

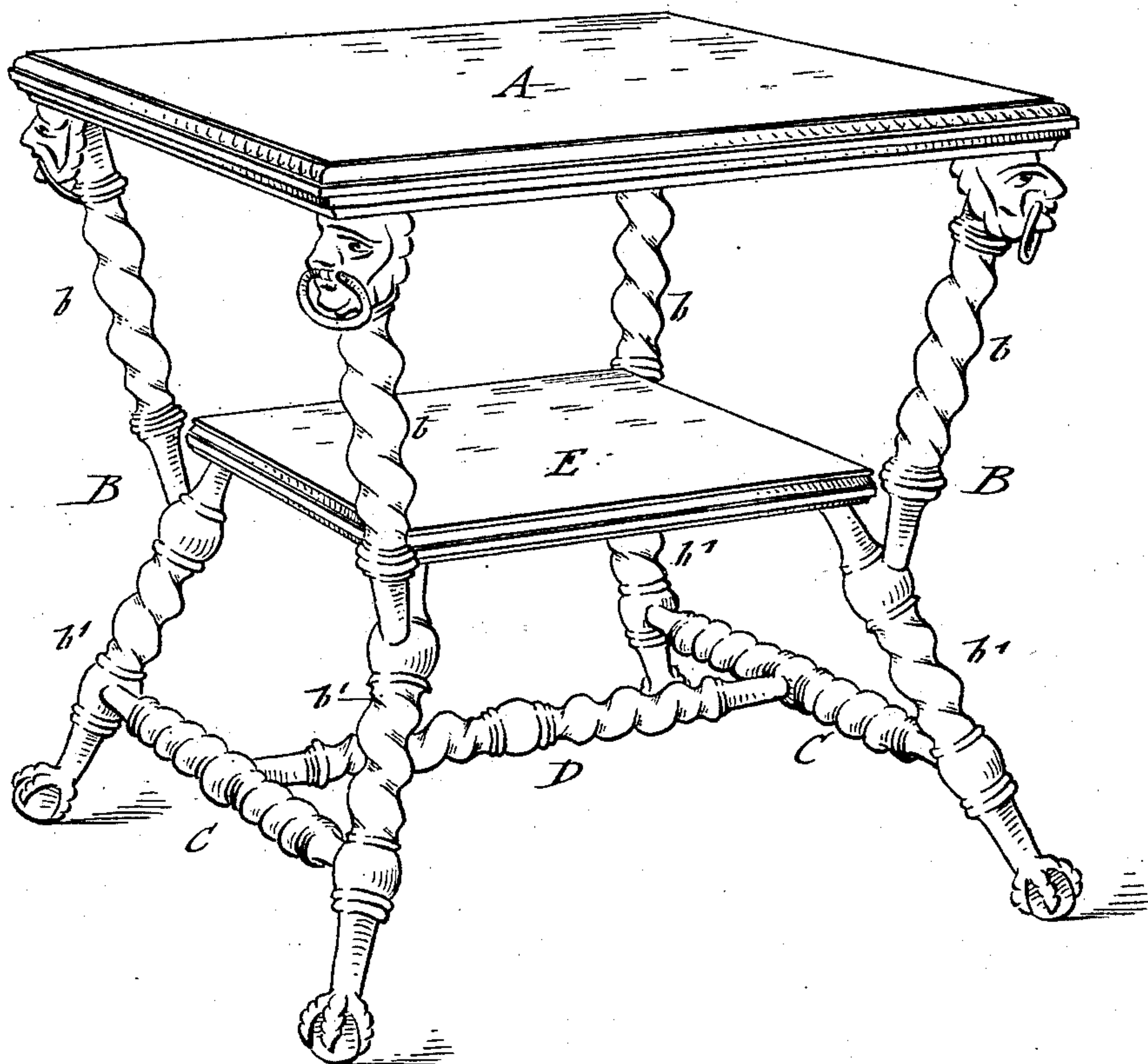
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN MERKLEN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improve-
5 ments in Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction of tables for parlor and other purposes, by which a very ornamental appearance
10 and the general character of mediæval furniture is imparted to the same.

The invention consists of a table the legs of which are made of two sections which are connected at an obtuse angle to each other, the
15 lower sections being extended above the point of connection with the upper sections, so as to support a smaller auxiliary table or shelf below the top or main plate of the table.

The accompanying drawing represents a
20 perspective view of my improved table.

A in the drawing represents the top or main plate of my improved table, which is supported by legs B, each of which is formed of two sections—an upper section, *b*, and a
25 lower section, *b'*—which are united at an obtuse angle to each other. The lower sections, *b'*, are connected by transverse brace-pieces C, which are again connected by a longitudinal brace-piece, D. In place of the brace-pieces C
30 and D, the legs B may be braced diagonally or in any other manner. The upper ends of the lower leg-sections, *b'*, are extended above the point of connection with the upper sections, *b*, and support an auxiliary table or shelf, E, of
35 smaller size than the top or main part A of the table, said auxiliary table or shelf serving for supporting small articles thereon. The auxiliary table or shelf C connects the upper ends of the lower leg-sections and acts as a sec-

ond brace for the same, so that they support
40 rigidly the upper leg-sections and top of the table. The leg-sections are preferably finished in spirally-twisted wood or other ornamental style, whereby the mediæval character is imparted to the table. The construction of
45 the legs B permits the use of short pieces of wood for the same, which can be easier handled in twisting and ornamenting them. A very neat and ornamental table can thereby be furnished at a comparatively low price,
50 especially as smaller pieces of the better class of woods of which this class of tables is made are less expensive than the longer and heavier pieces required for the legs of the tables heretofore in use.

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

1. A table composed of legs formed of two sections jointed at an obtuse angle to each other, a top supported on the upper leg-sections, and an auxiliary table or shelf supported on the upwardly-extended ends of the lower leg-sections, substantially as set forth.

2. A table composed of legs formed of two sections jointed at an obtuse angle to each other, brace-pieces connecting the lower leg-sections, an auxiliary table or shelf supported on the upper ends of the lower leg-sections, and a top or main plate, of larger size than the shelf, supported by the upper leg-sections, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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