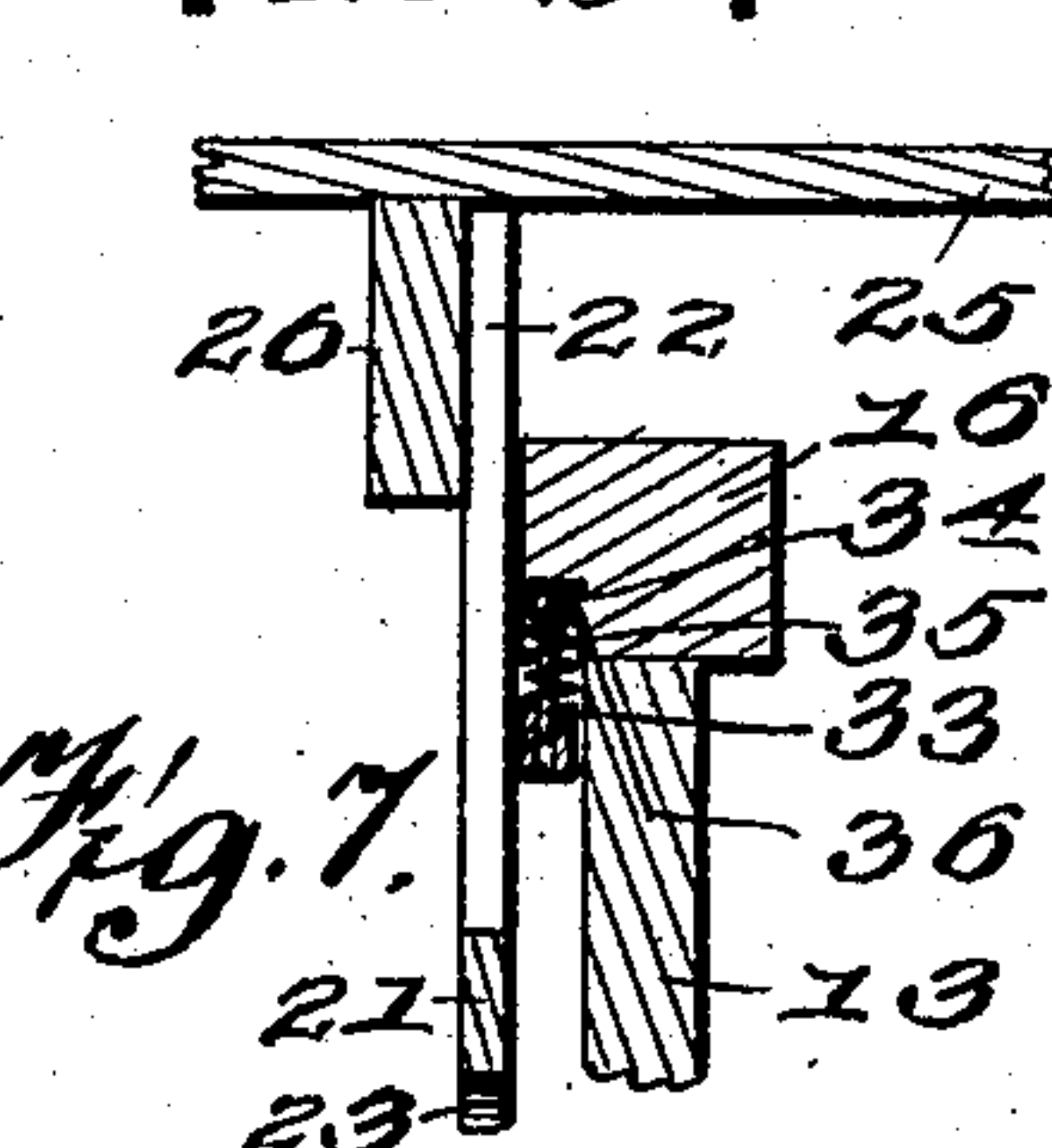
