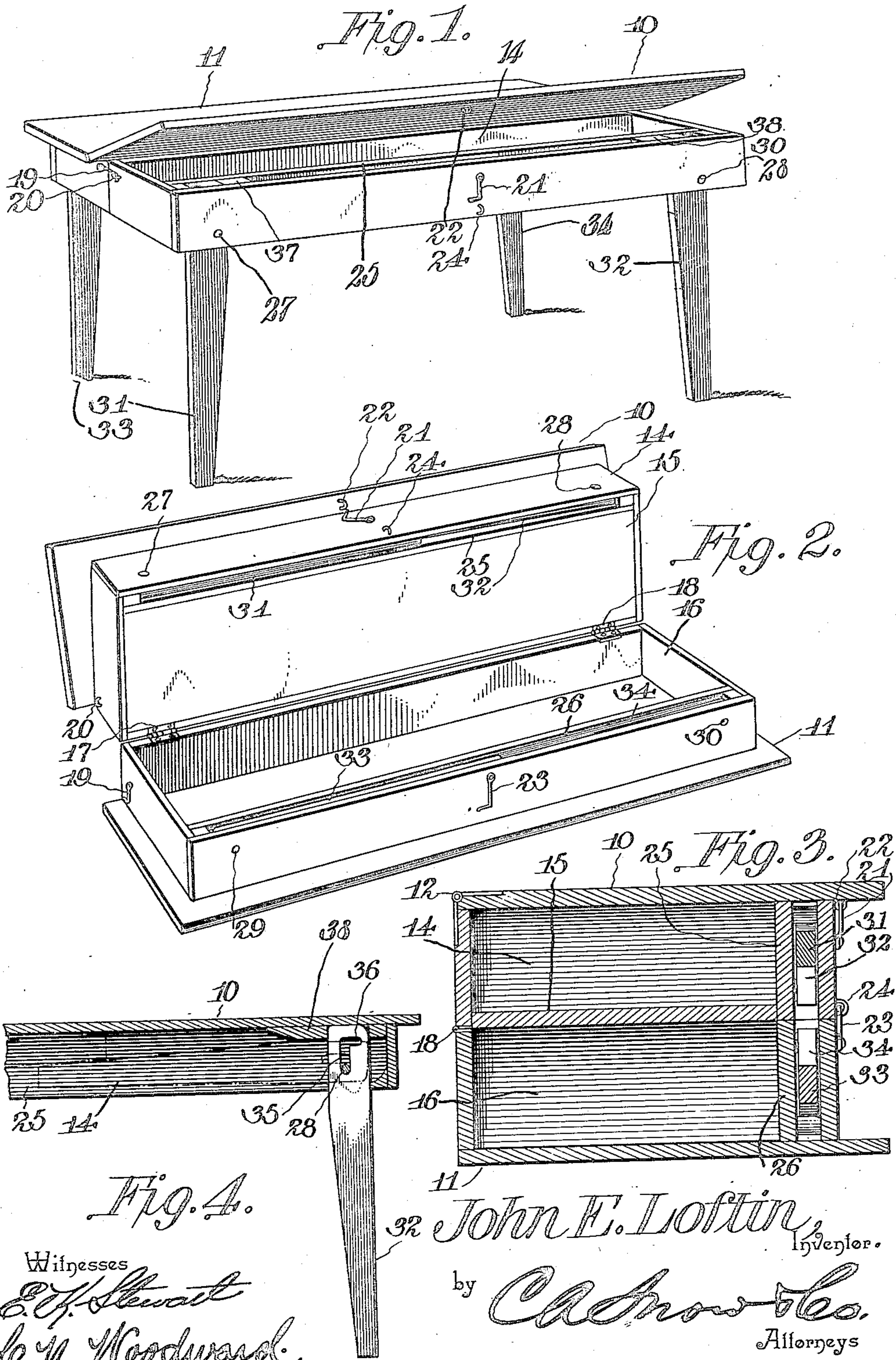


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. LOFTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockford, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented a new and useful Combined Folding Table and Receptacle, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined tables and receptacles more particularly for use in connection with camping or exploring expeditions, or for use at picnics and on similar occasions, and has for its object to provide a simply constructed device of this character which combines on one a foldable table and independent receptacles for provisions, cooking utensils, and the like.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claims made therefor.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device arranged as a table. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device partially folded. Fig. 3 is a transverse section, enlarged, of the device fully folded. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail illustrating the construction and operation of the foldable legs.

In the improved device is comprised a top member divided into two sections 10—11, preferably longitudinally thereof.

Connected to the top section 10 by hinges 12, is a receptacle 14 having a closed bottom 15, and rigidly connected to the top section 11 is a receptacle 16 having the side opposite its top section open.

The receptacle 16 is united by hinges 17 and 18 to the receptacle 14 on the same side

of the latter receptacle as is the top section 10, this section however being hinged at the top of the receptacle while the top of the receptacle 16 is hinged to its bottom. By this arrangement, when the table is set up or folded, the receptacle 14 is readily accessible by raising the top section 10.

From the above it will be readily understood that, whether set up or closed, the top section 10 can be raised to open the section 14. Hooks 19 and staples 20 are mounted on opposite receptacles to firmly but detachably join them when set up. A hook 21 on the receptacle 14 engages a staple 22 on the hinged top section to hold it closed, a similar hook and staple 23—24 hold the two receptacles in closed position.

Longitudinally disposed within the receptacle 14 and spaced from its outer wall is a partition 25, and similarly disposed in the receptacle 16 is a partition 26. Extending transversely through the outer walls of the receptacles and likewise through the partitions 25—26 near their ends, are studs 27—28—29 and 30, and pivotally engaging these studs are supporting legs 31—32—33—34, foldable into the compartments formed by the partitions 25—26, when not in use, and extensible to support the table, as shown in Fig. 1. The pivot apertures in the supporting legs will be elongated, as shown at 35 in Fig. 4, and each formed with lateral terminals, as at 36. Stop chocks 37—38 will be positioned in the compartments formed by the partitions 25—26 to form sockets into which the inner ends of the legs will fit when extended, as shown in Fig. 4.

By this simple arrangement, it will be obvious that the legs may be tilted upon their pivots and either folded into the compartments, or withdrawn and supported by the chock stops in position to support the device as a table, and as shown in Fig. 1. It will thus be obvious also that a very simple, compact and convenient device is produced, in which various articles may be stored for transportation and which may be quickly transformed into a table or stand. It will also be noted that the receptacle 16 is closed by folding the receptacle 14 upon its open side, while the receptacle 14 is closed by the hinged top section 10. Each receptacle therefore is independently accessible, and the receptacle 14 remains as a receptacle easily accessible by elevating the top

section 10 when extended into a table, as illustrated in Fig. 4.

The device may be of any suitable size, and can be manufactured in various sizes, if required, and will be found very convenient and useful for the purposes described.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, is:—

1. A foldable table comprising two box-like receptacles of similar shape, one receptacle having a top section hinged thereto along one side and a closed bottom, the other receptacle having a top section fixed thereto and an open bottom; the bottom edge of said first receptacle on the same side as that to which the said top section is hinged being hinged to the corresponding bottom edge of said second receptacle, whereby both receptacles are readily accessible when the

table is folded, and supporting legs pivoted to the sections.

2. A foldable table comprising two box-like receptacles, one receptacle having a top section hinged thereto and a closed bottom, and the other receptacle having a top section attached thereto, said receptacles being hinged together along a corresponding bottom edge of each, whereby the first named receptacle is readily accessible at both the closed and open positions of the table, and supporting legs pivoted to the sections.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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