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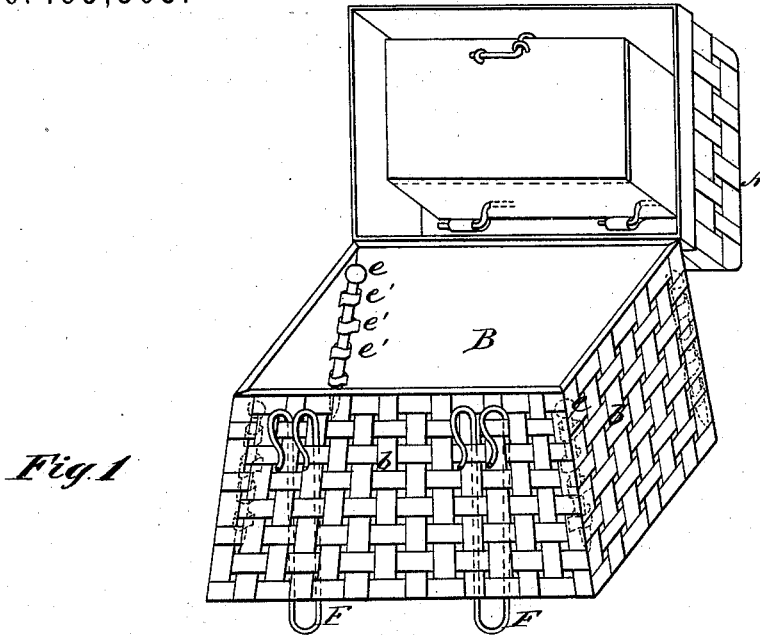


Fig. 1

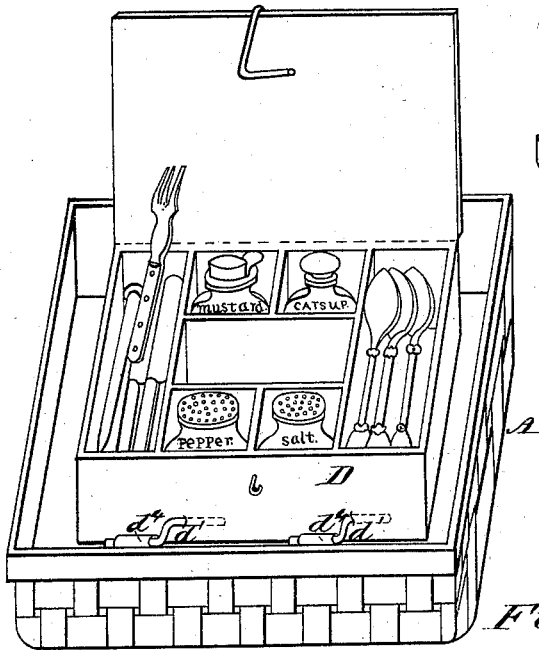


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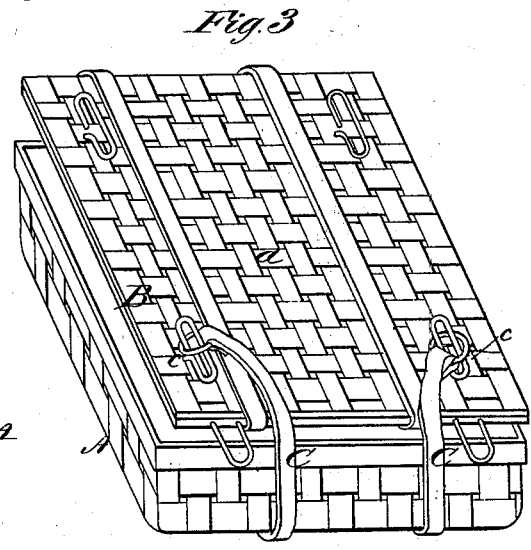


