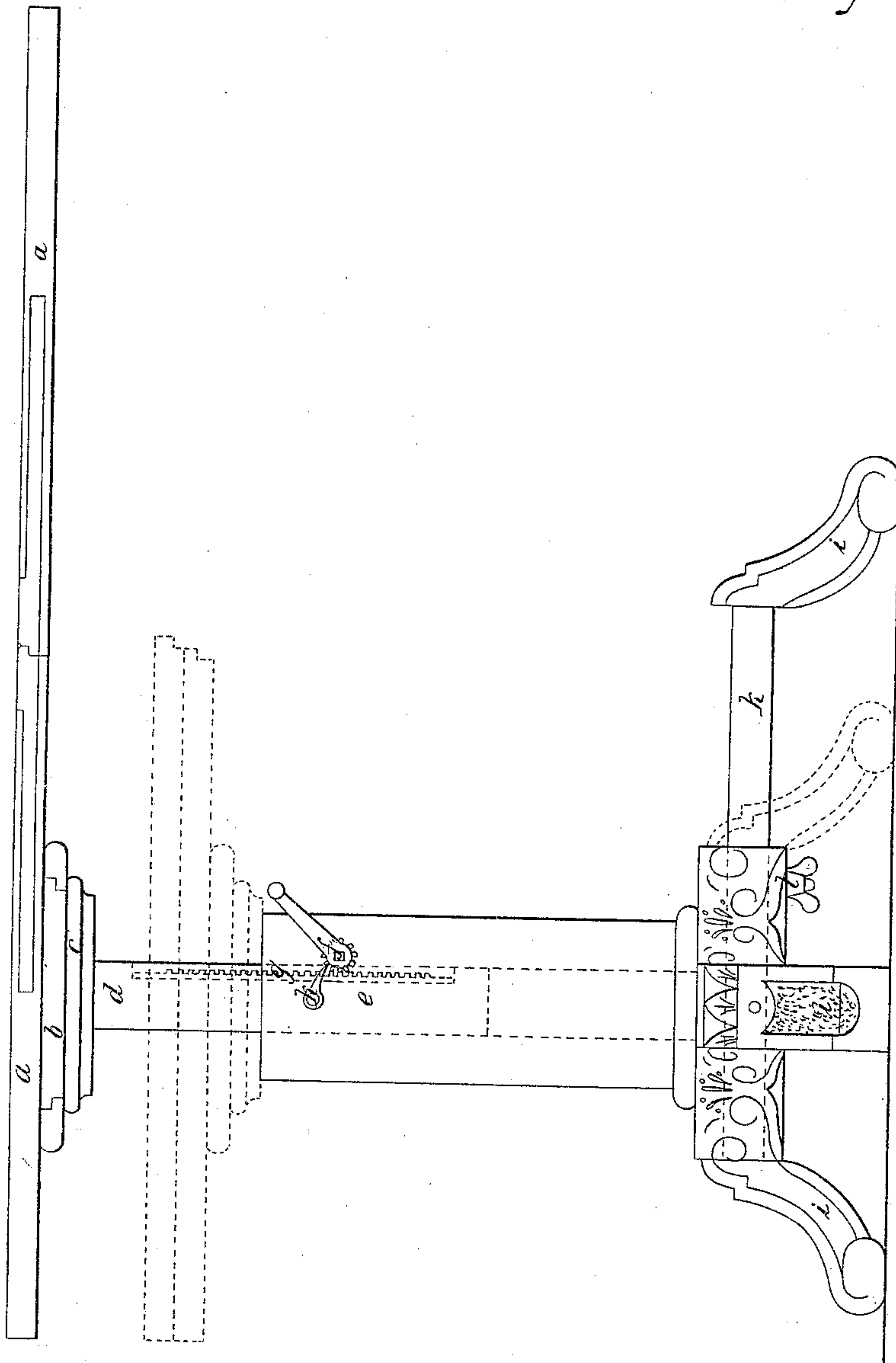


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## TABLE FOR THE SICK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANSELM MILLHAUSER, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tables, which I term a "Table for the Sick"; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a table for the use of persons confined to a bed, by which the convenience of a table for eating or writing may be had without incommoding the occupant by reaching beyond the side of the bed or by resting any portion of the table upon it.

To accomplish this object, my invention consists in mounting the top of a folding or otherwise extensible table upon a column or pillar by means of a swivel-joint and sliding standard, so that when the table is standing at the side of the bed the projecting top may be turned over it and adjusted at a height convenient to the use of the person for whom it may be required; and to enable the projecting part of the table to be safely used one of the feet supporting the column or pillar of the table is made to slide outward, so that the base of the support of the table may be projected under the bed to correspond with the projection of the top above it.

To enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation with reference to the drawing, which represents a table such as I have described with the top extended and raised and one of the feet projecting so as to extend the support.

The folding top *a* is secured by means of the collar *b* to the cap *c* of the standard *d*, in such a manner that the inner lip of the collar fits into the groove of the cap, so that, although the top is securely held, it may be rotated in any direction. The standard *d*, which carries the top of the table, is worked up and down in the pillar *e* by means of the crank and pinion *f* gearing into the rack *g* let into the side of the standard, and shown in dotted lines. The standard and table are held at any desired height by a ratchet-wheel on the crank and pinion shaft and the pawl. The column or pillar *e*, by which the table is carried, rests upon legs or feet *i*, one of which is carried on a sliding bar, *k*, that may be extended as shown in the drawing and secured by the thumb-screw *l*.

The red lines in the drawing indicate the appearance of the table when the top is folded and lowered upon the pillar and the projecting foot drawn in, so that the whole presents merely the appearance of an ordinary table.

Having thus described the manner in which I prefer to carry my invention into effect, I would observe that the details of adjustment and construction generally may be modified without material departure from the principle I have described and illustrated on the drawing.

I claim as my invention—

A table for the sick, constructed with an adjustable swinging top capable of projecting over a bed and steadied by means of an extensible foot, substantially in the manner herein specified.

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