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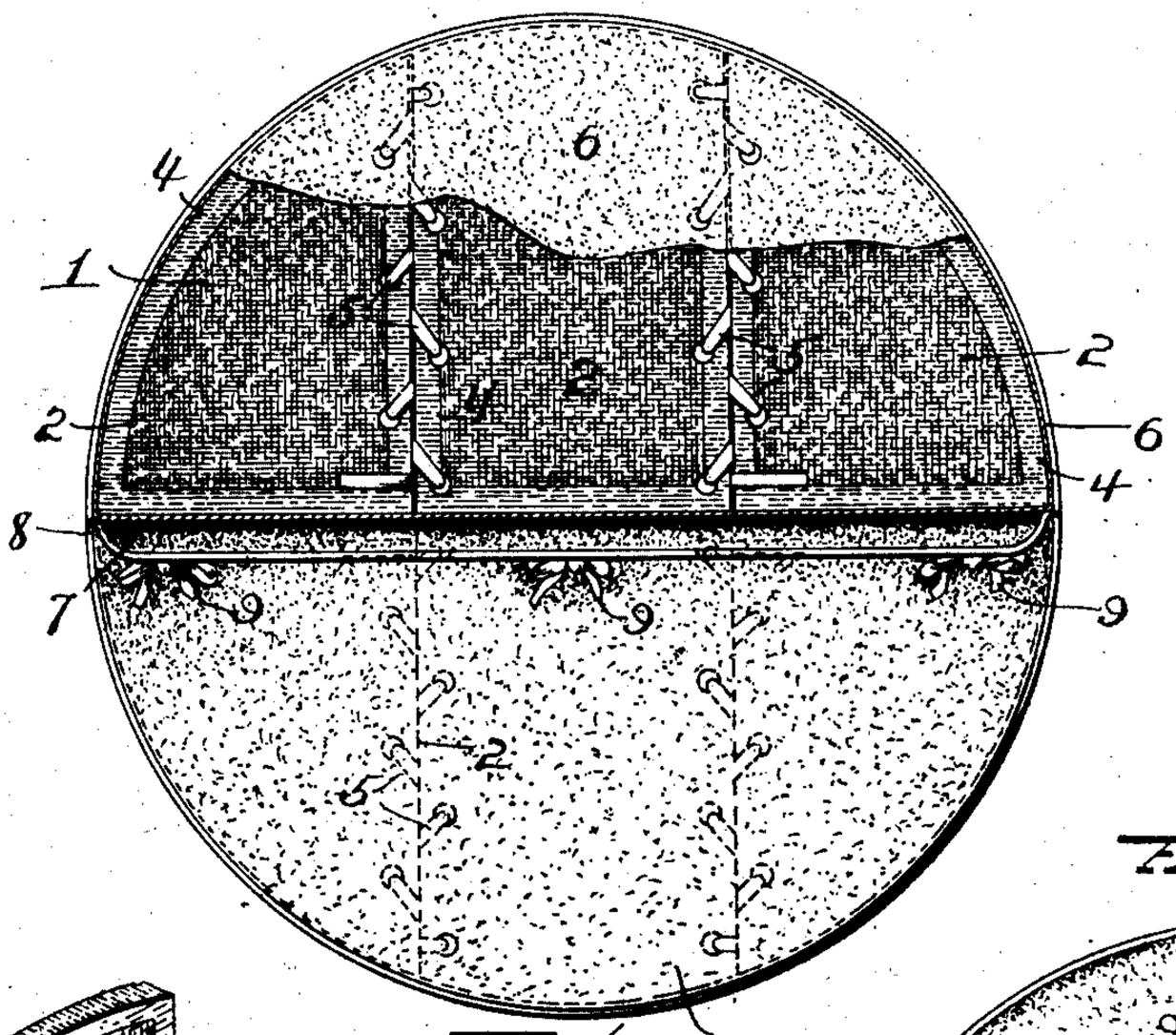

