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Dish Mat,

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Fig. 1.

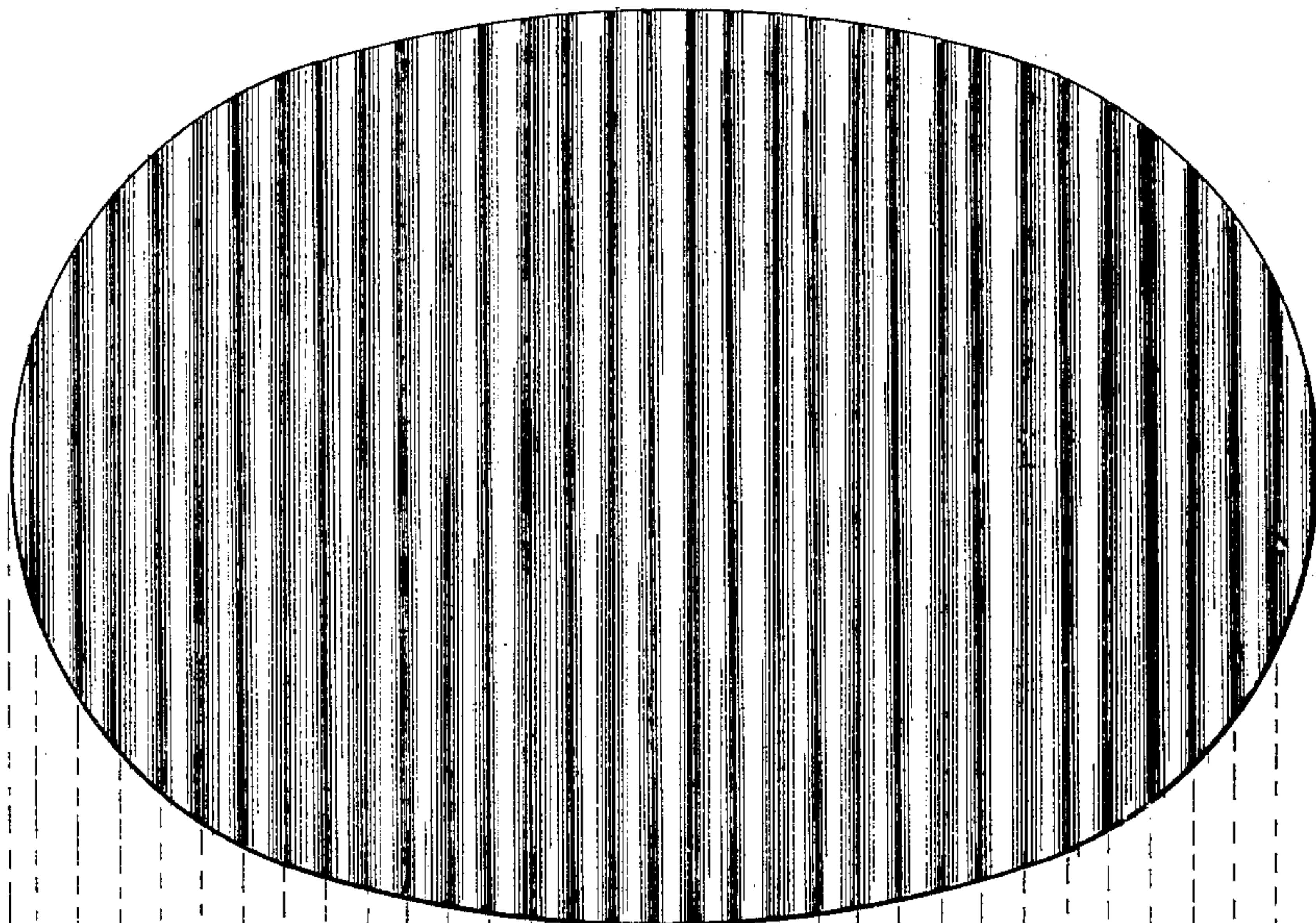
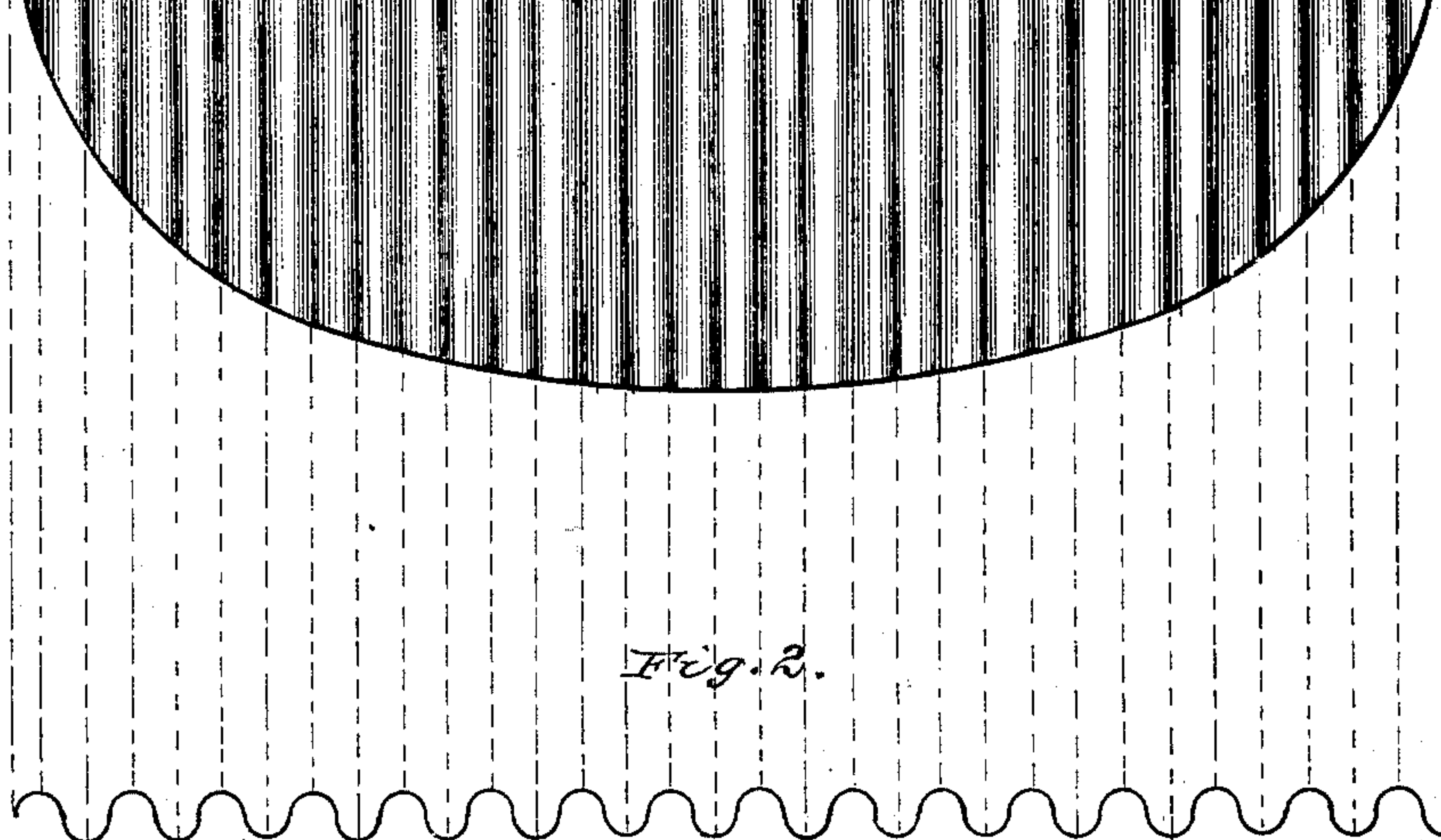


Fig. 2.



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TABLE-MAT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA LEONARD, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a Corrugated Table-Mat; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.
10 Figure 1, represents a plan of my table mat. Fig. 2, represents a section of the same.

I construct my mat by taking a plain sheet of metal or any other suitable substance, and first cut it to any desired form, and then pass it through a machine that shall bend it back and forth or crimp it, in regular corrugations, as seen in the drawings, Fig. 2, so that when it is laid upon
15 the table, each corrugation shall touch it only by a single line throughout its length—and also, so that when a dish is placed upon it, it shall come in contact with the mat only on the most prominent line of each corrugation. I shall also construct my mat by
20 molding, casting, forming with dies or swaging—or in any other manner that shall produce substantially what I here describe.

The object of my mat is to receive upon it any hot or other dish that may be desired
30 to place upon the table, and thus protect the table from being scorched or soiled; and this it does in the first instance, because the corrugations afford a space through which the air may circulate between the dish and the
35 table, and because the dish touching the mat on so few points, can not impart much of its heat to it. The mat is also capable of being washed and scoured, so that when it becomes soiled, it may be readily and easily cleaned.
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A corrugated table mat for the purpose and substantially as described.
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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

IRA LEONARD.

In presence of us—
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