

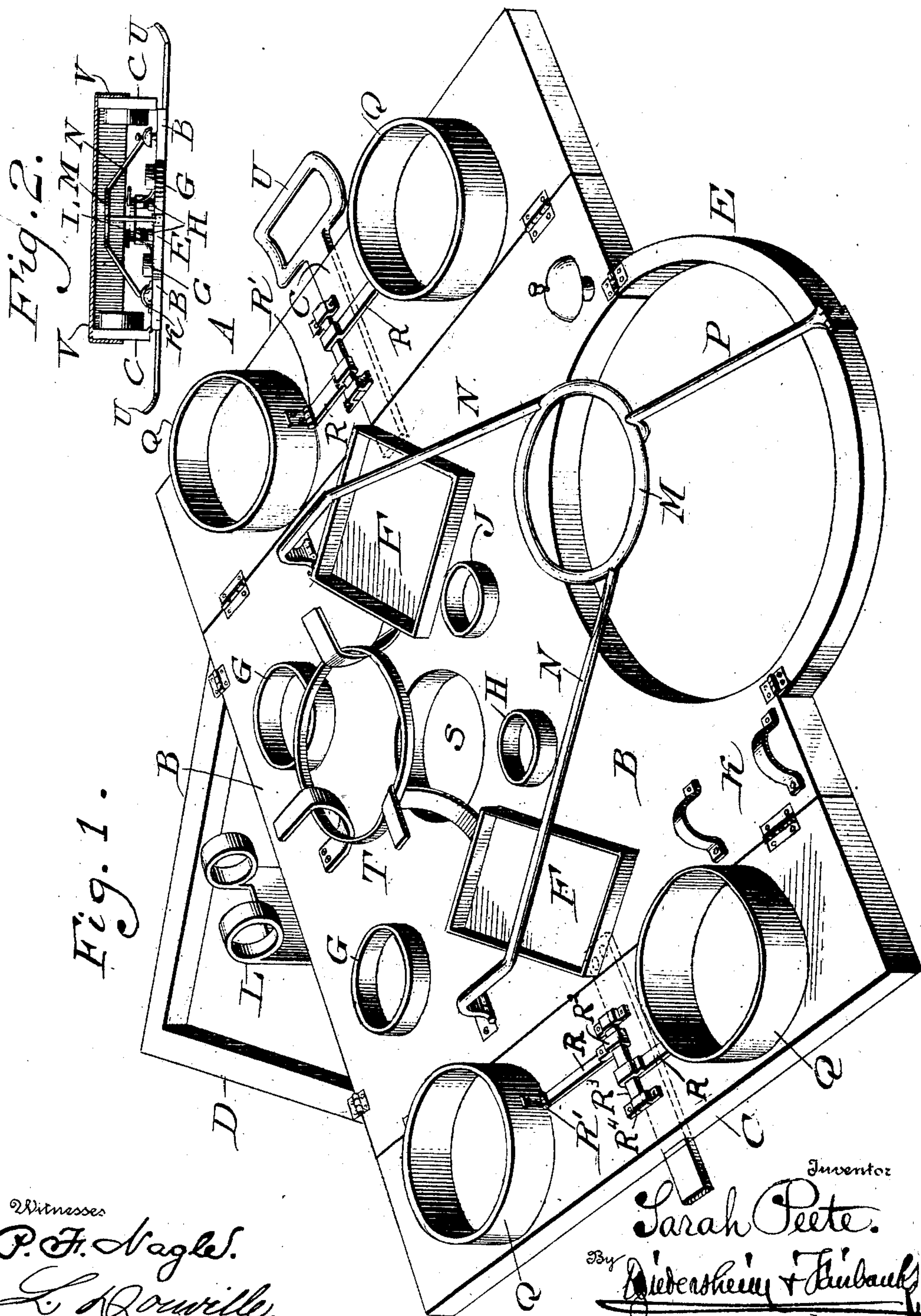
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH PEETE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Serving-Trays, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a serving-tray adapted to be provided with means for supporting dishes, plates, cups, saucers, &c., for condiments and various articles convenient at meal times, the tray being adapted to be folded, so as to reduce its compass.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a serving-tray embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation thereof reduced.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the tray proper, the same consisting of the main portion B and the side sections C D E, said sections being hinged to said portion, whereby the former may be turned and thereby folded, thus placing the tray in smaller compass. On the portion B are receptacles F and G for dishes, cups, &c., cellars or holders H J for salt and pepper, the napkin-holders K and L, and the holder M for a dish, &c., said holder being carried to the arms N, which are hinged to the portion B, so that said arms N may be raised to permit folding of the section E. In order to firmly retain said holder when in operative position, I employ the brace P, which is hinged to the section E and adapted to be engaged under said holder and prevent sagging or dropping of the same, said brace being also adapted to be turned for the purpose of permitting the section E to be folded.

