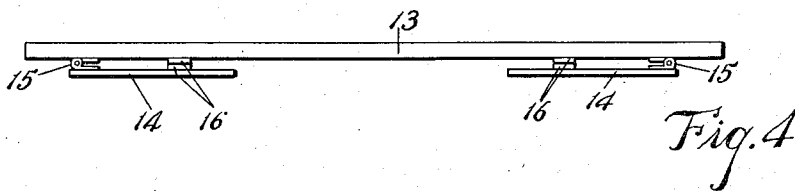


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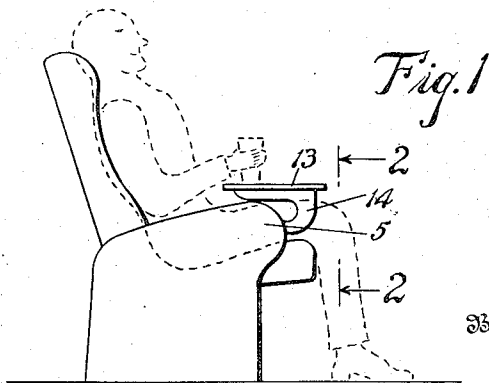


Fig. 1

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This invention relates to service tables for vehicle seats, and more particularly to a service table which can be easily attached to and detached from a chair or vehicle seat, and which can be folded into a flat condition for convenient storage in a pocket or other convenient place.

Among the salient objects of the invention are: to provide an extremely simple, practical and economical service table which can be easily inserted into place in the arms of a chair or seat, with the table properly positioned in front of the person to be served; to provide a service table of the character referred to having a minimum number of parts and which can be folded flatwise into small compass for storage.

Other objects and conveniences will be apparent from the following more detailed description of one practical embodiment of the invention, taken with the accompanying sheet of drawings in which—

Figure 1 shows a chair with the invention in place as a service table;

Figure 2 is an enlarged front view, as seen in Fig. 1 at line 2—2;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Figure 4 is an edge view of the service table folded for storage.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, the front ends of a chair or seat, which can be of any desired design, are designated 5 and 6, indicated as being of metal construction at 7, 7, Fig. 3, with a covering 7' thereon. Two narrow slideways, as 8, are provided therein, as seen in Fig. 3.

On the front of said arm is a finishing plate, as 9, making provision for small receptacles, as ash trays and the like, as at 10 and 11. Each of these finishing plates is provided with a narrow vertical slot, as 12, in register with the slideways 8, 8, formed within said arm structures.

This construction and arrangement can be of any suitable form or design, just so it provides in each arm the narrow vertical slot, as 12, to receive the arms of the service table, now to be described.

The service table, as here shown for explanatory purposes, includes a table top 13, which can be of any design and finish, with two flat U-shape arms or members 14, 14, hingedly connected to the under side of said table top, as at 15, 15, and so as to be folded flatwise against the underside thereof, as seen in Fig. 4, with small fastening means, as 16, 16, for holding said hinged members in folded condition, as seen in Fig. 4. Said fastening means can be something of the type of glove fasteners, with snap socket and ball.

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Thus I have provided an extremely simple and practical service table of the character referred to which can be quickly and easily secured in place for use without special fastenings or other mechanism to be manipulated and which can be as easily removed and folded into small space for storage.

I do not, however, limit my invention to the showing here made for explanatory purposes except as I may be limited by the hereto appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a vehicle passenger chair having arms at opposite sides for resting the arms of the passenger, a metal form set into the outer end of each arm and forming a slideway into each arm, open at its outer end, with a finish plate over the end of each arm, each finish plate having an opening therethrough in alinement with the slideway in said arm, a service table top having on its under side, two flat U-shaped members, hingedly connected each along one of the legs thereof to the under side of said table top, the other legs of said U-shaped members being removably received in the slideways in said arms for supporting said table top above said arms.

2. A vehicle passenger chair having arms at opposite sides, the ends of said arms each having a finishing plate, making provision for small receptacles, as ash trays and the like, each of said finishing plates having a narrow vertical slot therethrough, and each of said arms having therein, in alinement with said narrow vertical slot, a slideway, a table top having two flat U-shaped members, hingedly connected each along one of its legs to the underside of said table top, the other legs of said U-shaped members being removably received in the slideways in said arms, through the narrow vertical slots in said finishing plates, for supporting the table top above said arms.

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