

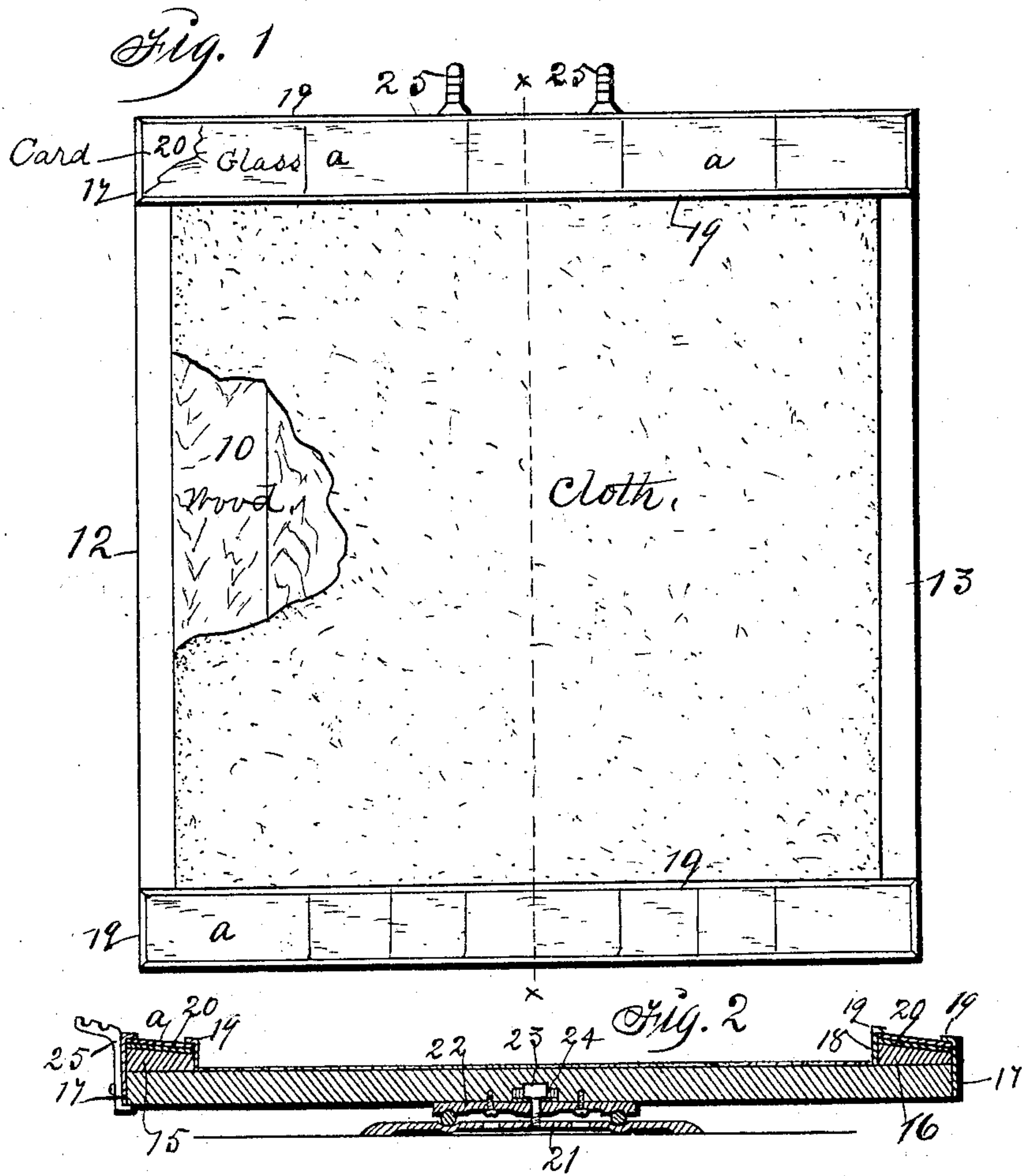
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Portable Desk, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a simple, strong, and durable portable desk specially adapted for supporting hotel-registers on its central portion and advertising-cards at its top and bottom.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of the desk, and Fig. 2 a sectional view on a central line.

The numeral 10 designates the central portion of a flat wooden desk that may vary in size as desired, and 12 and 13 are straight wooden edge pieces at the parallel sides of the desk, and 15 and 16 are cross-pieces that have inclined top faces rigidly fixed together and to the central part 10 to be mounted on a turn-table, as shown in Fig. 2, in such a manner that the desk and a hotel-register thereon can be readily rotated as required for the use of a guest in front of the table or counter and a clerk or other person behind the counter. The wooden parts are securely fastened together by means of screws or in any suitable way. Metal plates 17 and 18, preferably nickel-plated, are each provided with flanges adapted to overlie the top and bottom edges and ends of the cross-pieces 15 and 16 and also narrow spaces of their inclined top faces to produce borders 19 and also to cover the edges of advertising-cards 20, placed on top of the inclined faces of the wooden cross-pieces, as shown in Fig. 2, in such a manner that the detachable metal covers will retain the detachable cards and glass covers *a* in place and also produce an ornamental and durable finish of the ends of the desk. The cross-pieces thus applied also produce shoulders across the top and bottom portion of the desk, between which a hotel-register is placed and protected when persons register their names and others read their names and observe the advertise-

ments on the inclined top faces of the cross-pieces.

The turn-table is composed of a circular cast-metal plate 21, adapted to rest flat upon a counter, and a second plate 22, of smaller diameter. Each of these have coinciding circular grooves to admit balls as required to produce ball-bearings and also coinciding apertures for the passage of screws as required for fastening the upper plate to the bottom and center of the desk. They also have coinciding screw-holes in their centers.

To connect the turn-table with the desk, a cavity is formed in the bottom and center of the wooden desk, and the two plates are connected by means of a pivotal screw 23, (upon which is placed a metal washer-plate 24,) that is extended through the center aperture of the upper plate and fastened in the screw-threaded coinciding aperture in the lower plate. The turn-table is thus complete and adapted to be handled separately and attached and detached from the desk at pleasure and placed on top of the desk to facilitate packing and shipping and to economize space.

To connect the turn-table with the desk as required for practical use, place the head of the screw 23 in the aperture in the flat bottom of the desk and then bring the screw-holes in the overlying plates into coinciding positions and drive screws through them into the wooden desk, so that the upper plate will be securely fixed to the desk and the desk and upper plate allowed to rotate jointly on the lower plate.

It is obvious the top surface of the desk may be covered with cloth or finished in any style of art desired.

Having thus described my invention and its purposes and manner of use, its practical operation and utility will be readily understood, and what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A portable desk comprising a flat-bottomed wooden main portion having a cavity in the center of its under side and cross-pieces, having inclined top faces, fixed across the top and bottom of said main portion, metal plates provided with flanges fitted on said cross-pieces and a turn-table composed of two flat plates, having coinciding circular grooves, balls

placed in said grooves, coinciding screw-holes  
in the centers of said plates and the hole in  
the lower plate screw-threaded, a screw-bolt  
extended down through the aperture in the  
5 upper plate into the screw-seat in the lower  
plate and the head of the bolt extended into  
the cavity in the bottom of the desk, arranged

and combined in the manner set forth for the  
purposes stated.

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