On the section C are receptacles Q for dishes, cups, saucers, &c., preferably those of a large size, said receptacles being connected with said section C by the hinged bars or pieces R, whereby the receptacles may be raised when it is desired to wash the same, as well as the surface of the section C, on which they are supported. Each bar R has a hinge R' at one end attached to the receptacle Q and at the other end is provided with an eye or opening R², which loosely embraces a bar R³, disposed transversely of the length of the section C, and this bar is held in suitable clips or keepers or the like R⁴, secured to the said

section C, as shown clearly in Fig. 1. The bar R³ may be slipped out of its keepers for the removal of the receptacles for the purpose of cleaning or for repairs. The sections D and E are open in their nature, so that plates and dishes of a suitable kind may be suspended therein.

In the portion B is the opening S to receive a spirit or other lamp, over which is a support T for a chafing-dish.

The operation is as follows: The sections are unfolded or opened out and dishes, plates, cups, saucers, &c., containing articles of food, are placed in the various receptacles and holders. The tray may be conveniently carried by the handles U, one only of which is seen in Fig. 1, the other being removed to the required place and supported on a table or other means convenient to the person using the same. After the food has been disposed of the dishes, &c., may be removed, the tray washed, and the sections folded, and the tray conveniently stored away for future use, covered, as at V.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in each case to the same.

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

1. A serving-tray provided with a holder, arms on the tray for supporting said holder, a hinged section and a brace for said holder having one end supported on said hinged section and the other end adapted to engage the holder.

2. A serving-tray consisting of a tray proper, a hinged section thereon, and a handle connected to the tray proper and extended under the hinged section.

3. A serving-tray consisting of a tray proper, a section hinged to the side thereof, the said section being open, a holder movably supported from the tray proper over said open section, and a brace for said holder having one end connected with the open section and the other end engaged beneath the holder.

4. A serving-tray consisting of a tray proper with receptacles thereon, sections hinged to opposite ends of said tray, open sections

hinged to opposite sides of the tray, a holder supported over one of the open sections, handles at the ends of the tray proper extended beneath the end hinged sections, and receptacles hinged upon the upper face of said hinged end sections.

5 5. A serving-tray comprising a main portion, side sections, open sections hinged to opposite sides of said main portion, a holder over one of said open sections, a brace hinged to said section to support said holder and arms carrying said holder and hinged to the main portion.

5 6. A serving-tray comprising a main portion; side sections hinged thereto, open sections hinged to the opposite sides, handles at the first-mentioned sides extending beneath

said hinged sections, arms on the main portion, a holder supported by said arms over one of the open sections and a brace hinged 20 to the adjacent hinged open section with its other end engaged beneath said holder.

7. A serving-tray comprising a main portion, a section at one end thereof, a bar disposed transversely of said section and remov- 25 ably held in keepers thereon, arms having eyes slidingly mounted on said bar and receptacles hinged to the opposite ends of said arms.

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