

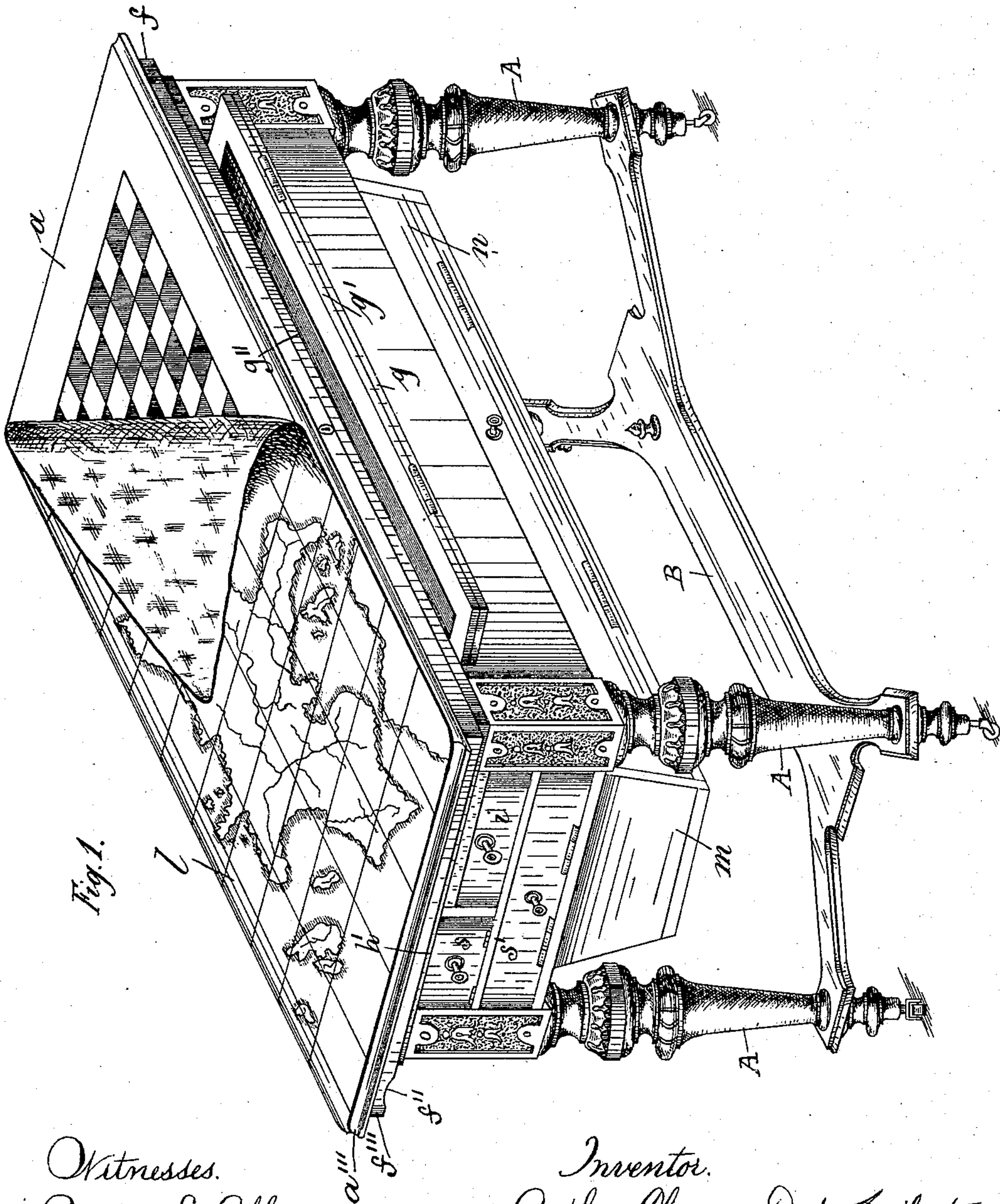
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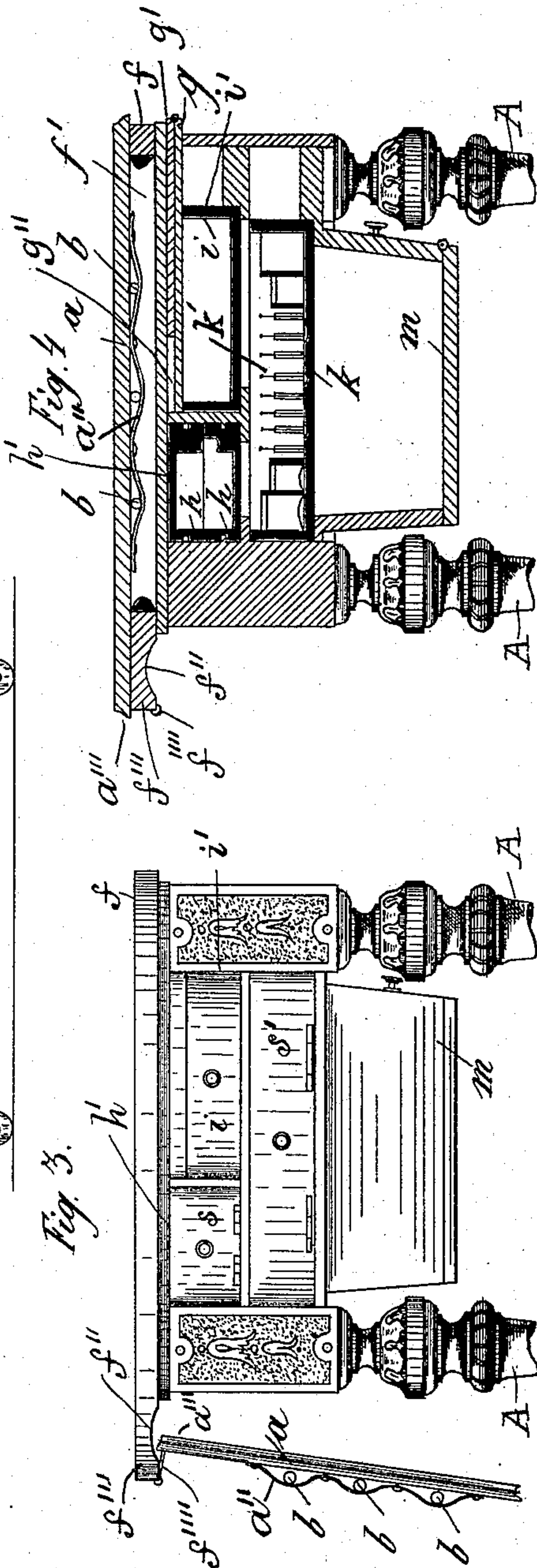
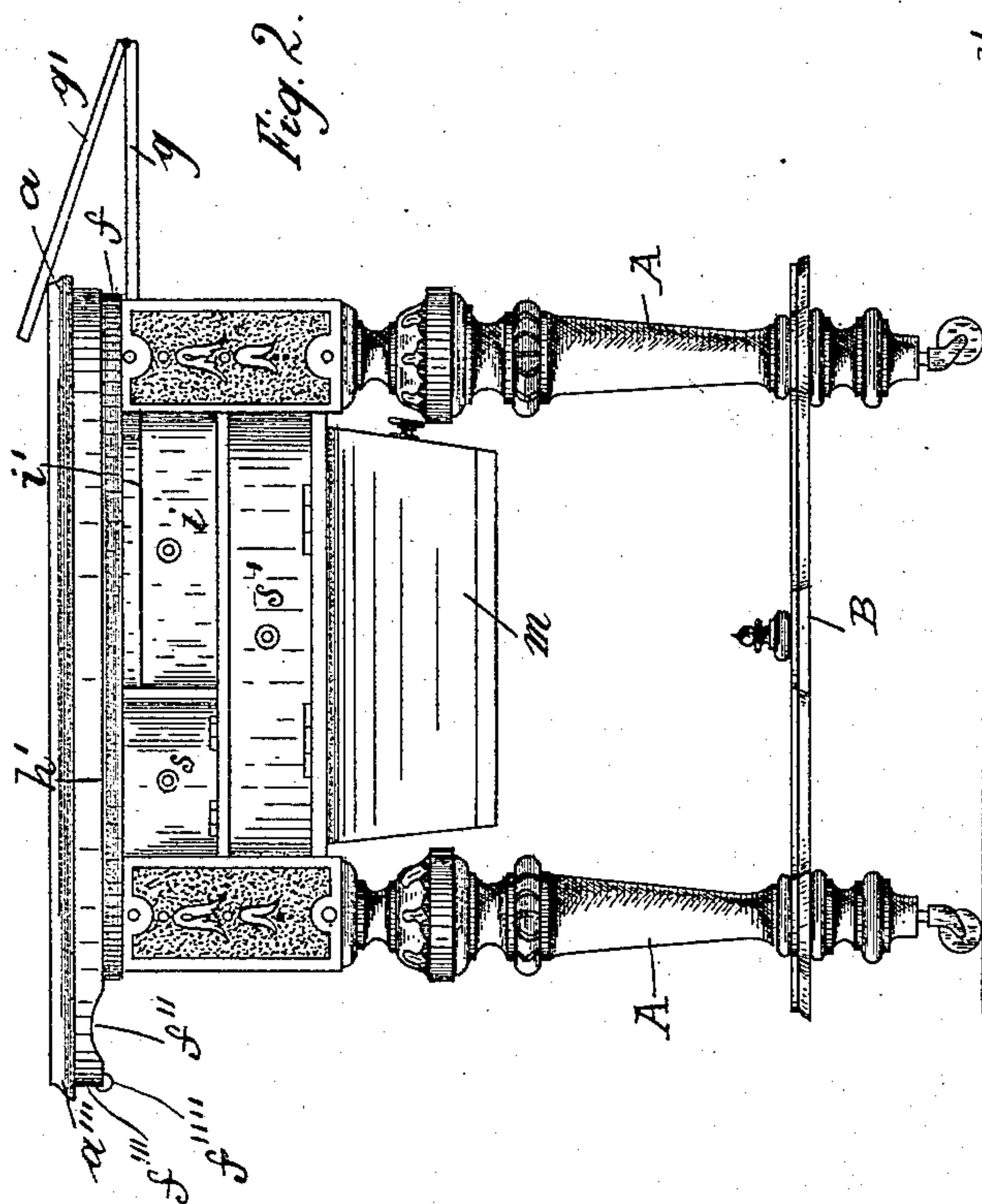
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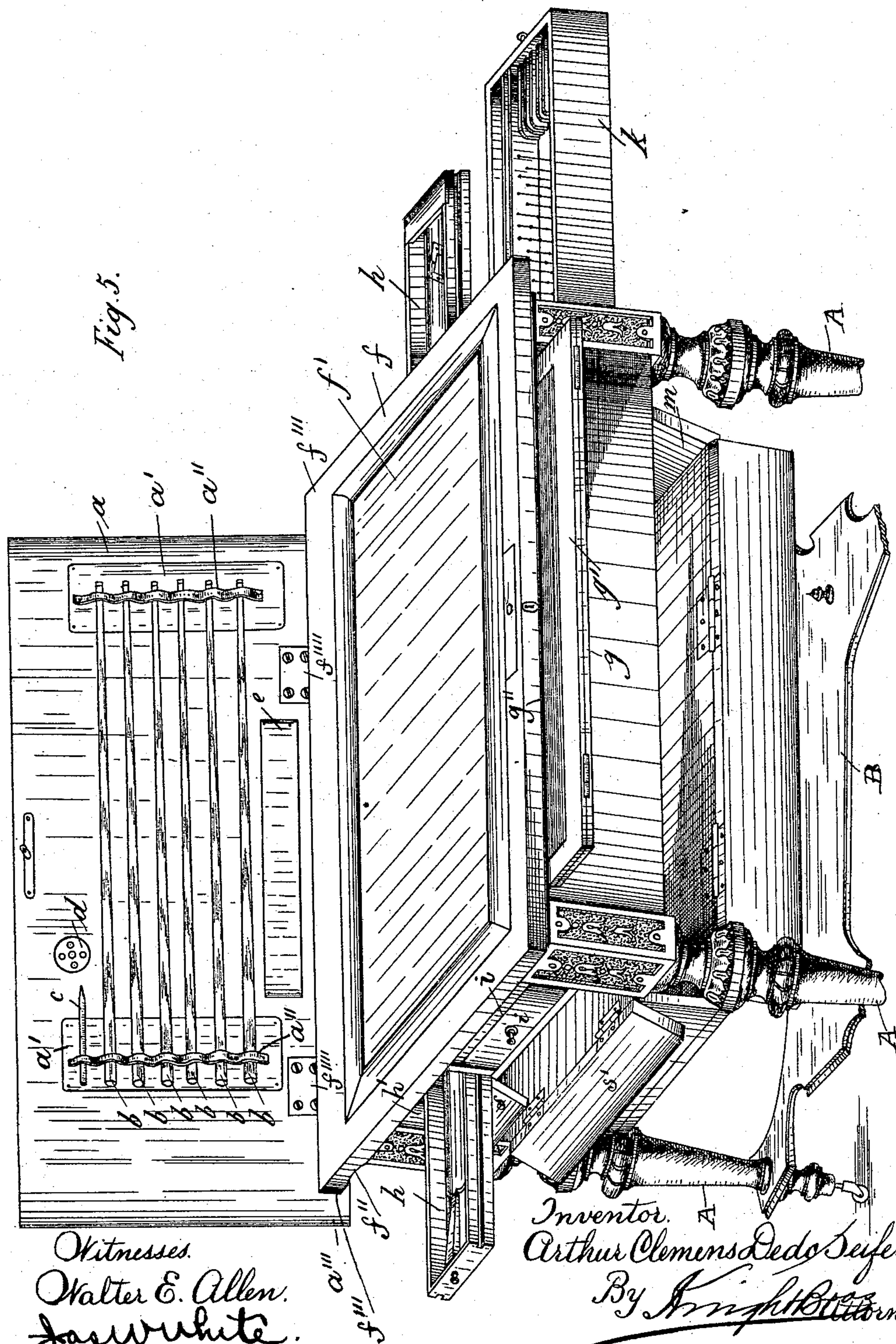
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR CLEMENS DEDO SEIFERT, cabinet-maker, a subject of the King of Saxony, and a resident of 71 Zschopauerstrasse, Chemnitz, in the Kingdom of Saxony and Empire of Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Convertible Game-Tables, (for which I have obtained a patent in Great Britain, No. 20,875, bearing date October 31, 1894, and sealed February 12, 1895,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a table which is especially adapted for use in playing a variety of games.

