

(No Model.)

J. A. R. STUDWELL.
GAME ATTACHMENT FOR TABLES.

No. 413,690.

Patented Oct. 29, 1889.

Fig. 1.

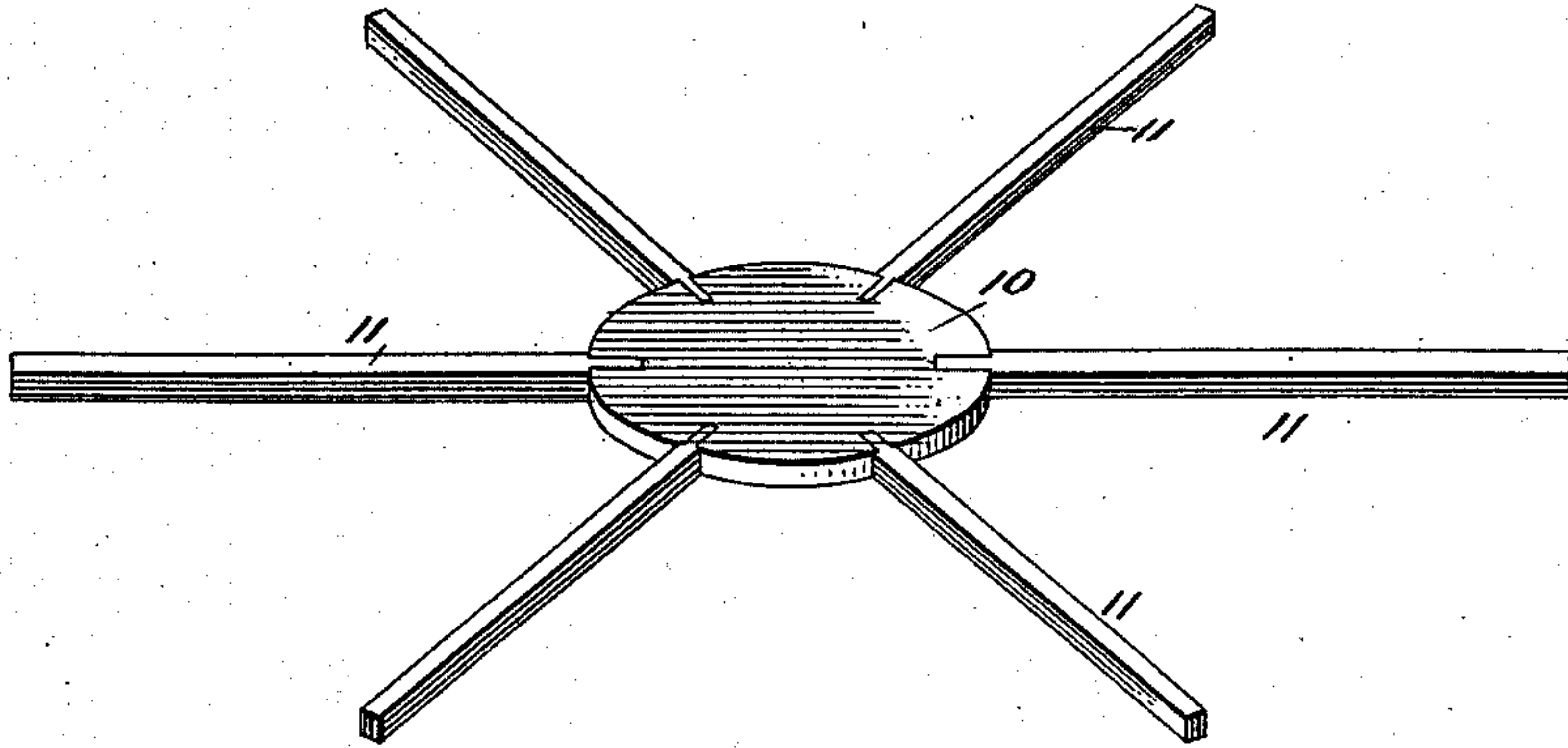
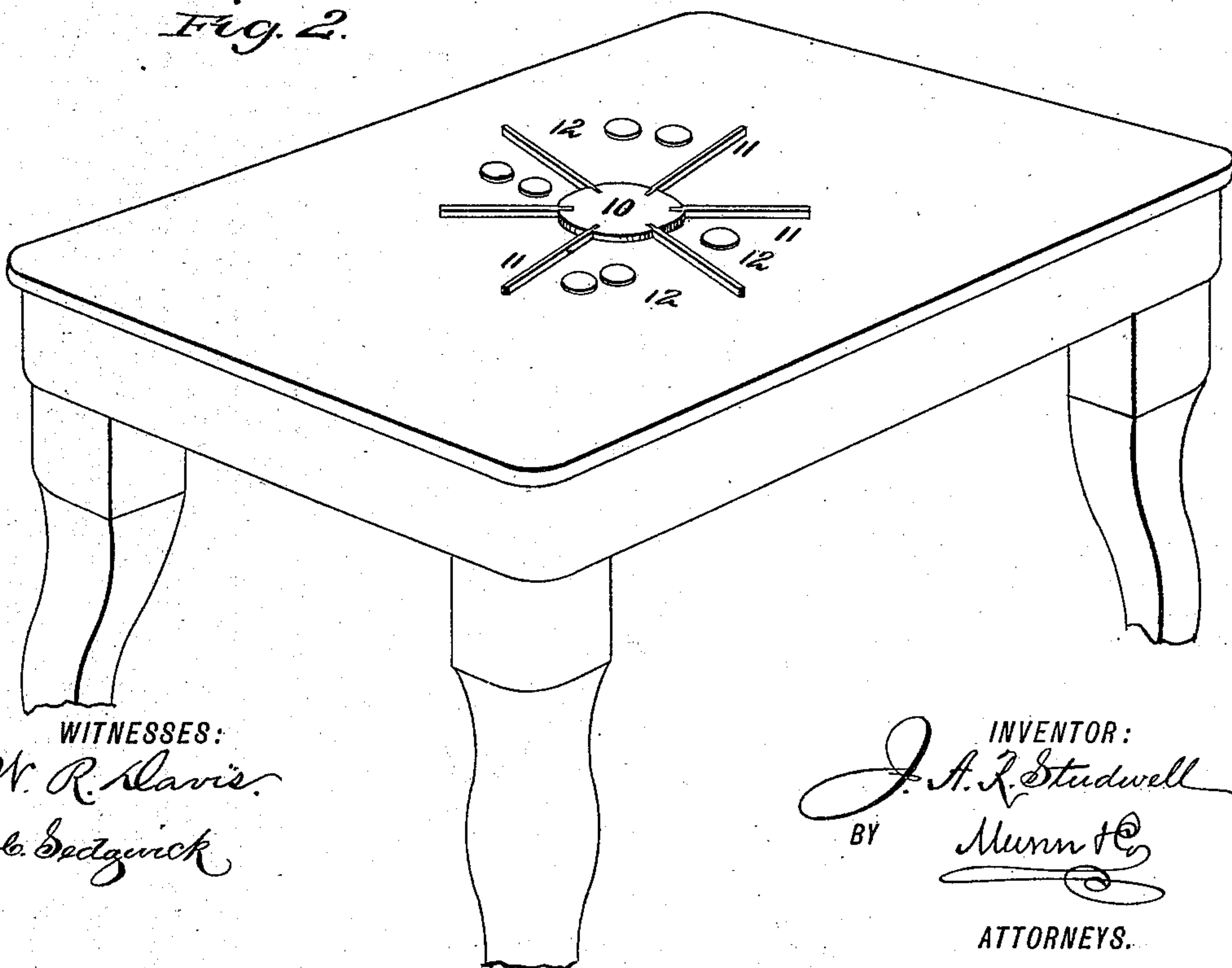