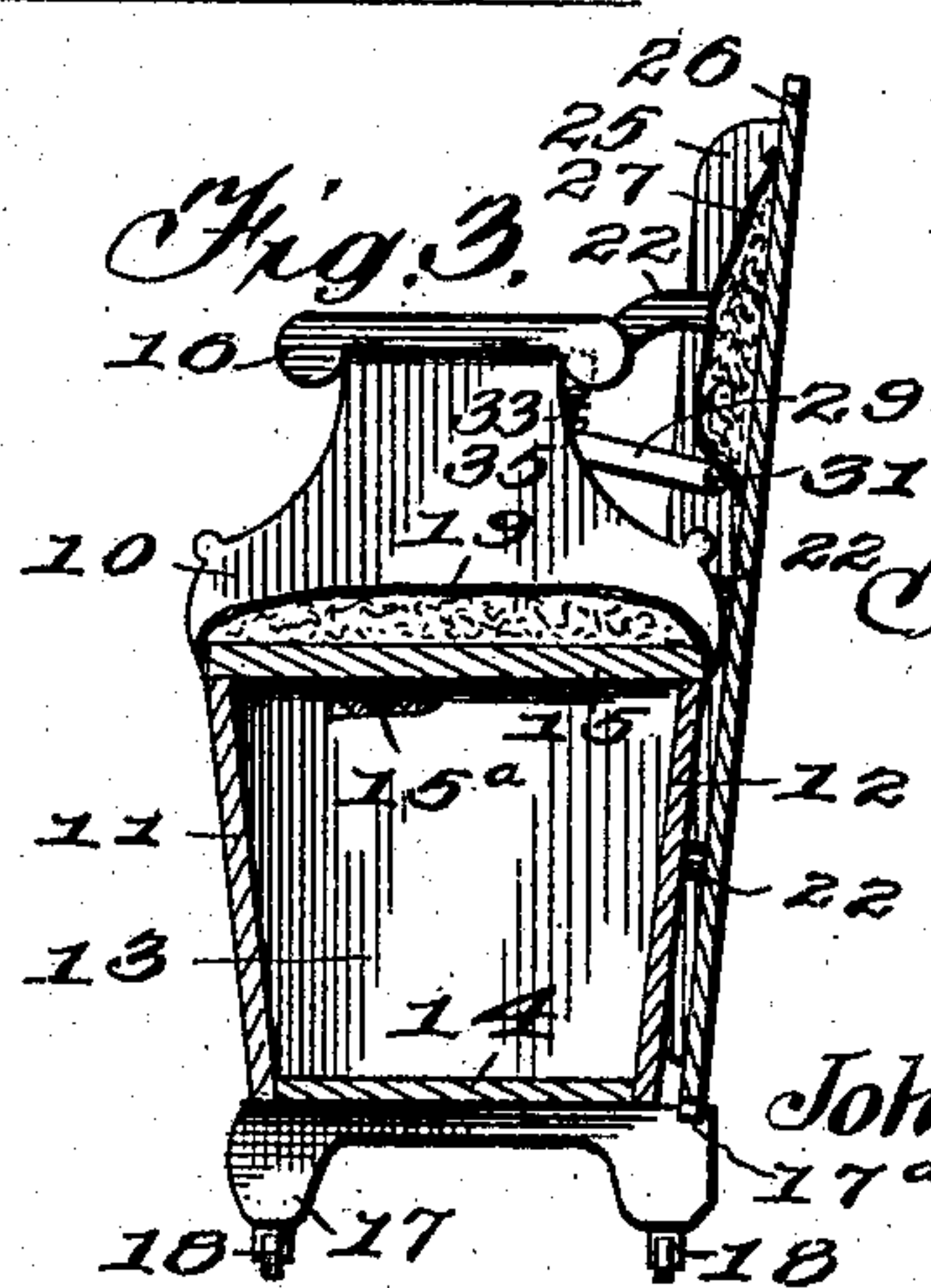