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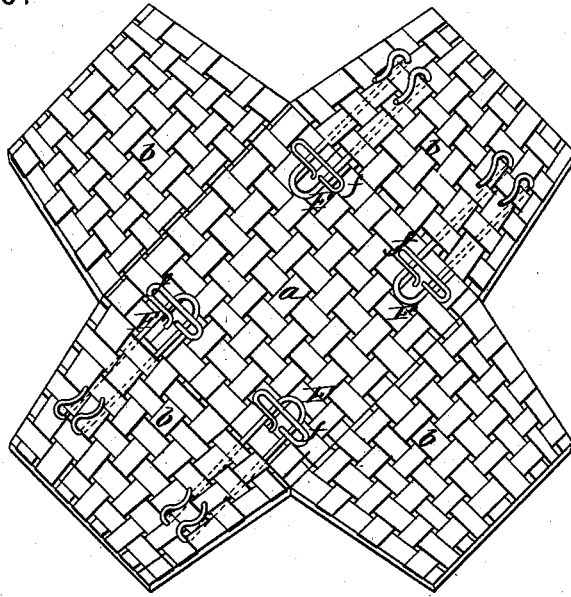
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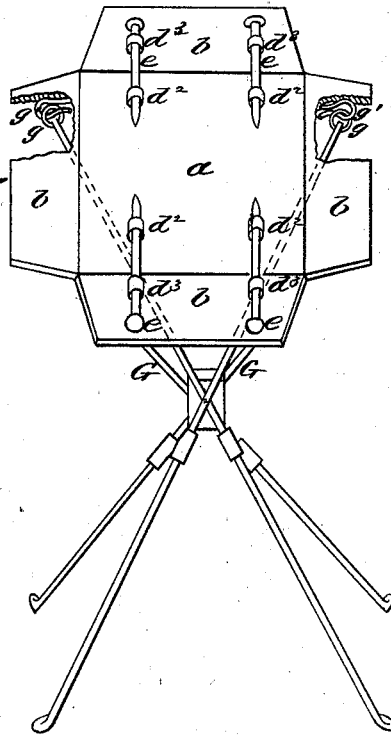
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## IMPROVEMENT IN CONVERTIBLE LUNCH BASKETS AND TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMMA B. CARVER, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Convertible Lunch Basket and Table; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of lunch-box arranged for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing cover and contents. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of parts folded. Fig. 4 is an under-side view of table top. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of table.

The object of this invention is to provide a neat and compact contrivance for the convenience of travelers, tourists, and others. Said invention accordingly consists in the novel construction and combination of devices adapted to fold and fit closely together in the form of a conveniently portable package, and comprising the constituent elements of a lunch-basket, lunch-table, and service-box, all as hereinafter more fully described.

Referring to the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, A designates a tray made of wicker-work or other suitable material, of rectangular form, and adapted for the ordinary purposes of a lunch-tray, as well as to constitute a lid to the lunch-basket. B designates a device to be used interchangeably as a lunch-basket and table top. The device B consists of the center mat *a* and hinged folding sections *b b*. The latter are utilized to form the sides of the lunch-box, as shown in Fig. 1, or to form leaves for a table, as shown in Fig. 5. When serving the former purpose the edges of the sections *b* are united by pins *e* passing through loops *e' e'*. These pins are also used to support two of the leaves in a horizontal position when the device B is used as a table top, the pins then being passed through loops *d<sup>2</sup> d<sup>3</sup>*. The other two leaves are similarly supported

by sliding loops F, fastened across the joints by means of pivoted buttons or equivalent means *f*.

G G are the table-legs, which intersect and are pivoted together so that they may be folded. These legs hold rings *g* on their upper ends, which are attachable to the bent ends *g'* of the loops F.

D designates the service-box designed to contain spices, condiments, &c., and occupying the center of the tray A, to which it is fastened by means of sliding pins *d'* entering the loops *d<sup>4</sup>*. This box is detachable, and, besides being used as a service-receptacle, may be used as a holder for sewing conveniences, the tray being useful as a work-basket.

C C are straps, which serve as handles, and to hold the tray A and device B together, and with the contents of the tray form a compact package suitable for transportation. The tray A, it will be seen, serves a double purpose—as a means of carrying dishes and other articles when the box is removed, and with or without the box as a lid for the lunch-basket, with which appliance the latter must or should be provided.

Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The lunch-basket body B, constructed of the sections *a b*, hinged together and provided with devices to lock it in position, either when folded as a lunch basket or box or extended as a table top, substantially as specified.

2. The tray A, having the loops *d<sup>4</sup>*, in combination with the box D, having the sliding pins *d'*, substantially as shown and described.

3. The detachable case D, in combination with the tray A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. The combination of the mat *a*, sections *b*, loops *e'*, and pins *e*, forming the basket B, as shown.

5. The sliding loops F and buttons *f*, in combination with the mat *a* and sections *b*, constituting a table top, substantially as described.

6. The pins *e* and loops *d<sup>2</sup> d<sup>3</sup>*, in combina-

tion with the mat *a* and sections *b*, constituting a table top, and provided with means for the attachment of legs, substantially as described and shown.

7. The folding legs *G*, in combination with the folding table top, consisting of the mat *a* and hinged sections *b b*, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of April, 1875.

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