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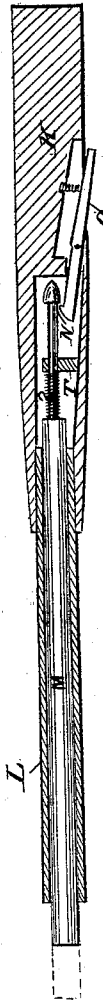
*Toy Cue.*

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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## TOY CUE.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, EBEN W. KEYES, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Cues; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in so constructing a toy cue that the striking end may be pushed back into a cylinder, and from thence may be suddenly snapped out, so as to hit and impel the ball.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and use. In the drawings—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved cue.

Figure 2 is a section of the same.

I construct my cue as follows: K represents the stock; L, a hollow tube; M, a rod sliding within it. The rod M has a knob, N, attached to its inner end, and a spring, S, which has a tendency to throw the rod out of the barrel; but this never takes place, as the knob N is checked by the stop T. When the rod M is pushed back into the barrel the latch O catches on to the knob N, and thus holds it in position. It will be seen by inspection of fig. 2 that if the latch O is pressed down the rod M will be released, and will be sent by the spring S as far out of the barrel as the knob N and stop T will permit it to go.

I am well aware that toy guns have been made having a barrel, L, rod M, spring, and stop, all similar to my cue, with the exception that in my invention the rod M snaps out beyond the end of the barrel, so that it can be used as a cue for striking a ball when the ball is placed on an alley. The ordinary toy gun can only be used for impelling small balls placed within the gun, and in no case can they be used for impelling a billiard or ten-pin ball.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cue, consisting of a handle, K, barrel L, rod M, and trigger O, made substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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