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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

**An Improved Portable Operating Table for Surgical and Analogous Purposes.**

I, ARTHUR WORMULL, of 31 Stamford Street in the County of Surrey, Surgical Instrument Maker do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows :—

My invention relates to an improved portable operating table for surgical and  
5 analogous purposes, and has for its object the production of a table that is readily adjustable, and of ample dimensions for ordinary use, and is also capable of being packed into a small compass for transport when not in use, thus rendering it especially applicable to field work.

In carrying my invention into effect, I provide a top which is divided into three  
10 pieces, the central being mounted upon a suitable frame carrying the folding legs, and the other pieces, head and foot rests respectively are jointed or hinged thereto, so that any angle or level may be adjusted relatively to the centre portion of said table, and said head and foot pieces may be retained in position by suitable racks, pawls, or other equivalent devices, and clips for rendering the adjustment firm and  
15 rigid. Other clips are also provided for the purpose of retaining the folding legs in position.

When not required for use the legs are folded inwards, under and within the frame of the central piece of the top, and the head and foot pieces are folded over the top, thus rendering the table suitable for transport.

20 Dated this 15th day of April 1891.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

**An Improved Portable Operating Table for Surgical and Analogous Purposes.**

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I, ARTHUR WORMULL, of 31 Stamford Street, in the County of Surrey, Surgical Instrument Maker do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement :—

30 My invention relates to an improved portable operating table for surgical and analogous purposes, and has for its object the production of a table that is readily adjustable, and of ample dimensions for ordinary use, and is also capable of being packed into a small compass for transport when not in use, thus rendering it especially applicable to field work.

35 In order that my invention may be clearly understood, I have appended the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout both views.

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the table as it appears when ready for use.

40 Figure 2 shows a plan view of the same with the several parts folded together, thus making the table compact and portable.

The top is divided into three pieces A, D, and E, the central portion A being mounted upon a suitable frame carrying the folding legs B, B<sup>1</sup>, and the other parts D and E, which are the head and foot rests respectively, are attached thereto  
45 by joints or hinges H. In order that the parts D, E, may be raised or lowered so

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as to form an angle with the main part A, I provide a suitable device for the purpose such as a rack and pawl F, G, and clips for rendering the adjustment firm and rigid, but I do not confine myself to any particular form of device for the purpose stated. Clips C, C' are also provided for retaining the folding legs in position. The legs may also be further strengthened by cross-pieces I. 5

When not required for use the legs are folded inwards within the frame of the central piece A, the raising and lowering device F, G, being also folded inwards and secured by a suitable fastening J. The head and foot pieces are then folded over the top thus rendering the table compact and convenient for transport.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed; I declare that what I claim is:— 10

First. In a portable table for surgical or like purposes, the construction and use of a top made in three portions, hinged to each other, in combination with the rack-work and clips or equivalents for raising, lowering and sustaining the head and foot pieces, and hinged or jointed legs substantially as herein described and shown by the drawings. 15

Second. In a portable table for surgical or like purposes the construction and use of hinged legs capable of being folded inwards, in combination with a divided top, substantially as, and for the purposes herein described, with reference to the drawings. 20

Third. The portable table for surgical or like purposes substantially as herein described and set forth.

Dated this 15th day of October 1891.

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