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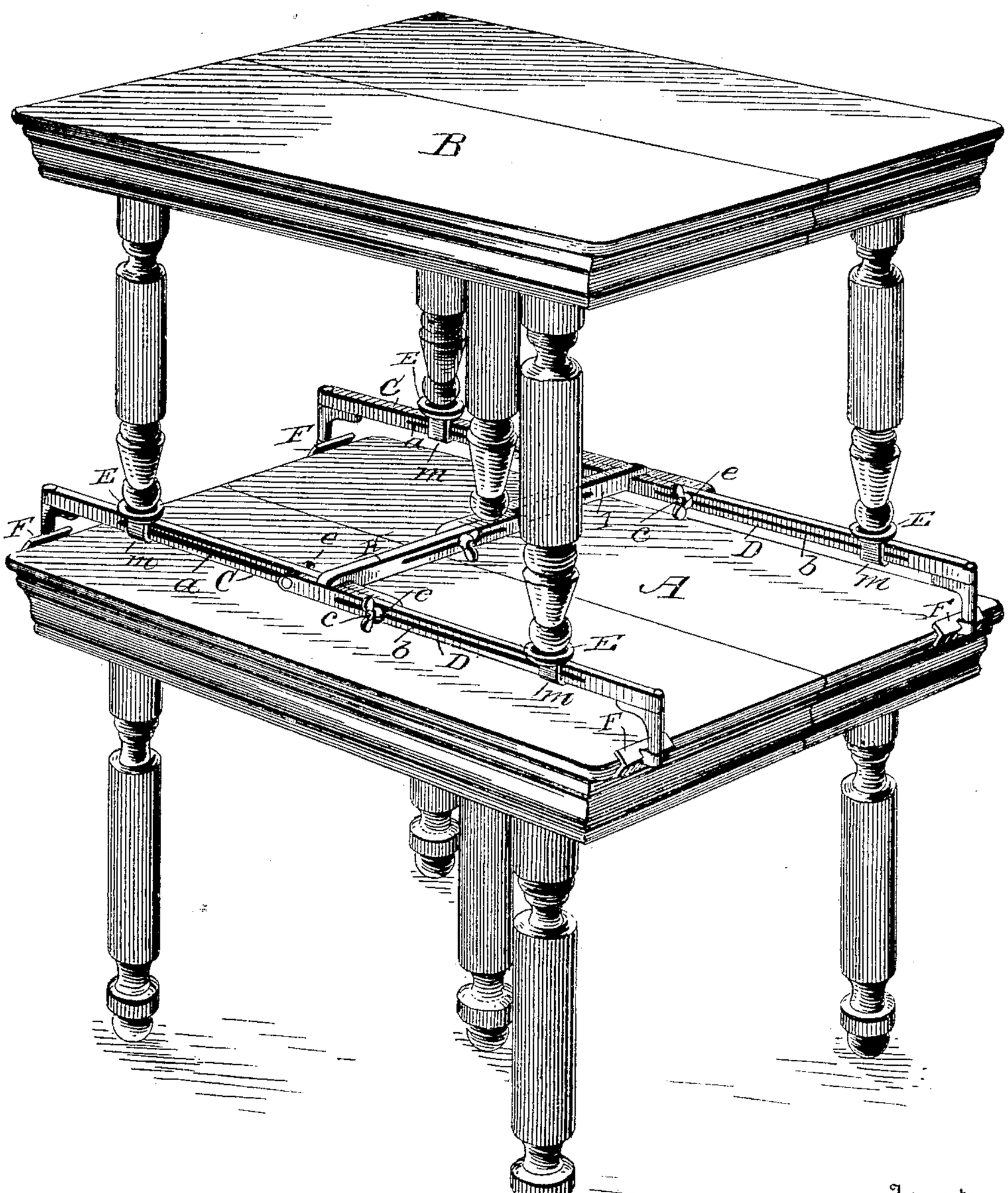