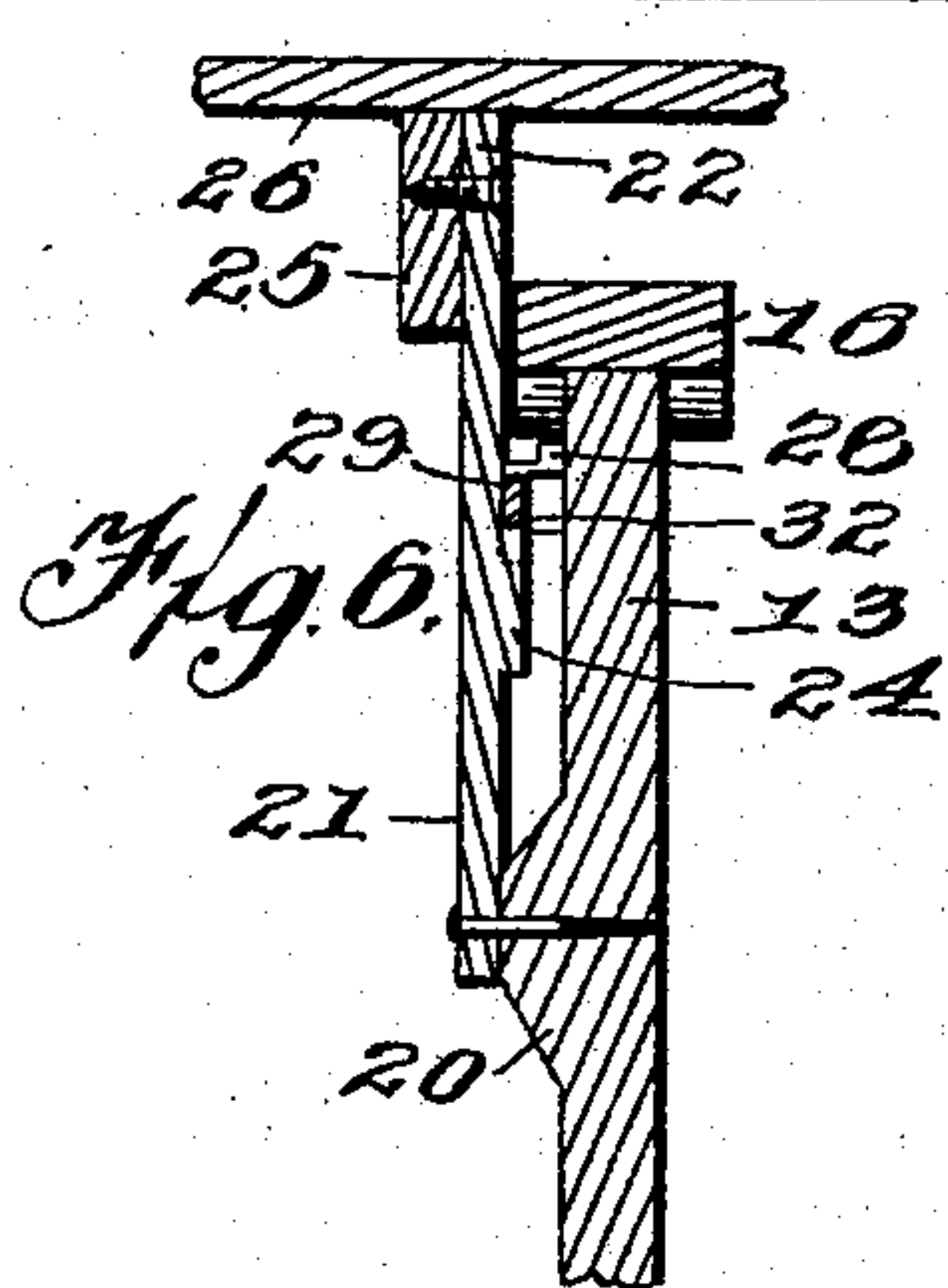
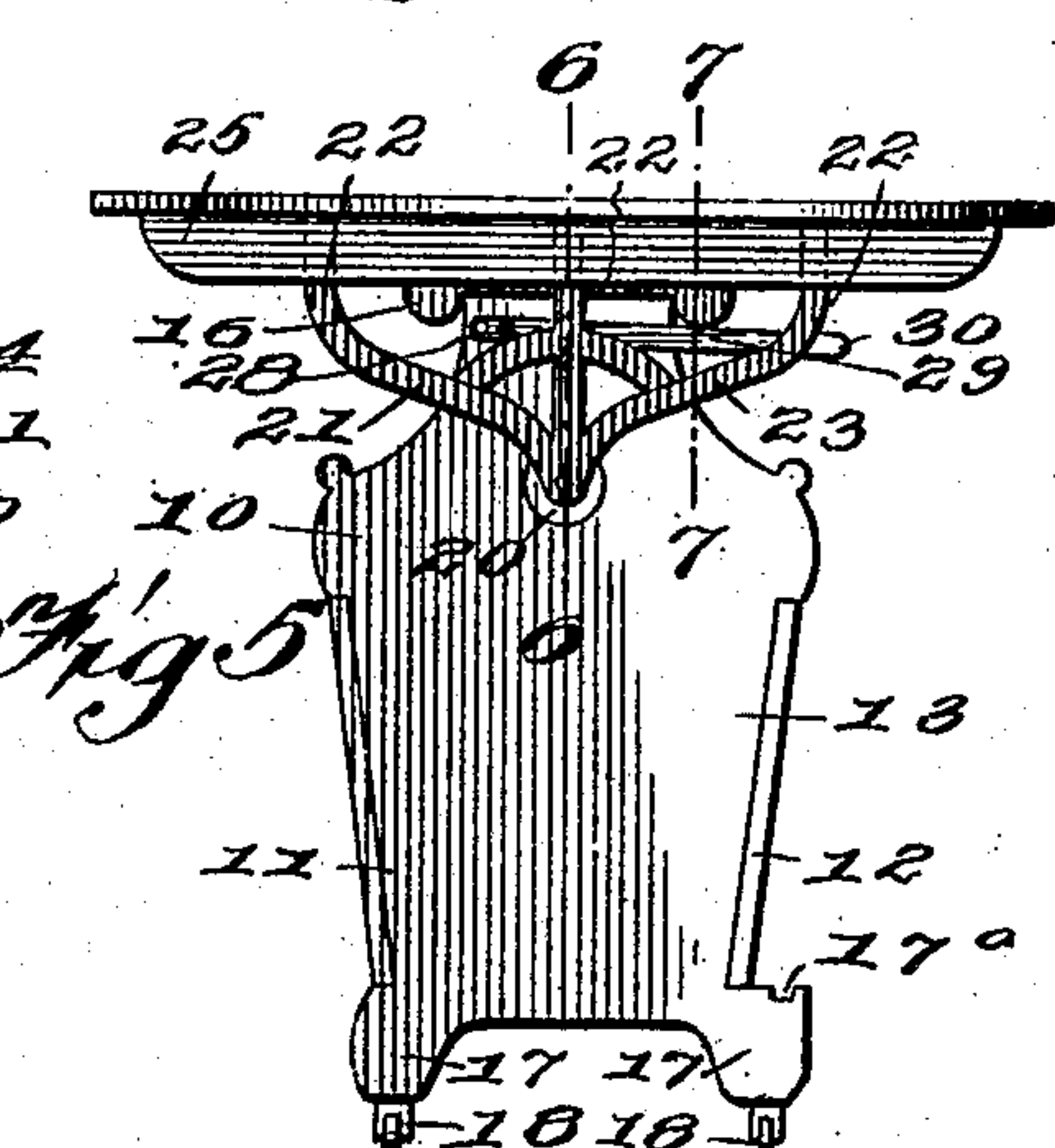
