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Self-Waiting Table,

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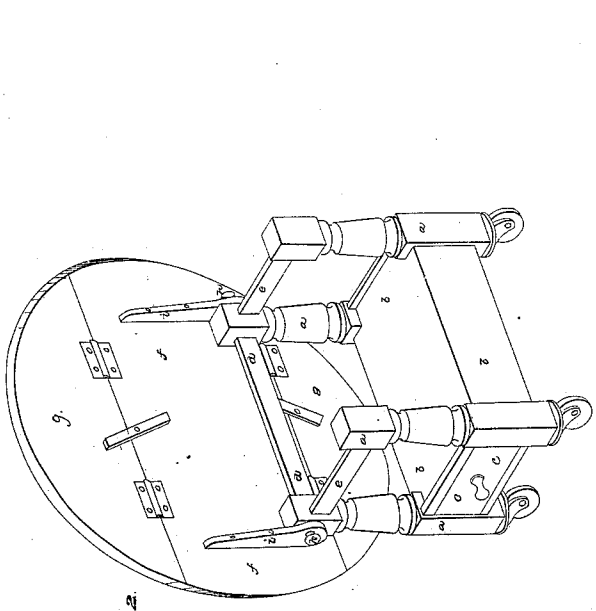


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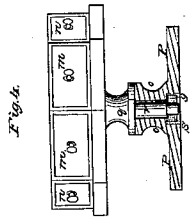


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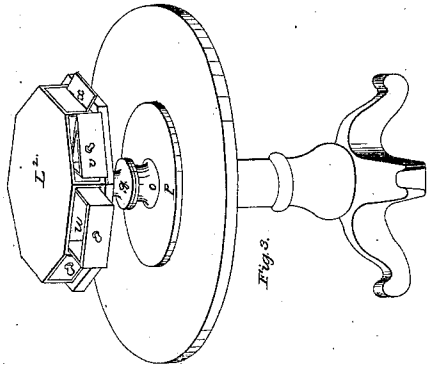


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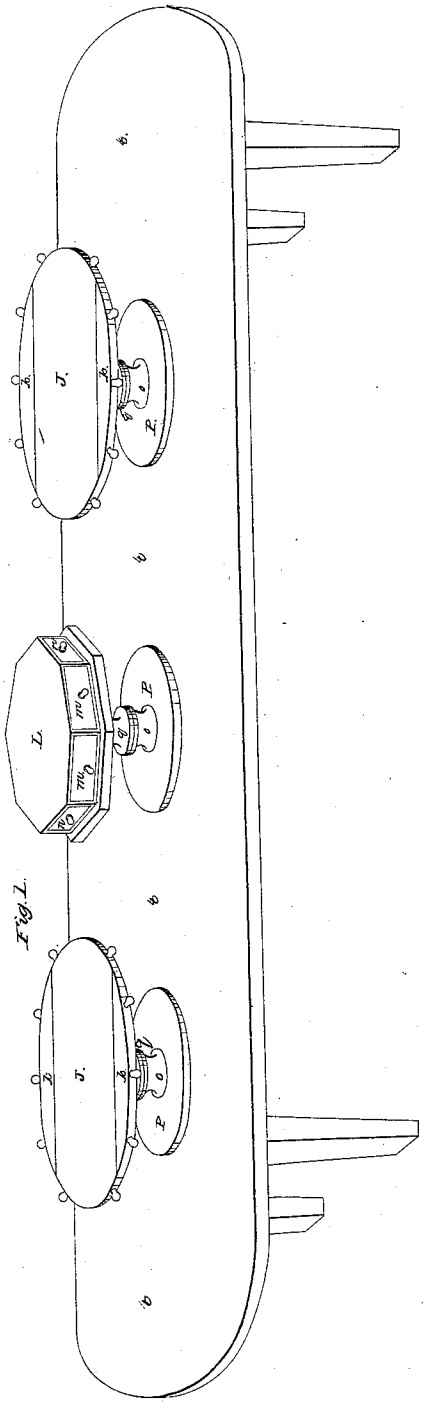


Fig. 1.

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DINING AND OTHER TABLE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 21,885, dated October 26, 1858.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER KINKEAD, of the county of Washington, in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rotating Dining-Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

Figure 1, represents a hotel dining table with the arrangement and combination of my improvement. Fig. 2, shows a family breakfast or dining table. Fig. 3 represents an office or business table. Fig. 4 represents a front view of the rotating attachment, and showing also in vertical section, the pedestal part.

The nature of my improvement consists in the combination and arrangement of an ordinary dining or other table, with an adjustable, receptacle, rotating tablet, and an upwardly folding hinged disk, whereby and through all of which economy of space is obtained and an additional area of surface brought into use for purposes of convenience, and in order also to dispense with much attention, heretofore found essential in ordinary domestic service.

In Fig. 1, my improvements are represented applied to a long dining table. At J, J, are shown rotating devices of a circular form, and constructed of a center, J, and two leaves K K hinged so as to close, or fold upward, over on top of the center part; and at L, is represented another rotating device, formed in an octagon shape, and provided with drawer-like receptacles *m*, *m*, *m*, *n*, *n*. These devices are mounted on a pillar or column O, O, O, formed with or attached to a base part P, P, P, P, P, sufficiently large in diameter to prevent any tilting over of the rotating part, which is connected with a pedestal part *q*, *q*, *q*, *q*, to the lower end of which is formed, or attached, a shank or stem *r*, fitting into a corresponding bore or socket, formed vertically through the column, and base parts O P, O P, the end of the shank or stem, having a screw thread formed thereon, to which fits a suitable nut *s*, *s*, working in a depression or seat formed in the underneath side of the base part as shown in Fig. 4.

In Fig. 3, is represented my improvements, combined with an ordinary office or business table.

When the small, family table represented in Fig. 2, is to be used, it can be placed in its required place, the top turned down and hooked to the legs *a*, *a*, or confined in any convenient manner, while the rotating device J, may be set on top, or if desired the tablet part L, with its drum like receptacles may be used instead; and as the column and pedestal parts together are sufficiently long in height, to afford the space required between the top of the table, and the bottom of the rotating part, this rotating part can be used to very great advantage; for in addition to the plates and dishes used upon the main table, extra plates and dishes can be arranged on the top of the rotating part, so that persons who may be seated around the table, may in a most ready and convenient manner bring toward them any dish, or article desired, without inconveniencing the adjoining person, and also without requiring the services of a waiter, by taking hold of the little knobs, shown around the circumference of the tablet and disks.

By the employment of my rotating devices at least one third more space is obtained, besides the various viands, and dishes are more readily accessible to the persons seated at table. It will be observed too, that in large dwellings, hotels, and refectories, the usual annoyances of shortness of force, and crowded positions, can be materially overcome, in the employment of my improvements, thus affording a much desired degree of comfort to the sitters at table.

By constructing the base parts P, P, of a suitable thickness, and of diameter sufficient merely to prevent tilting over, many extra dishes can be conveniently arranged around on the surface of the base, part P, P, without encroaching upon the necessary space required for the plates, knives and forks.

Having fully described the nature, construction and application of my improvements, what I claim as new and desire to have secured by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination and arrangement of the adjustable, drawer like, or chambered rotating tablet L, L^2, and as at Fig. 4, with the hinged, upwardly folding disk J, J, K, K, when constructed as shown, and used with a dining or other table, for the purposes, substantially in the manner as herein set forth and described.

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