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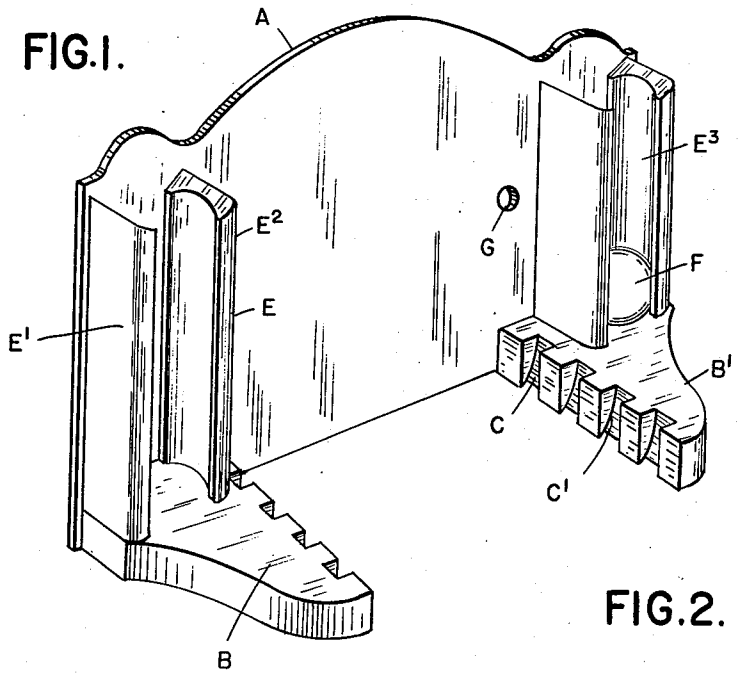


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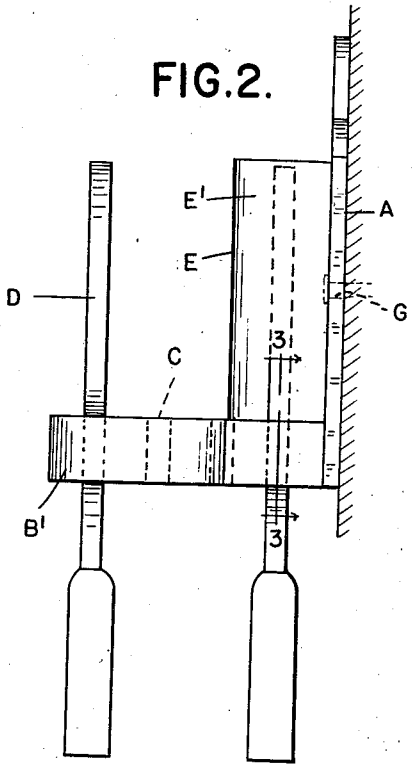
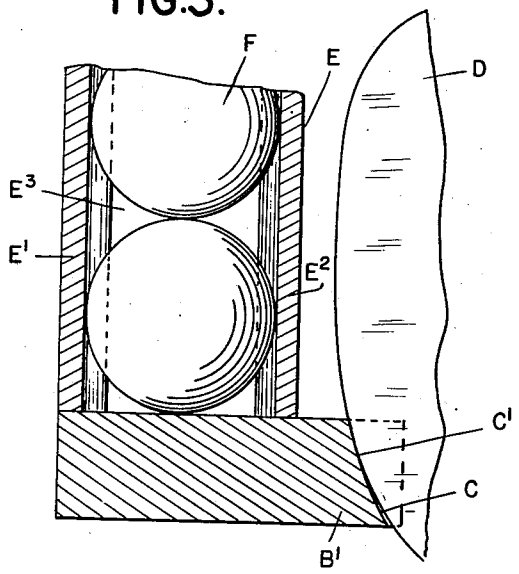


FIG.3.



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The invention relates to equipment designed for use in connection with various ball-bat games, such as table tennis, badminton and other games of a similar character.

It is the object of the invention to obtain a construction of rack for holding the paddles, rackets or other bats of the game and for also holding the balls, birds, etc., all compactly stored in accessible position.

It is a further object to form the rack so that it may be mounted upon the wall of the game room and would have an ornamental appearance.

With these objects in view the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof showing some of the paddles in engagement therewith;

Fig. 3 is a section substantially on line 3—3, Fig. 2, showing a paddle in engagement with the rack and balls stored in the magazine.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, A is a back plate for attachment to the wall. B and B′ are spaced arms projecting outward from the lower end portion of the plate and provided with a series of vertically extending notches C on their inner sides. Each of these notches is adapted to receive a paddle D which will extend between the adjacent arms in a plane parallel to the back plate. The notches C are downwardly tapered as indicated at C′ to afford better support for the edge of the paddle when engaged therewith. Mounted on each of the arms B and B′ and extending upward therefrom is a magazine E for

holding the balls or birds F. As shown this magazine is formed by a pair of spaced strips E′, E^2 having their rear edges secured to the back plate A and also having concaved inner faces forming a channel for receiving a series of balls. This leaves an opening E^3 at the front between the strips for the insertion of the finger to remove a ball. The back plate A may be provided with apertures G for screws or other means for securing the plate to the wall.

In use the rack may be mounted in any convenient position on the wall, or other support, and will serve to store all of the paddles or bats of a game set and also all of the balls thereof.

While I have specifically illustrated and described a rack for holding table tennis paddles and balls, it is obvious that the same construction can be used for other games such as badminton, or even for holding full-sized tennis rackets and balls.

What I claim as my invention is:

A holder for the paddle bats and balls of a ball-bat game comprising a back plate for mounting upon a wall, a pair of spaced arms projecting forward from the lower portion of said plate, and provided with a series of registering notches on the inner faces thereof adapted to engage the opposite edges of a plurality of paddle bats to hold the same in planes parallel to said plate, and ball-holding magazines mounted on said back plate to extend upward from said arms, being open at the top and also at the front and closed at the bottom by said arms.

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