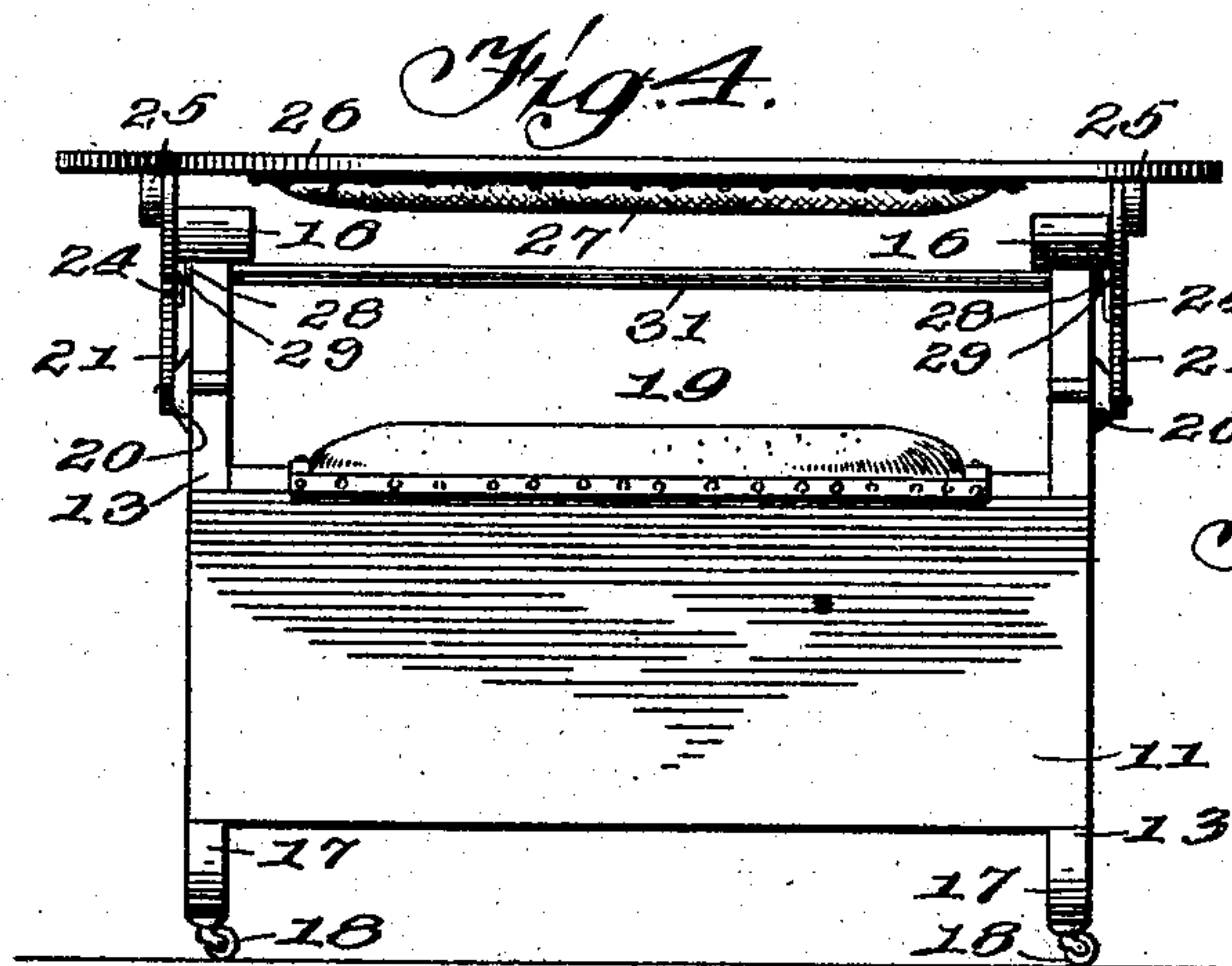