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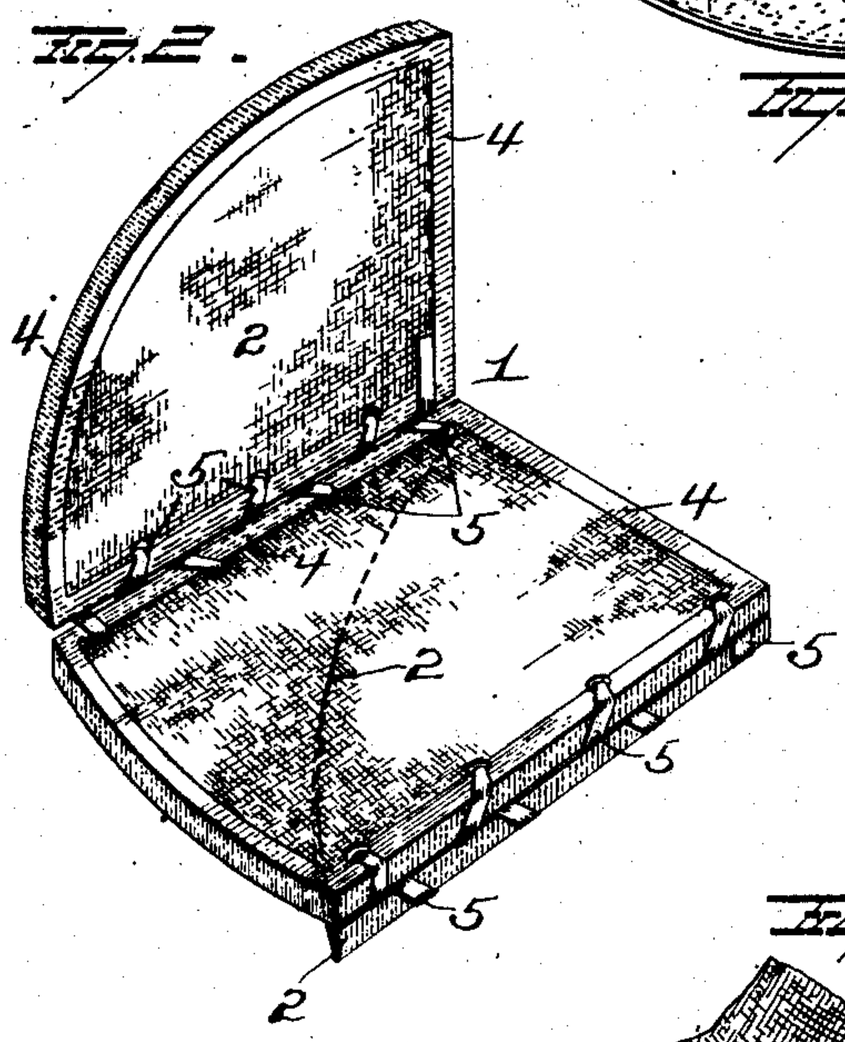

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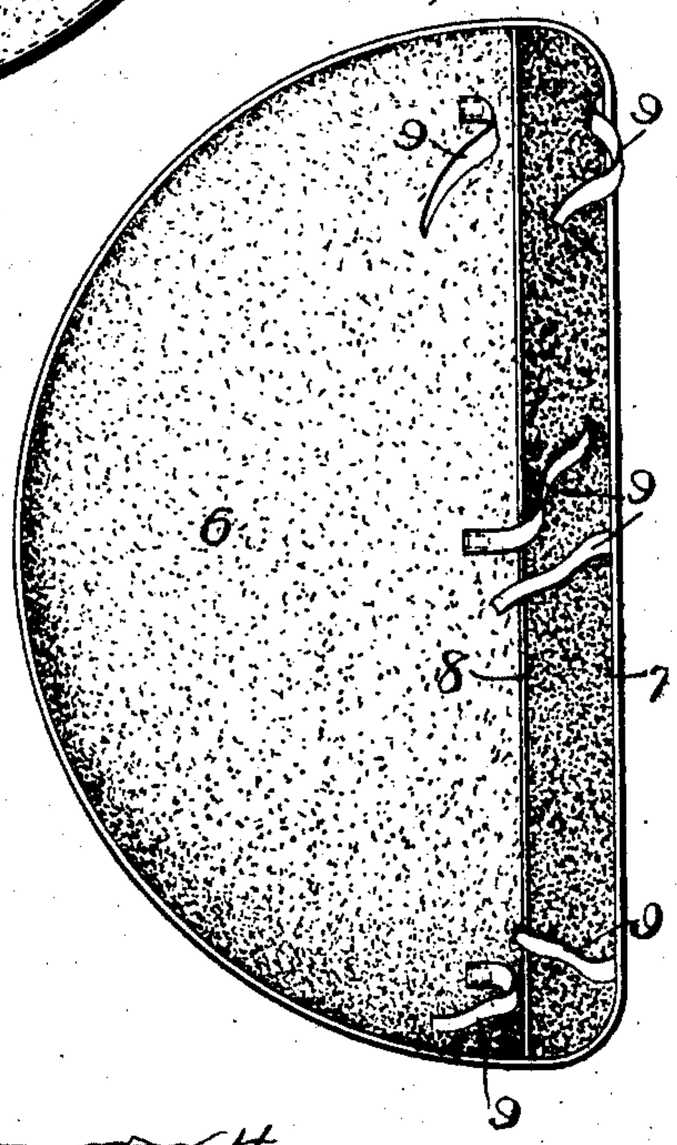

