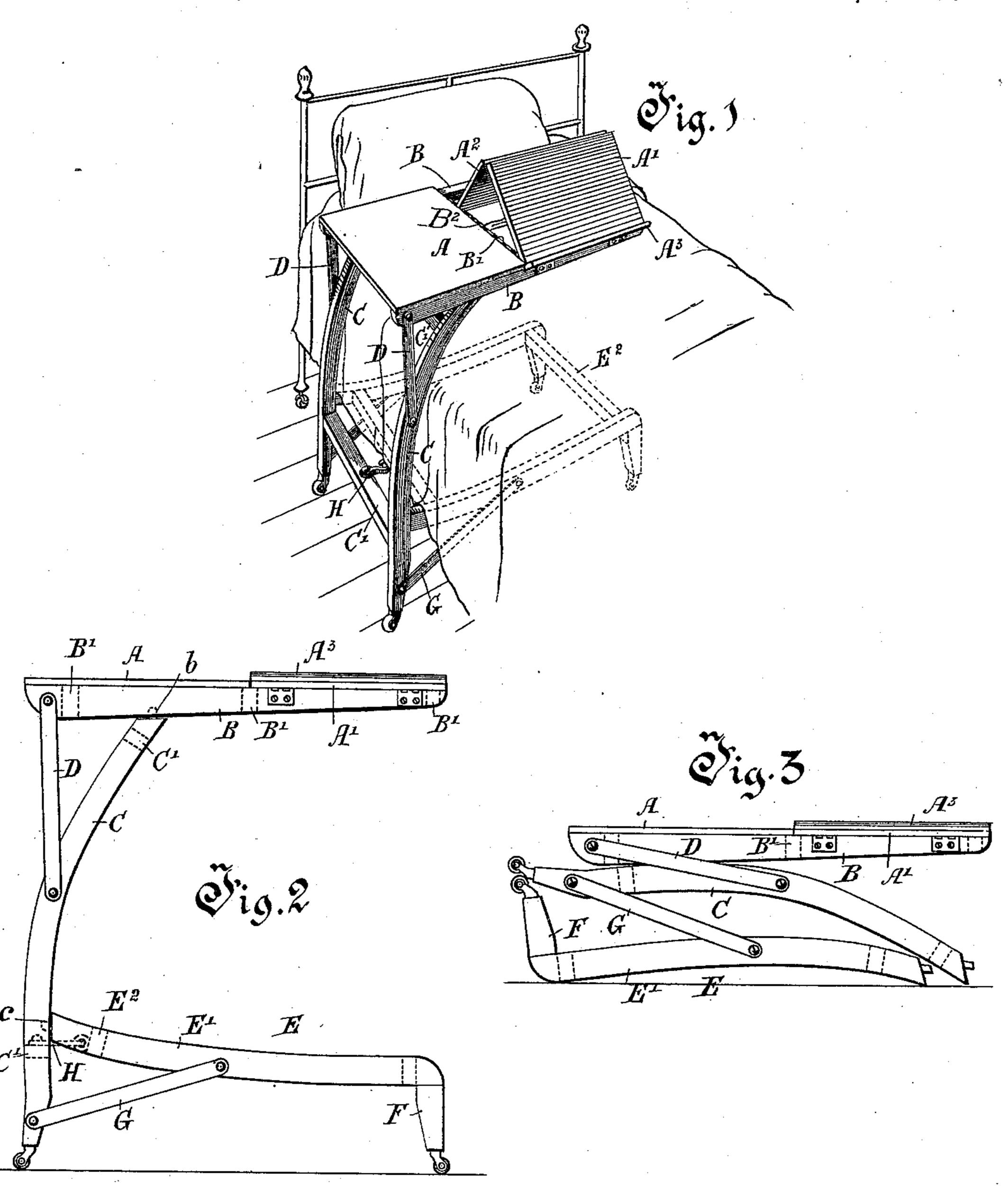
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM REID FEE, of the city of Montreal, in the district of Montreal and Province of Quebec, Canada, have 5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact

description of the same.

My invention has reference to tables which to are primarily intended for use in sick-rooms. hospital-wards, and in all cases in which any person is forced to remain in a recumbent position, but may also be employed as a sewingtable, and in any case in which an endless fab 15 ric of any kind is to be worked upon. It will also serve as a reading-desk, and is so constructed as to fold up into a very small space when not wanted.

My invention may be thus briefly described: 20 The slab or table-top proper is mounted on two side ribs, in the under side of which are formed recesses to receive the ends of two curved legs or supports properly attached together by braces, and these legs or supports 25 are further connected to the ribs by pivoted links. Into mortises or recesses in the front side of these supports fit the ends of the side pieces of a frame, the other end of which is carried by short legs. Pivoted links connect 30 the uprights and frame, which are also rigidly attached together by any suitable fastening.

To fold up the table, all that is needed is to undo the fastening and release the ends of the legs from the ribs and the ends of the frame 35 from the legs, when all the parts can be laid to-

gether.

For full comprehension, however, of the invention, reference must be had to the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, in

40 which—

Figure 1 is a view of my table in place by a bed; Fig. 2, a side view of same when put up, and Fig. 3 a similar view when folded up. Similar letters of reference indicate like

45 parts.

A is the slab or table-top proper, of any suitable size; and B B, the ribs or side supports with braces B' B', on which it is mounted.

C C are the curved legs or supports, con-

nected by braces or side bars, C' C', and hav- 50 ing their upper ends fitting into mortises or recesses bb, formed in BB, DD being pivoted links connecting B B and C C. Into recesses cc in the front sides of CC enter the ends of the side bars, E', of the frame E, these being 55 joined by cross-bars E2, and the other end of the frame being carried on legs F. Pivoted links G attach together the frame E and legs C. The several parts are so proportioned in length and in their connection' with each other (o that when the apparatus is set up, as in Fig. 2, the table A will be exactly horizontal.

In some cases it may be found desirable to form a part of the table to serve as a desk, as shown in Fig. 1, the part so serving being 65 hinged to one of the side supports, B, and halved, the two halves A' A2 being connected, and the one A2, which slides along to give the desired angle of inclination, being moved in racks B2, formed on the upper surface of braces 70 B', and provided with any suitable means for securing it in the desired position. Beads or projections A<sup>3</sup> may be placed along the lower edges of the halves A' A<sup>2</sup>.

H is any suitable fastening connecting C' and 75 E<sup>2</sup>, and securing all the parts together, and when this is disengaged the apparatus may be folded up into the position shown in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, I beg to state that what I claim as new, and wish se- 80 cured by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. In a folding table, the combination of the table-top, the legs having their upper ends removably connected to said top, links pivoted to said top and legs, a base-frame having one 85 end removably connected to said legs, and links pivoted to said legs and frame, whereby the top, legs, and frame may be folded together, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the table proper 90 and side ribs, of the curved supports CC, connected to same by links D D, frame E, connected to supports C by links G, and fastening H, all as and for the purposes set forth.

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