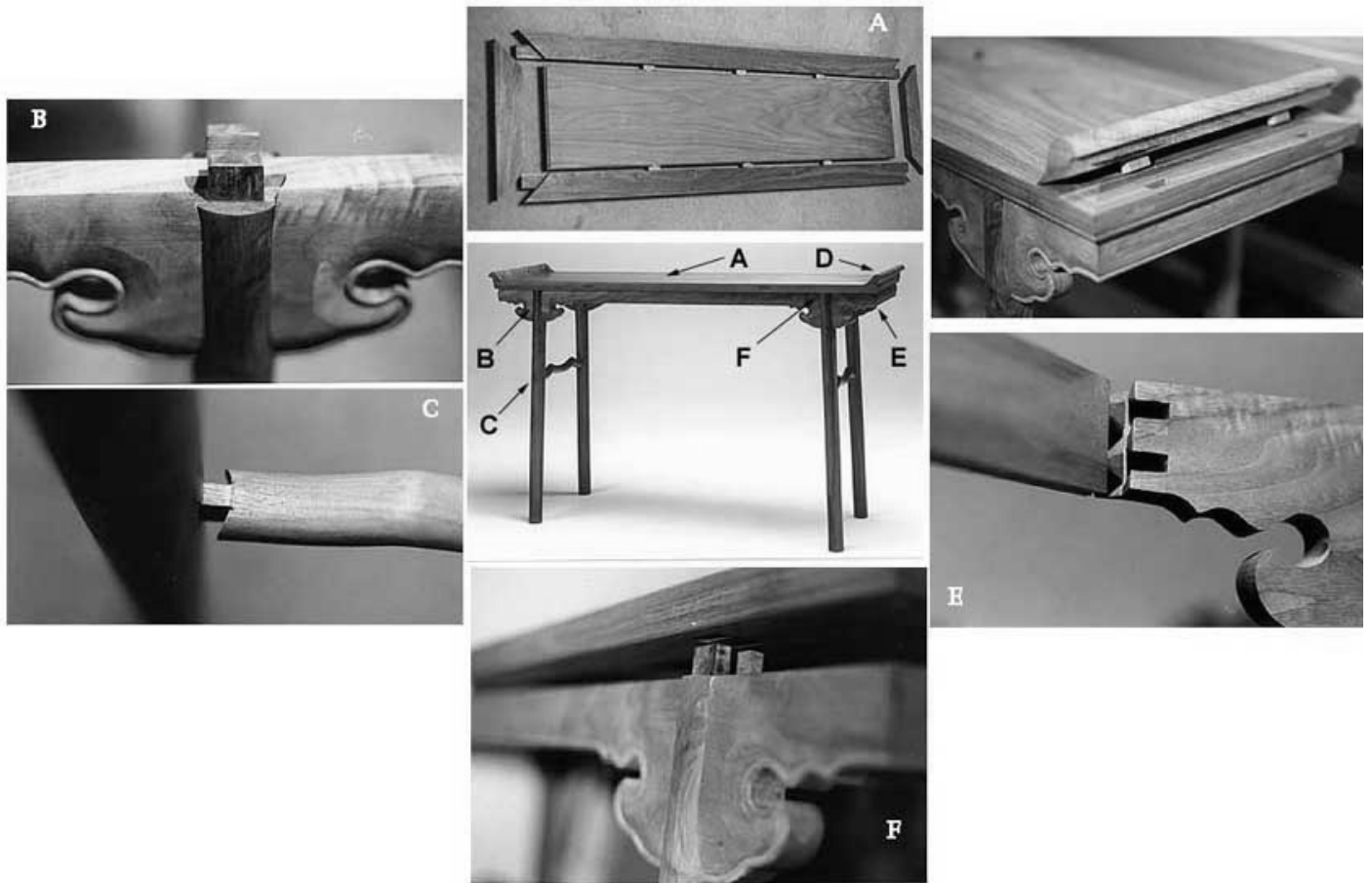


I'm told that this type of table is called a Prayer Table. When you think about it the upswept elements at the top ends of the table make sense - if the prayers are written on a scroll rather than in a book. The raised table ends would keep the scroll from unscrolling off the end when unfurled. But, as I recall, Chinese writing goes from top to bottom and I think, then left to right. (How the hell do they know how long to make the scroll, or when to end the first vertical line and start again at the top, to the right of the first line? Page layout must've been a real nightmare, probably requiring several iterations of "hand written" attempts before arriving at a balanced document.) If I'm correct, the reader would have to walk up and down the table as they read "down" the scroll's characters.

ANYWAY - the apron to leg double bridle joint makes it easier to do splayed legs - and can be used on end legs as well as in between legs on longer tables. The double tenons in the top of the leg for going into mortises on the underside of the frame of the frame and panel top is kind of slick. No need for it to accomodate wood movement since that's already taken care of by the frame and panel of the top. A much better solution than breadboard ends - except for the space between the panel and the frame - which would collect "crud" that would be hard to get out when cleaning.



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