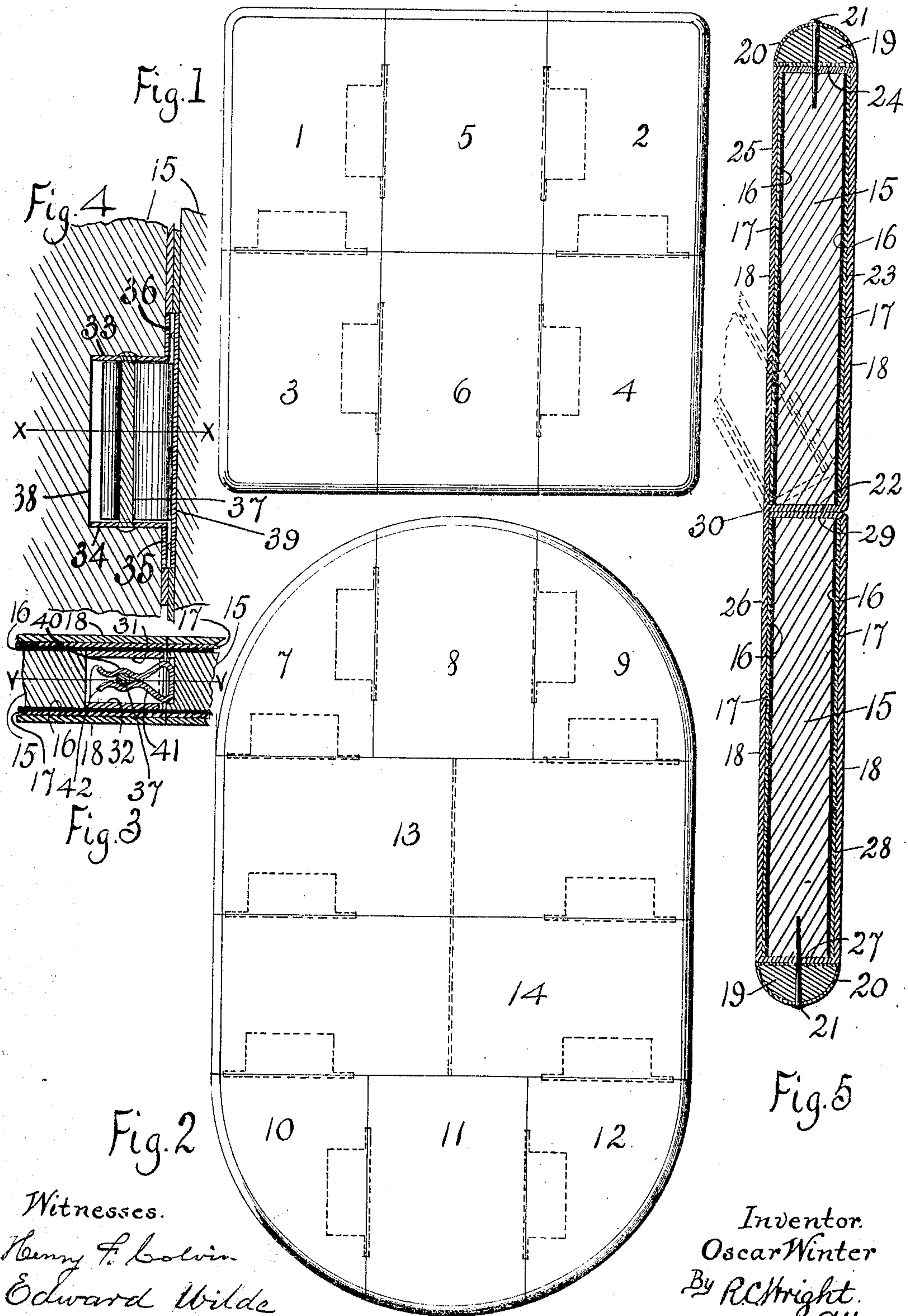


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR WINTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sectional Table-Pads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for the protection of table tops from damage produced by heat; and refers more especially to dining tables of the better class which are highly finished and polished, and which, when only protected by the usual blanket pad are subjected to damage by the hot dishes placed thereon, which produce white blemishes, so that when the blanket is removed render them unsightly, and also when the table is dressed with silk or lace scarfs or covers, the blemishes show through and mar the artistic effect intended by the delicate covering.

