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Fig. 1.

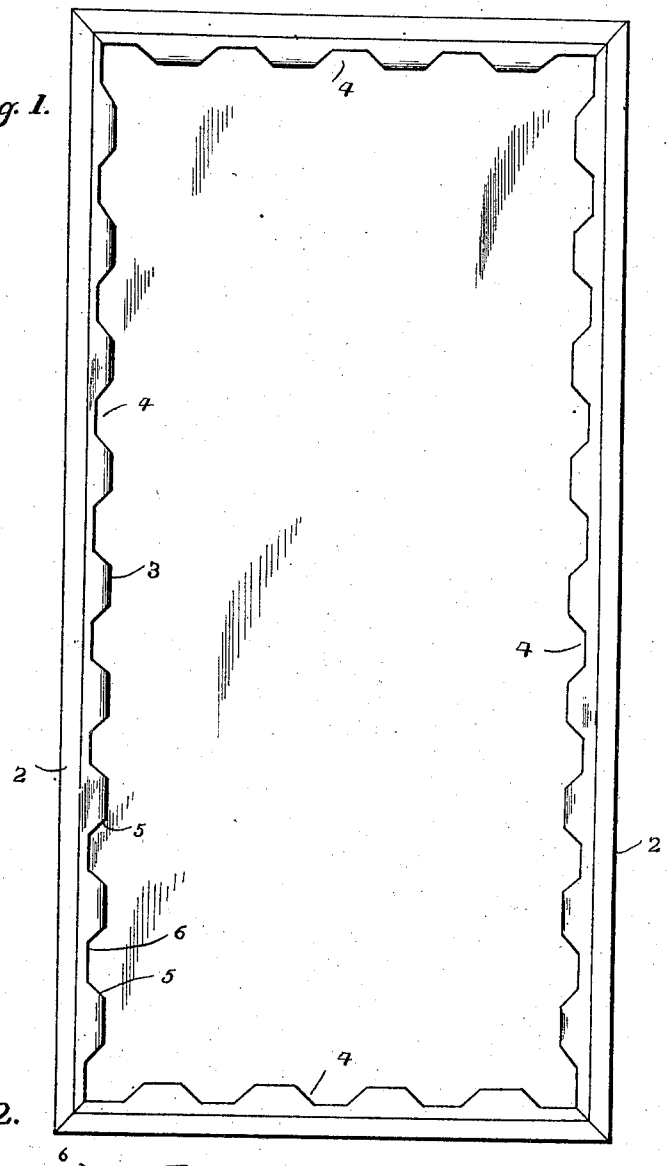
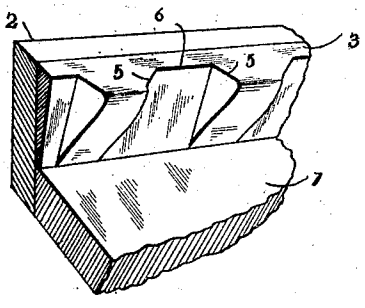


Fig. 2.



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The invention relates to game apparatus of the class embodying a smooth surface having an upstanding enclosing rim and balls movable over the surface and deflected by contact with the rim, said balls being usually propelled by means of a cue.

Games of the class herein indicated, of which billiards is typical, have the deflecting rim straight and it is the purpose of this invention to provide a rim, or cushion, including recesses or stalls, opposite or side walls of which flare, whereby a plurality of closely related deflecting faces are provided which add to the interest of the game and require a successful player to acquire great skill without exercising any undue advantage over a less proficient or skillful player.

In accordance with this invention, the playing surface or table, is surrounded by a rim having recesses, or stalls, opposite sides of which flare to provide a plurality of deflecting faces which are closely related, said rim being cushioned to insure a rebound and lively action of the ball.

While the drawings illustrate a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that in adapting the means to meet specific needs and requirements, the design may be varied and such other changes in the minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the invention as claimed, without departing from the spirit thereof.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof, reference is to be had to the following description and the drawing hereto attached, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a billiard table embodying the invention, and

Figure 2 is a detail view of a portion of the table.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in both views of the drawings by like reference characters.

The numeral 1 designates the playing surface, bed or table, and 2 the upstanding rim which is provided upon its inner side with a cushion 3 of rubber to insure a lively action of the balls when the table is in service. In accordance with the invention the inner side of the cushion portion of the rim is provided with a plurality of recesses forming stalls 4. The number of stalls to a side of the table may vary and depend upon conditions, as well as the sides of the table. Opposite sides of each of the stalls 4 similarly flare, as indicated at 5 and the inner side 6 is in line with the rim. It will thus be understood that the sides of the stalls provide a plurality of deflecting faces and in the form shown, the general outline of the stalls is that presented by one-half of a hexagon. The number of deflecting faces of the stalls will depend upon the outline of the recess forming the stall, but the essential feature resides in the outward flare of opposite sides so as to insure a diversity of movement of the balls which will prevent the holding of the balls in a corner, as commonly practiced when playing upon a billiard table having the usual straight cushion.

By constructing a cushion with recesses at regular intervals, it is evident that such cushion may replace the usual straight and uninterrupted cushion. However, the recesses or stalls may be provided in any manner according to the nature of the table and the cost of the same.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A game table having an upstanding enclosing rim including a cushion provided throughout its length with regularly spaced stalls, each stall facing inwardly and comprising a straight back wall and flared side walls.

2. A solid rubber cushion for billiard and analogous game tables provided throughout the length of its active side with regularly spaced stalls, each of the stalls comprising a straight back wall and flared side walls.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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