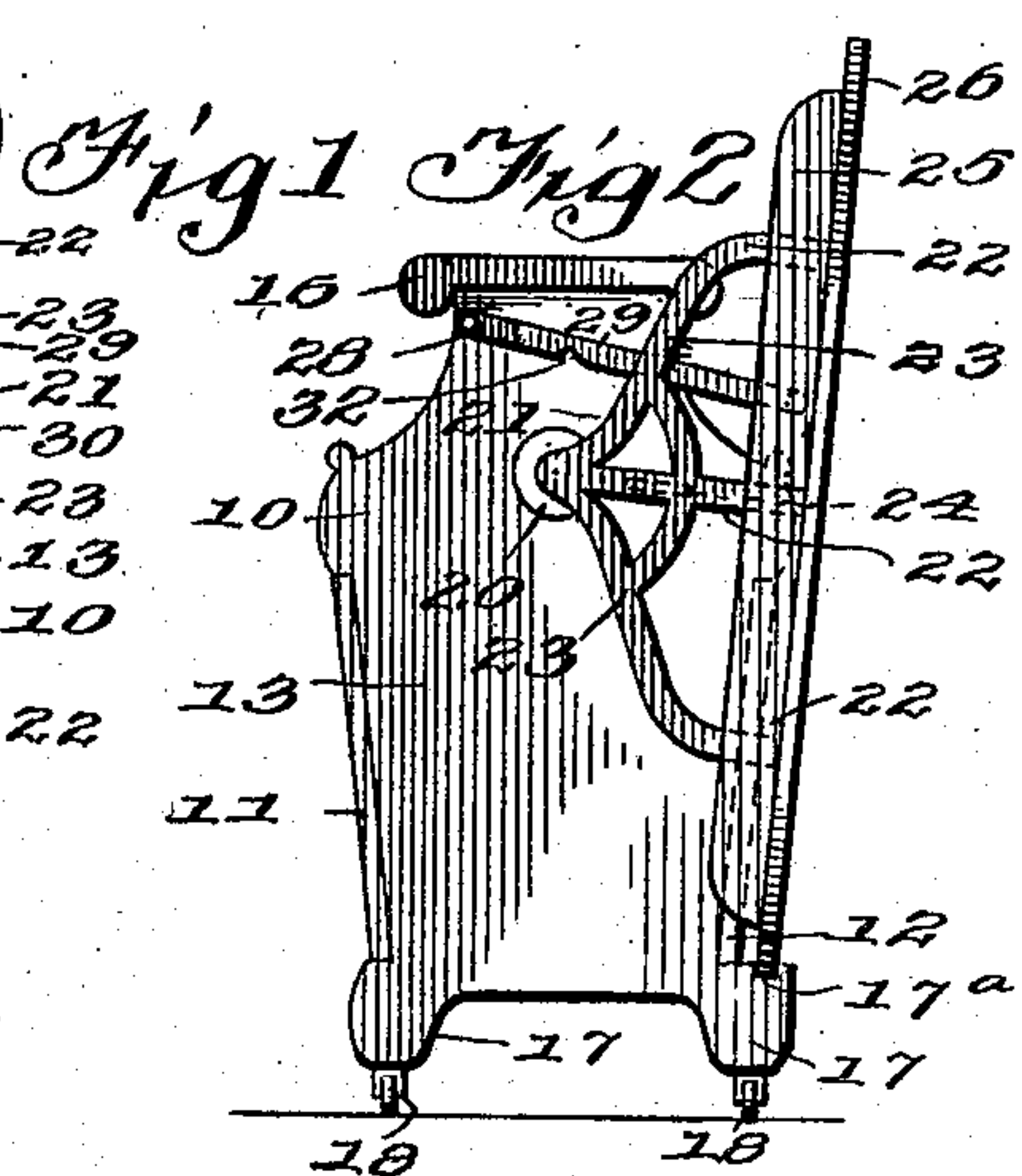