Fig. 2.



WITNESSES:

W. R. Davis.
E. Sedgwick

INVENTOR:

J. A. R. Studwell
BY *Munn & Co.*

ATTORNEYS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOSEPH A. R. STUDWELL, OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

GAME ATTACHMENT FOR TABLES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 413,690, dated October 29, 1889.

Application filed January 24, 1889. Serial No. 297,365. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. R. STUDWELL, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Game Attachment for Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a game attachment for tables, and has for its object to provide a device of light, simple, and durable construction which may be expeditiously applied to or removed from a table of any ordinary design, whereby the top of the table may be divided into a series of compartments for use as a game-table and restored to its normal condition when desired, and without marring the most highly-polished surface.

The invention consists in an attachment for tables comprising a body and arms radiating therefrom and in the novel construction of the device, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the detached device, and Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the same in position upon the table.

When games of any description are played requiring the use of chips, counters, or their equivalents to form a pool and admitting of the engagement of two or more players—as in poker, for instance—it frequently happens that disputes arise as to who has or has not contributed to the pool or “antied,” as it is termed in poker, whereby the game is rendered more or less unpleasant. The prime object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device to obviate the above trouble, in the use of which the table-top may be divided into two or more compartments, each compartment being adapted to receive the “ante” of one player only. Thus any person at or near the table may determine at a glance whether any one or more of the players have or have not contributed.

It is further designed to so construct the device that after all the preliminaries of the game has been satisfactorily arranged it may

be conveniently removed or permitted to remain upon the table until the game is finished without interfering with the play.

The device consists of a central body 10, of any desired contour, but preferably of disk form, and provided with a comparatively flat smooth under face. From the periphery or sides of the body one or more arms 11 are made to radiate, which arms may be permanently or detachably attached to the said body, as found most desirable.

In constructing the device the arms are preferably about six or eight inches long and of such length that if the body is placed upon the center of the table sufficient space will remain between the extremity of each of the arms and the edge of the table for the convenient play of the cards. The arms extend horizontally from the body, their under faces being ordinarily in the same plane with the corresponding face of the body or center piece, and the said under or contact faces of the arms and body may in practice be covered, or partially so, with a soft material—such as felt—to prevent the device from scratching or defacing a highly-polished surface.

When the device is placed upon a table, as illustrated in Fig. 2, it will be observed that the top is divided into the compartments, and that as the said device is not in any manner attached to the table it may be removed at any time—for example, at the end of a game—to facilitate “bunching” the contributions.

I desire it to be understood that I do not confine myself to any particular material in the construction of the device, light wood, however, being preferred; nor do I confine myself to the number or shape of the body-piece and arms.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a game attachment for tables, consisting of the plate or disk 10 and the radial arm 11, projecting from the periphery or sides of the disk or plate, as set forth.

JOSEPH A. R. STUDWELL.

Witnesses:

J. W. SANDERSON,
FRANCIS H. OSIEL.