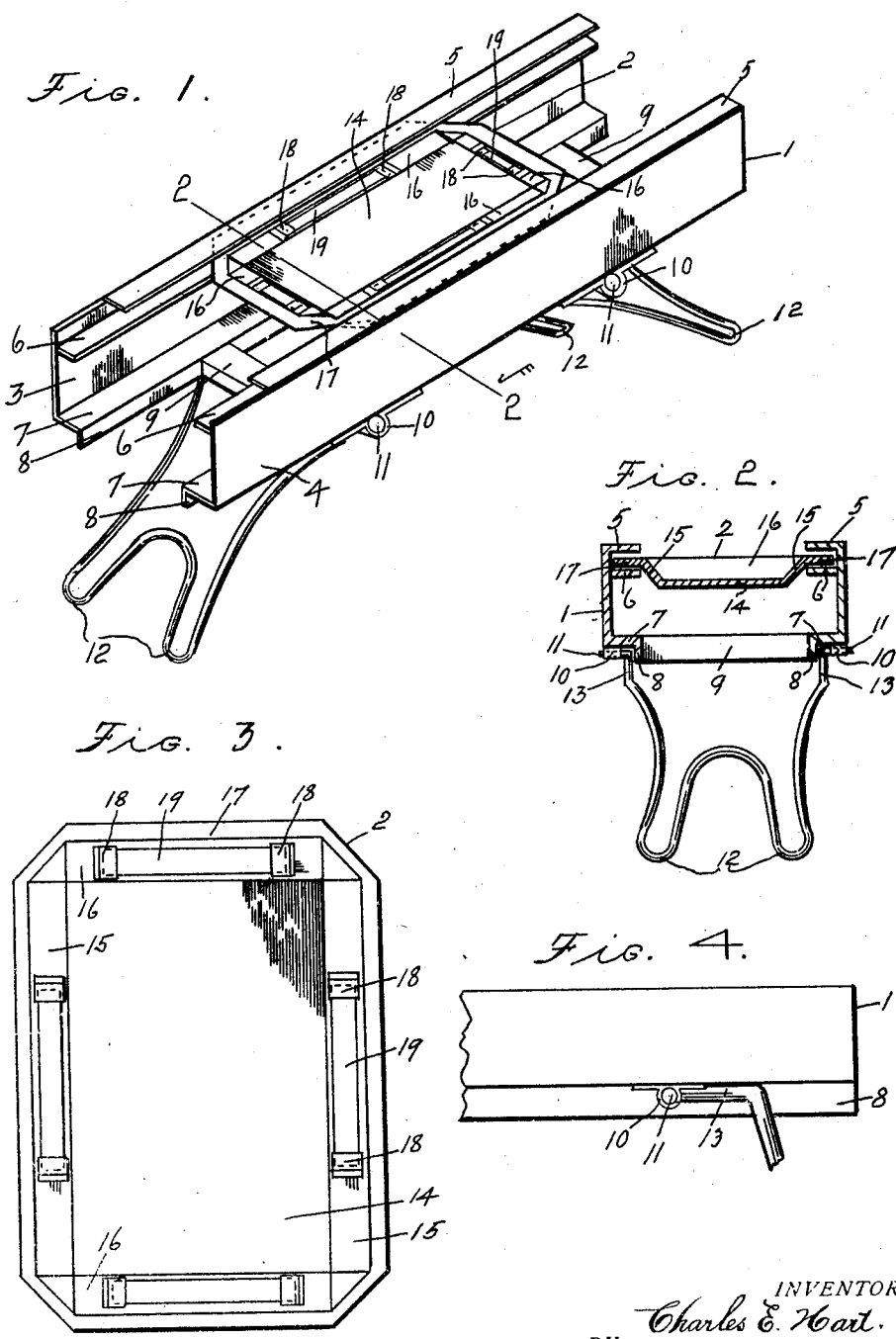


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. HART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Auto Serving Set, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to auto serving sets, and more particularly to a device of this character which is used for carrying and serving refreshments to persons seated in automobiles.

The object of the invention is to provide a portable auto serving set adapted for carrying refreshments to automobiles and there usable as a stand to serve the same to the persons in the automobile.

A further object of the invention is to provide the auto serving set with facilities for displaying cards and advertising matter.

I attain these objects and other advantages by means of the structure and combination of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—Figure 1, is a perspective view of an auto serving set which embodies my invention; Figure 2, is a cross section of the same, on the line 2—2, of Figure 1; Figure 3, is a top plan view of the tray member, a part of my invention; and Figure 4, is a side elevation of the end portion of one side member of the holding member, and showing the method of mounting the legs thereon.

The invention consists of an elongated tray holding member 1, and a tray member 2, which is slidably mounted thereon. The tray holding member comprises spaced apart channelled members 3 and 4, the channels being disposed inwardly in opposition to each other. The channelled members are each provided longitudinally thereof and closely paralleling their upper flanges 5, with inwardly projecting flanges or rails 6, thereby forming a slide bearing for a tray member hereinafter described, and at the inner edges of the lower flanges 7, of the side members, are downwardly projecting flanges 8. Between the side members 3 and 4, are connected cross members 9. On the lower sides of the lower flanges 7, of the side members, adjacent both ends thereof, are mounted bearing boxes 10, in which boxes are rotatably mounted the upper terminals of legs 11. The legs are preferably made of suitable wire which is bent to

form feet portions 12, and crank portions 13, the latter being adapted for bearing on the lower sides of the lower flanges of the side members to support the tray holding member when the legs are rotated outwardly of the ends thereof, as is shown in Figure 4. The tray member consists of an elongated plane portion 14, which is provided with upwardly and outwardly flaring side portions 15, and end portions 16, having at their upper edges an outwardly extending flange 17, which flange is adapted for sliding upon the slide bearing or rail 6, and move thereon longitudinally of the tray holding member. On the inner sides of the flaring sides and ends of the tray member are spaced apart clips 18, which are adapted for receiving cards bearing information data or advertisements, as is shown at 19.

The device is made of any suitable metal, preferably of aluminum, because of its lightness and noncorrosive quality. It may, however, be made of any other material, such as wood, fiber, and the like.

When the serving set is used to carry refreshments to an automobile, the legs 11, are rotated inwardly of the ends of the tray holding member to lie flat against the lower side of the same. When refreshments carried by the serving set are to be served to persons seated in automobiles, the legs are rotated outwardly of the tray holding member until the crank portion of the legs are bearing upon the lower sides of the side members of the device, thus forming a stand which is placed crosswise of the automobile and on the floor in front of the persons to be served. When the service is ended, the device is taken from the automobile, the legs rotated under the tray holder, and the glasses, plates and other articles used carried back to the store or place of keeping the refreshments.

The auto serving set saves time in serving refreshments, and is a great convenience for the parties served in automobiles, obviating the necessity of passing, from one to the other, liquids, and foods, and eliminating entirely the danger of spilling liquids upon the furnishings of the automobile and the clothes of the persons served. Moreover, the service by waiters is much more rapid and accurate, thereby, many more parties may be served. The time saved to the waiter allows him to wait upon others.

Having described my invention what I claim is—

In an auto serving set, a pair of spaced apart side rails having longitudinal channels disposed in opposite relation, bearing
5 boxes mounted on the lower sides of said rails in opposite relation, swinging members having their terminals journaled in said

bearing boxes and adapted for supportingly engaging said rails, and a tray slidably 10 mounted in the channels in said rails.

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