My invention consists in novel features of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved convertible game-table, the covering being shown as partly removed to exhibit the draught or checker board outer surface and the folding writing-board being shown as partly drawn out. Fig. 2 is an end elevation showing the writing-board fully drawn out in position for use. Fig. 3 is an end elevation showing the outer table-top thrown back so as to occupy a position beneath the inner table-top and thereby exposing the articles attached to the inner side of the inner table-top. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the table, all the parts being closed. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the table, various parts being open.

The table is constructed with four legs A, and a shelf B, connecting the lower portion of the legs.

a is the outer table-top or upper plate of the table, having on its outer surface a number of squares or designs providing a board suitable for playing draughts or checkers and chess, while on the inner surface there are supports *a'*, having retaining-straps *a''*, (providing holders for billiard-cues *b* and writing-pencil *c*,) and also a marking-disk *d*, writing-slate *e*, chalk, and a spirit-level or other movable accessories. Underneath the

outer table-top is an inner table-top *f*, formed with a cushioned recess *f'*, providing a billiard-board. The outer table-top is formed with a rear extension *a'''*, and the inner table-top is formed with a rear extension *f'''*. These extensions are connected together by hinges *f''''*, so as to enable the outer table-top to be folded beneath the extension of the inner table-top out of the way of the players into the recess *f''*, formed in the under side of the extension of the inner table-top.

