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Ali Tayar was born in Istanbul in 1959 and studied architecture at the University of Stuttgart and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After graduating he worked on wide span hangar structures with Lev Zetlin Associates, on tensile structures with FTL and curtain wall design with James Carpenter. In 1993, he formed Parallel Design Partnership, through which he designs and produces furniture and hardware. These pieces, as well as Tayar's architectural work, derive from the twin imperatives of structural behavior and the methods of mass-production.

EXPLORATIONS IN BRONZE



**bookends**

dimension: 5" x 5" x 5" high

photography: joshua mchugh

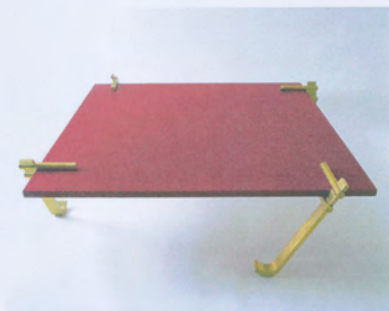
the bookends made in cast bronze in katmandu, nepal  
are shaped to resemble "found industrial object"



### calder's table

dimension: 48" x 48", 15" high

photography: joshua mchugh



the design for this coffee table support consists of a cast bronze component shaped like a crowbar. the piece is approximately 2" wide and 18" long. the projecting cylinders allow the part to be inserted onto a table top at any location. four such supports create a structurally stable coffee table without a positive connection between the top and the legs. the structural system of the design is entirely based on gravity. the bronze supports can be used with a wide range of tabletops of up to 1" thickness and almost any material and shape. the curved foot of the support allows the geometry of the table to adjust to a varying range of thicknesses. the support simply rotates and adjusts the height of the table until a stable geometry is reached. the bronze hardware is manufactured by a new york based firm h. theophile in katmandu, nepal.





**scott's lamp**

dimension: 3" x 6" x 6.5" high

photography: joshua mchugh

this light fixture in bronze fits tightly into the 3" x 6" grid of subway tiles. the line includes a square base plate for a 4"x4" pattern as well as a special cover for an electrical junction box.