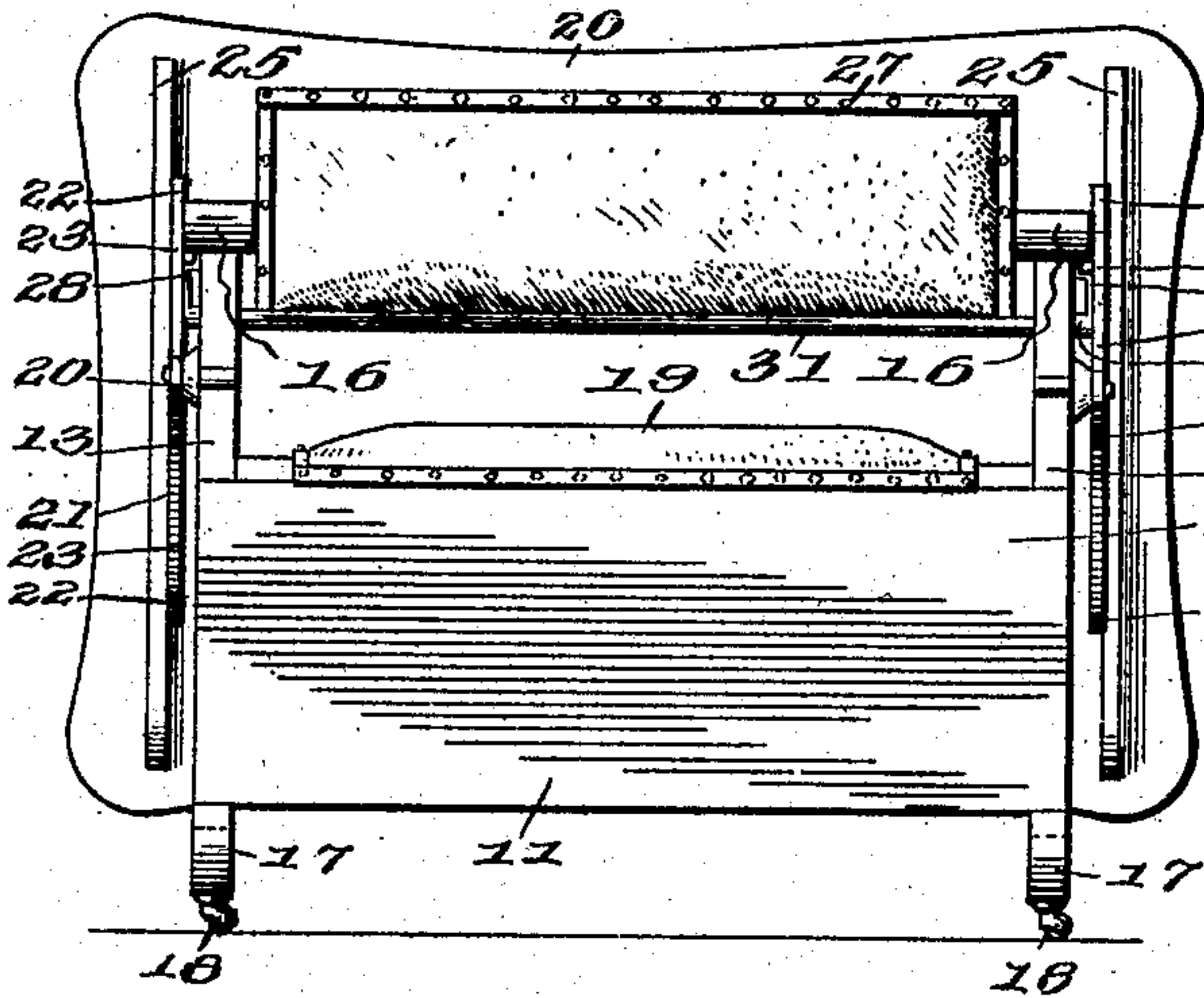