Just underneath the inner table-top at the front of the table is a long upper compartment *g''*, which is occupied by a withdrawable writing board or desk *g*, having a folding extension *g'*, which can be supported on the edge of the table in the position shown in Fig. 2.

Extending the length of the table, at the rear thereof, is an upper compartment *h'*, closed by a drop-door *s* and in which is located a sectional skittle-race *h*, having tongue-and-groove connection with the sides of the compartment. The skittle-race is capable of being folded and then placed in the rear upper compartment, the skittle-race, when removed, unfolded, and replaced, projecting over each end of the table one-quarter of the length of the skittle-race, so that the position of the skittles may be observed during the game. On the same level with the skittle-race at the ends of the table are drawers *i*, located in an intermediate compartment *i'* and serving to receive a separate draught or checker and chess board, together with the necessary checkers, figures, dominoes, a dice-box, a box of building-bricks, Fröbel's game-boxes, or other small apparatus for use in playing parlor-games. The drawers are specially divided to receive these appliances.

Below the rear upper compartment *h'* and the front intermediate compartment *i'* is a lower compartment *k'*, extending the whole length and width of the table and closed by a drop-door *s'*. In this compartment is located a Tivoli game *k*, (also called "German billiards,") capable of being drawn out. Beneath these compartments is a pendent receptacle *m*, closed by a drop-door *n*, and capable of being opened from the side, and containing the following objects: A doll's theater

with various ornaments and figures, a musical box, and electric-light fittings for the doll's theater.

5 All the drawers, including the skittle-race and Tivoli game, may be completely inserted into the table, and the corresponding compartments may be closed by ornamental covers.

The table may be provided with an ornamental covering *l*, on which is printed a map.

10 If the table is to be used for playing billiards, the roller-casters are removed from the legs and adjusting-screws are fitted to the legs, by means of which an exactly horizontal position of the table can be easily obtained.

15 The upper table-top is then turned back and down into the position represented in Fig. 3. For using the skittle-race the latter is drawn out of the table, extended by turning on its hinge-joint, and then again pushed into the table until it occupies the position shown in Fig. 5. For using the Tivoli game it is also drawn out of the table until it occupies the position represented in Fig. 5.

25 To use the table for writing, the folded writing-board *g* is drawn out of the table, the upper half or extension is turned up, and the board pushed back, so that the upper half rests upon the edge of the outer table-top *a* at the desired angle, as shown in Fig. 2.

30 Other means may, however, be adapted for supporting the upper half of the board *g*. Games such as chess, draughts or checkers, dominoes, dice, Fröbel's games, "Tiddledy Winks" may be played directly upon the outer table-top.

35 The above-mentioned games may, however, be replaced by others, according to local requirements. The number of drawers or com-

partments may be increased by applying small drawers and boxes also to the sides of the table or by fitting the same into the sides. The new game-table is therefore suitable for playing a great variety of games and for storing the various appliances used for the same.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A game-table comprising a table-top, a compartment open at both ends and the folding game-board occupying the compartment when closed and projecting beyond the ends of the table-top when opened; substantially as described.

2. A game-table comprising a table-top, a compartment open at both ends and located beneath the table-top, and the folding game-board occupying the compartment when closed having tongue-and-groove connection with the sides of the compartment and projecting beyond the table-top when opened; substantially as described.

3. A game-table comprising a table-top, a front upper compartment, a front intermediate compartment open at both ends and located beneath the front upper compartment, the rear upper compartment open at both ends, and the lower compartment located beneath the said rear upper compartment and the said front intermediate compartment; substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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