The pads are heat proof and cover the table in locked sections, which, when not in use are readily separated for removal to a convenient box or drawer, occupying but little space, out of sight, and the liability of becoming soiled.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which similar reference characters indicate similar parts throughout the views.

Figure 1 shows the pads covering a square table. Fig. 2 shows the pads covering an extended round ended table. Fig. 3 is a section on line X X Fig. 4 showing the locking of the pad sections. Fig. 4 is a section on line V V Fig. 3 of the locking means. Fig. 5 is a section of the central jointed pads of the extension table showing their construction in manner for folding, and also the edge finish for all of the sections. Figs. 3, 4, 5 are on an enlarged scale.

The sections are made of suitable shapes to suit any desired form of table top, but for the purpose of illustration only the forms which are the most familiar are presented.

In Fig. 1 the pads comprise corner sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and intermediate sections 5, 6. In Fig. 2 there are shown sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 which form the semicircular ends which are joined to cover a round table, and intermediate hinged sections 13, 14 as used when the table top is extended.

The pad sections are preferably composed of a central layer 15 of quite thin wood, in strips, to each side of which is secured a

veneer 16 of tough paper, and over the paper there are layers 17 of asbestos, this forms a light structure, of sufficient firmness while not unyielding, and a thermic non-conductor to the extent desired for the purposes of the pads. The sections being formed to the desired shapes are then covered with a soft fabric 18 and sewed together at the edges of the sections. The outer edges have a rounded finish formed by the insertion of a properly shaped strip 19 of flexible wood or ratan in a tape covering 20, and secured by finished nails 21. The sections are provided with interlocking means so that when assembled they fit snugly together and present a continuous and uniformly even surface.

In Fig. 5 a section is shown of the folding pads 13, 14 where the covering 18, of soft material, is first secured to edge 22 then to face 23, edge 24, face 25 and across to face 26, then to edge 27, face 28 and finally to edge 29, thus forming a folding hinge at 30.

The locking means comprises a rectangular part having an upper wall 31, a lower wall 32, and end walls 33, 34 with right angular fastening lugs 35, 36; secured to walls 33, 34 and passing across the open space there is a bar 37. A notch 38 is cut in the part 15 of wood to receive the rectangular construction, the paper covers 16 and asbestos 17 not being cut away, but covering the lock construction. The opposite side of the locking means comprises a back plate 39 which is secured to a pad section, and from its central part are formed an upper projection 40 and a lower projection 41 bent to approach each other, and formed to grasp bar 37 to secure the opposite parts of the lock and the pad sections to which they are attached snugly together. Projections 40, 41 are resilient and provided with outwardly curved ends 42 to facilitate locking, the projections 40, 41 are of a width to just pass between walls 33, 34 so as to prevent end movement of the pad sections. Thus a non-burning pad in sections is provided, which is wholly protective, easily and securely assembled, easily separated, and easily stored.

I claim.

1. A protecting cover for tables, comprising separable sections, each section being composed of an interior flat piece of rigid material, covered on both sides with a covering of soft yielding material, and locking elements inset in the edges of the rigid material of each section and adapted to detachably

engage with locking elements on the edge of another section to hold the sections together edge to edge with their flat surfaces in the same plane.

5 2. A protecting cover for tables, comprising separable sections, each section being composed of an interior flat piece of rigid material, covered with a covering of soft
10 yielding material, and locking elements comprising a back plate having curved and resilient projections, secured to the edges of the rigid material of a section and adapted to detachably engage with locking elements inset into the edges of the rigid material of another section, comprising upper, lower and
15 end walls forming a hollow socket in which is secured a member for the engagement of the resilient projections of the locking means attached on the edge of said first named section, to hold the sections together edge to
20 edge with their flat surfaces in the same plane.

3. A protecting cover for tables comprising central sections each composed of a piece

of rigid material, covered with heat resisting material, and incased in a covering of soft yielding material, the covering on one side of the sections passing from section to section to permit the folding of the sections, one upon another; of separable end sections each
25 composed of a piece of rigid material, covered with heat resisting material, and incased in a covering of soft yielding material; and locking elements inset in certain of the edges of the rigid material of the central
30 folding sections, and the separable end sections and adapted to detachably engage with locking elements on other edges of the sections, to hold the sections together, edge to edge, with their flat surfaces in the same
35 plane.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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