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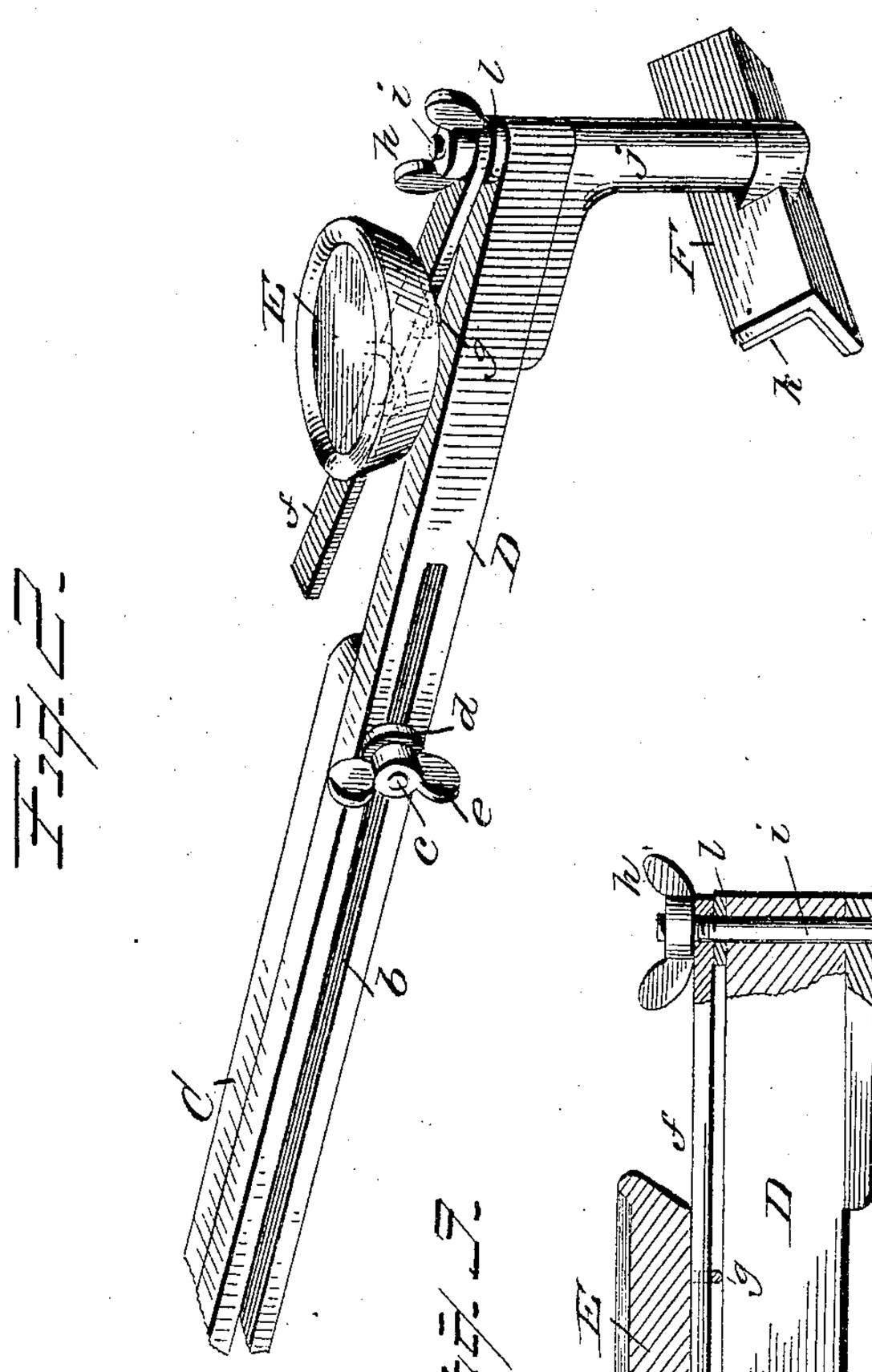

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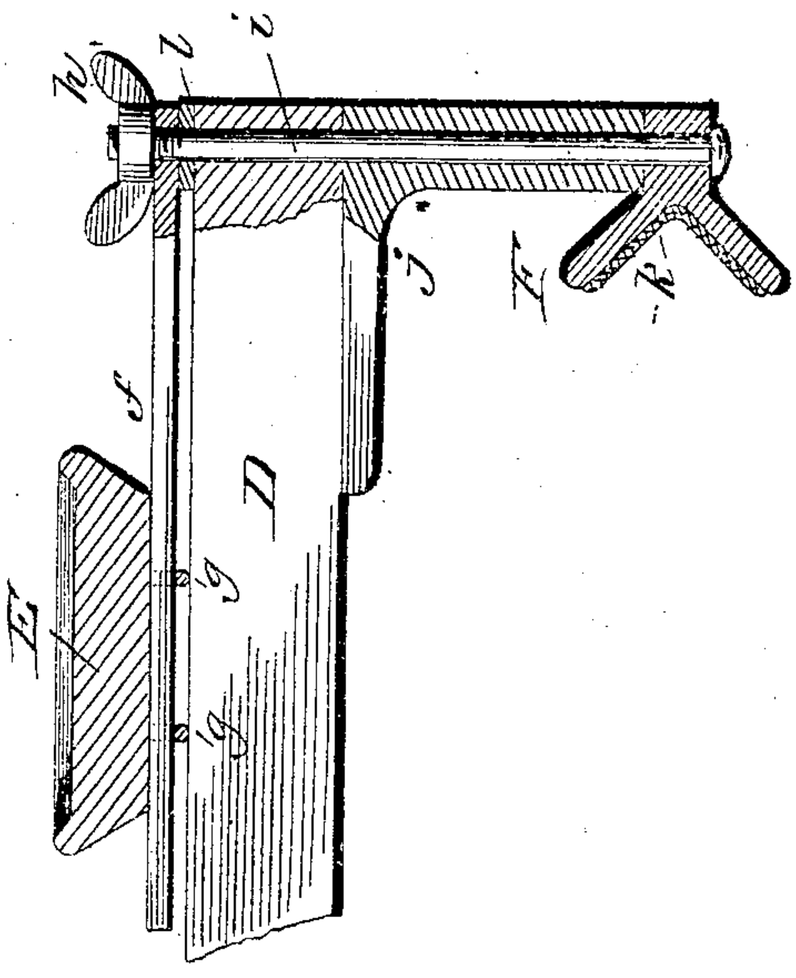