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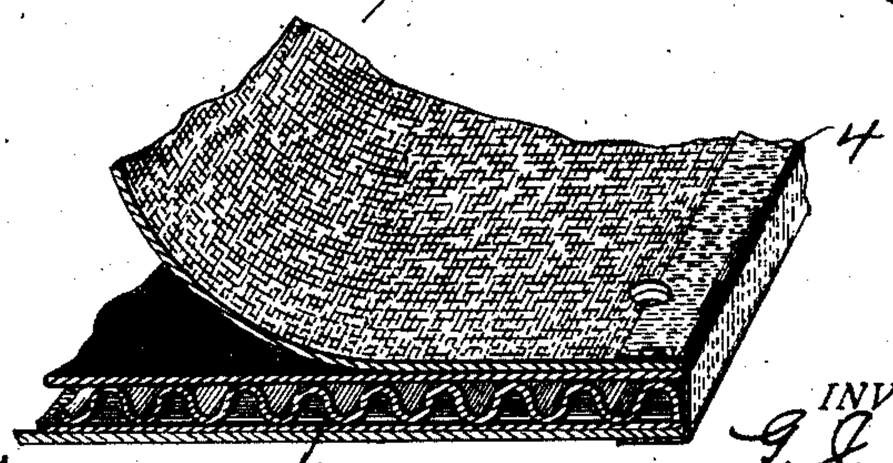

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. VEACH, of Oil City, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in table pads,—one object of the invention being to so construct such a pad that it will effectually prevent the transmission of heat from hot dishes or other heated articles to the surface of the table.

A further object is to provide a table pad which will avoid liability of the surface of the table becoming scratched and which will also operate to prevent moisture from reaching the surface of the table.

A further object is to so construct a table pad that provision will be made for a circulation of air through the same.

A further object is to construct a table pad in such manner that it can be readily folded into small compass when not in use, thus enabling it to be stored in the drawer of a buffet or other article of dining room furniture.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a view of a table pad embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one portion of the pad removed from the envelop and partially folded. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view, and Fig. 4 is a view of one of the flannel envelops.

My improved pad may be of any desired shape according to the form of the table on which is to be used and the pads will be made of such sizes as to adapt them for use on different sized tables. In the drawings I have shown a pad adapted for use on a round table and this pad comprises two members which, when placed together form a circular pad, but the two members are not secured together. For an extension table these same pad members may be employed and, when the two parts of the table are separated for the insertion of leaves, the pad members will also be separated, one from the other, to permit the insertion between them of pad members to cover the added leaves. Each of the pad members shown in the drawings and also pad members which may be employed to cover added leaves of an extension table are made in sections. Each pad member 1 comprises three (more or less) sections 2. Each section 2 consists of a sheet 3 of corrugated straw-board or similar material having each of its faces covered with a thin coat of shellac to which are applied thin sheets of asbestos, the shellac serving the double purpose of securing the asbestos to the straw-board and also of rendering the pad moisture proof. Each section is bound around its edges with thin binding tape 4 or other suitable fabric. The sections thus constructed are placed side by side and are connected by means of lacings 5 which are passed alternately through perforations in the adjacent sections. The several sections of the pad member are thus hinged to each other in such manner that they can be folded one upon another, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

The sectional pad member above described is inclosed within an envelop, preferably made of double-faced flannel. The edge 7 of the flannel envelop 6 projects beyond the edge 8 of said envelop so that when the sectional member of the pad is inclosed within the envelop the projecting edge 7 of the latter can be folded over the edge of the sectional member and also over the edge 8 of the envelop and secured by means of a series of tapes 9. I have referred to the connected sections as a pad member but it will be understood that the flannel envelop in which said connected sections are inclosed, constitutes a part of a pad member.

With a table pad constructed as above described, the straw-board affords numerous air passages permitting free circulation of air and by employing thin coatings of shellac, the penetration of moisture or of any liquid which might be spilled upon the pad will be prevented, while the asbestos effectually insulates the surface of the table from the heat of articles, such as heated dishes, coffee urns etc. By making each member of the pad in sections, the same can be readily folded compactly while the connected sections are contained within the envelop and the whole made to occupy but little space.

If desired, for the sake of economy or for other reasons, the flannel envelop may be

omitted without materially detracting from the efficiency of the other portions of the device in performing the functions which have herein been ascribed to them.

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

A pad comprising sections, each section being constructed independently of the others and each comprising a sheet of straw board, asbestos cloth secured to respective faces of said straw board with adhesive material, and a binding of tape extending around said section and covering the edges thereof, the edge of one section adapted to lie parallel with the adjacent edge of another section and the adjacent sections having perforations near their edge portions, and a tape laced alternately through the perforations of adjacent sections, whereby the pad sections can be folded in either direction and made to lie flat, one against another.

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

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