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BAUMGARTNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of furniture and more particularly to a combined article capable of being conveniently transformed into various articles, *i. e.*, a divan, table or chest, and has for an object to provide an article of this character that is attractive in its appearance, and which may be manufactured at a relatively low figure.

A further object of this invention is to provide an effective means for holding the article in the form of a table and to arrange said means whereby it may be manually operated in a simple manner when it is desired to change the article.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent as the nature of the invention is better set forth, and it will of course be understood that certain changes may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the article in use as a divan. Fig. 2 is an end view. Fig. 3 is a central vertical cross section of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a front view of the device in use as a table. Fig. 5 is an end view of the same. Fig. 6 is a detail vertical sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a detail sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings there is shown a combined article of furniture 10 which preferably consists of a receptacle or hollow body formed of front and rear walls 11 and 12, end walls 13, a bottom 14, and a hinged top or lid 15. The end walls are extended upwardly above the top or lid, and are each provided with an arm 16. The end walls are cut away between their front and rear ends, to provide depending legs 17 to each of which is secured a caster 18, whereby the article may be conveniently moved. The top or lid is suitably upholstered as indicated at 19, but it will of course be understood that the same may be made in plain finish. Below the arms each end wall

is provided with an outwardly directed boss 20 to each of which is pivotally mounted a bracket 21 having spaced parallel end legs 22 which are connected by a curved portion 23. Each bracket is provided with an inwardly directed lug 24 for a purpose to be hereinafter more fully described. The legs 22 of the brackets are secured to the end boards 25 of a member 26 having an upholstered portion 27, as shown. Each end wall is provided with a pivotally mounted arm 28 having an off-set portion 29 and an inwardly directed socket 30. The socket of each arm has secured therein one end of a rod 31 disposed at the rear of the receptacle. The arms are disposed above the bosses 20 and are each provided with a notch 32. Each arm, adjacent to its rear end, carries a loosely mounted pin 33 headed as indicated at 34, and confined between the head of each pin and between the upper edge of its arm, there is shown a helical spring 35. Adjacent to the rear end and upon its under side each arm 16 has formed therein a recess 36 disposed in the path of movement of the pin 33 therebeneath.