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VALENTINE C. LUPPERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has reference to that class of table-supports adapted for holding one table above another, whereby the legs of one table will not come in contact with the surface of the table-top immediately below it, thus preventing injury thereto by marring or scratching the polished surface thereof. The piling or stacking of the tables above described is found necessary in stores, warehouses, and other places where a number of tables are stored or used in order to economize room or where the cleaning or renovating of the floor is desired, the stacking of the tables being accomplished without in any manner bringing the casters or ends of the table-legs in contact with finished table-top to mar or injure the same.

The invention consists in a table-support constructed substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of two tables, one of the tables being supported above the other through the device constituting my invention; Fig. 2, a detail perspective view showing a modification of one end of the extensible arms which constitute the table-support; Fig. 3, a side elevation thereof, partly in section, showing the adjustable rest, the clamping-jaw, and their connections.

In the accompanying drawings, A B represent two tables of any preferred construction, one held above the other by my improved support, whereby the legs of the upper table will not come in contact with the finished surface of the table-top below it.

The support comprises two extensible arms C D, said arms having longitudinal slots *a b*, respectively, and the arms are held in their adjusted position with relation to each other by bolts *c*, extending through the slots, and have engaging therewith washers *d* and thumb-nuts *e*. The bolts *c*, which are screw-threaded to receive the nuts *e*, project from the solid ends of the arms C D and pass through the slots in the opposite one of the arms, and by turning the screw-nuts in the proper direction the two arms will be held together in their adjusted position. The outer end of each arm of the support has a rail *f* connected thereto, and upon the rails are adjustably supported suitably-formed rests E, which may be circular and cup-shaped, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, said rest having loop *g* upon its under side, so as to engage the rail, thereby enabling the rest to be adjusted longitudinally upon the rail to bring it in the proper position to receive the leg of the table. The rest E is not only adjustable upon the rail *f*, but the rail itself may be adjusted laterally, as circumstances require, and held in its adjusted position by a thumb-nut *h*, which engages the screw-threaded end of the rod *i*. The rail *f* engages the end of the rod *i* and a washer *l* is interposed between the end of the arm of the support and the thumb-nut *h*, and connected to the end of the arm is a bracket *j*, through which the rod passes, and swiveled to the end of the rod which projects below the bracket is a clamping-jaw F of any preferred construction, but in the present instance composed of two angular plates covered upon their inner sides by a soft material, such as felt, as indicated at *k*, so that when the jaw comes in contact with the edge of the table-top it will not mar or injure the same.

Where extension-tables are in use or tables having five legs, the center leg may be supported by a similar device comprising two extensible arms H I, extending across to the arms C D and braced thereby, the arms of the several supports being substantially alike.

It will be noticed that the supports are connected directly with the table-top and not to any legs, frame, or similar device which have to rest upon the floor in order to sustain the supports in the proper position over the table-top. In having the supports connected directly to the table by means of the clamping-jaws, which are preferably swiveled so as to adapt themselves to the edge of the table-top, the tables when piled on top of one another can be moved around the floor as circumstances may require.

One of the essential features of the invention is in providing means by which the extensible arms of the support may be connected directly with the table-top without the

necessity of upright legs, a vertical frame device, or other similar means for sustaining the supports over the table-top from the floor.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings the rests E are shown as adjustably connected to the arms C D by clasps *m*, which embrace the arms and are attached to the rests, this being shown as additional means of adjustably connecting the rests to the arms over the means shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings.

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

1. A table-support for supporting one table above another, comprising suitable arms adjustably connected together and means for holding the arms in their adjusted position, and clamping-jaws upon the outer ends of the arms to engage the edges of the lower table-top, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A table-support for supporting one table above another, comprising suitable arms adjustably connected together and means for holding the arms in their adjusted position, rests for the legs of a table, and clamping-jaws connecting with the arms and adapted to engage the edges of the lower table-top, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A table-support for supporting one table above another, comprising suitable arms adjustably connected together, adjustable rests for the legs of a table, and means for holding the arms in engagement with a table, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A table-support for supporting one table above another, comprising suitable arms adjustably connected together, means for supporting thereon the legs of a table, and swiveled clamping-jaws upon the arms to engage a table to hold the support over the same, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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