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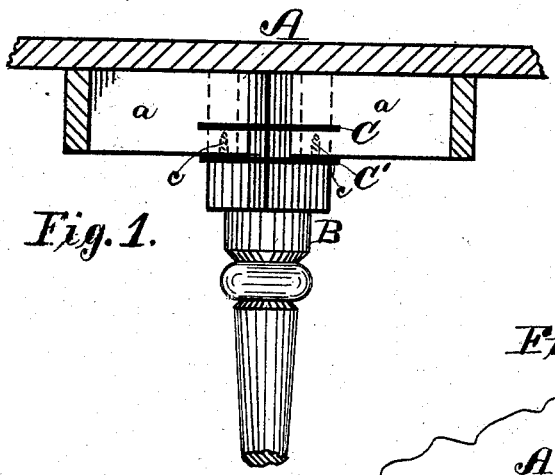

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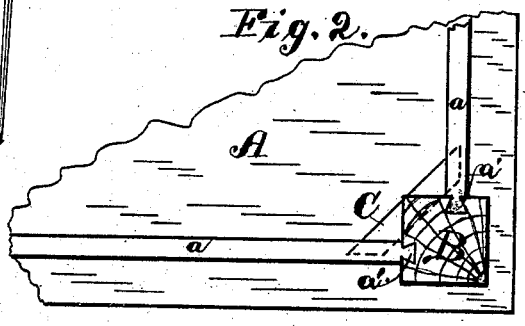
Fig. 2.



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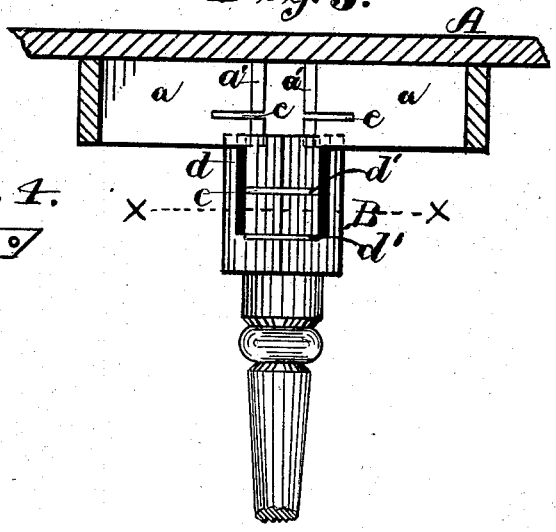

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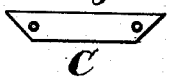

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE ROBBINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tables, of which the following is a specification..

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in knockdown tables, the object of which is to provide a table with legs which may be removed for convenience of shipping, and which may be readily replaced and secured thereto by the purchaser; and it consists in the devices and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described. I attain these objects by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation, showing a leg secured to the table in the proper manner. Fig. 2 represents a broken section of the table, bottom side up, also a section of the leg on the line *x x*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation, representing the top of the table, with the leg partially removed to show the saw-kerf in rails and a cross leg. Fig. 4 is a plan of key or strip used to secure leg to rail.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents the top of a table, which may be square, round, or any desired shape, with or without leaves.

B is the leg, the general form of which is unchanged from those now in use, the square head or upper end of which is provided with dovetail grooves *d d* let into two of its sides, said grooves running lengthwise the leg and a distance equal to the width of the rails *a a*, so that when the leg is slipped out of the rails the dovetail tongue *a'* of the rail *a* fits comparatively tight and prevents lateral displacement of the leg. The leg, being thus united, is secured in place by a flat strip of metal or wood, C, which is inserted in a saw-kerf, *e*, cut into the leg transversely, and also into the side of the rails, as shown at *e e*, Figs. 3 and 1.

In Fig. 1 is also shown one other method of utilizing the metallic or wooden strip C, by inserting it in a saw-kerf, *d'*, cut into the leg transversely and on a line with the lower edge of the rails, the ends of the strip being secured to the edge of each rail by screws *c c*.

I am aware that knockdown tables have been constructed in which the legs were inserted vertically and secured to a rigid corner-brace. I therefore do not claim such construction broadly, my invention relating to improved means for securing the legs in position and facilitating their removal.

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

In a knockdown table, the combination, with the rails *a*, provided with slots *e* and dovetail tongue *a'*, and the leg B, formed with corresponding dovetail grooves, *d*, and the slot *d'*, of the strip C, adapted to be placed in slots *d' d'* to secure the leg in position, as shown and described.

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