Upon reference to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing, it will be seen that the article is in use as a divan, the members 26 serving as the back, as is obvious, and the upholstered portion 27 lying inwardly. It may be stated that the member 26 when in this position is disposed slightly at an angle and that the lower edge thereof rests in notches 17^a formed in off-set portions of the end walls. When the article is in this position, the lid 15 may be conveniently raised or lowered to allow access to the receptacle. The receptacle thus serves to store clothing or other similar articles, and may be suitably lined if found desirable. The lid is preferably provided with a pocket 15^a in which may be placed small articles.

When it is desired to use the article as a table, the member is moved upwardly on the pivot of the brackets carried thereby until said member lies parallel with the arms 16. In movement of the member upwardly, it will be seen that the lugs 24 will ride against the under edge of the arms 28 and are finally seated in the notches 32. By engagement of the arms 28 with the lugs 24, said arms are of course forced upwardly, and the headed portions of the pins 33 are forced within the recesses 36. After the heads of the pins are

disposed within said recesses, the springs effectively serve to hold the arms engaged with the lugs, as will be readily understood.

The article is such that it may be manufactured at a low figure, presents an artistic appearance, and combines elegance with a maximum of utility.

It is obvious that by pressing the rod 31 in an upward direction when the article is in use as a table, the arms 28 are disengaged from the lugs and the member may be lowered.

I claim—

1. An article of furniture comprising a frame adapted to form a seat, brackets pivoted to the ends of said frame and having projecting lugs, a table top part carried by brackets and arranged to swing over the frame, and spring pressed arms pivoted to said body and adapted for locking engagement with said lugs to hold the top part in raised position.

2. An article of furniture comprising a frame, brackets pivotally mounted on the ends of said frame and having projecting lugs, a top member secured to the brackets,

spring pressed arms pivoted to the body and adapted for locking engagement with said lugs to hold the top member in raised position, and a rod connecting said arms for operating the same simultaneously to disengage the same from the lugs.

3. An article of furniture comprising a frame, a swinging table top member provided with end brackets pivoted to the ends of said frame, to swing the table top above or behind the same, the brackets having projecting lugs, arms pivoted to the ends of the frame and having notches to engage the lugs, the arms being arranged to lift by contact of the lugs against the lower edges thereof when the table top is swung up, and springs carried by the arms and arranged to strike the ends of the frame and hold the arms in engagement with the lugs when the table top is in raised position.

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

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