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FIG. 1.

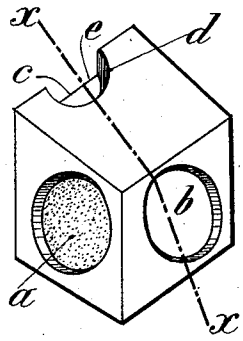


FIG. 2.

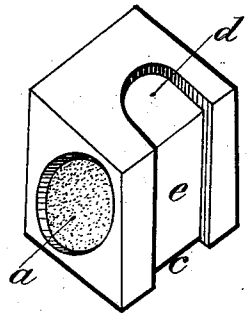


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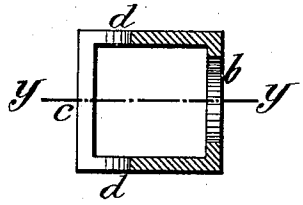
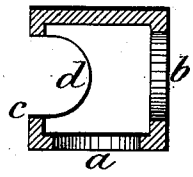


FIG. 4.



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HOLDER OR CASING FOR BILLIARD-CHALK.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 363,898, dated May 31, 1887.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARMAND LABRE, of the city of Paris, France, have invented a new and useful Holder or Casing for Billiard-Chalk, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in France, dated December 12, 1885, No. 172,867; Germany, dated February 6, 1886, No. 36,694, and Austria-Hungary, dated May 29, 1886, No. 6,861 and No. 24,281,) of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The chalks employed for chalking billiard-cues are liable to soil the fingers of the player and the cushions of the billiard-table if laid thereon, and are apt to break if accidentally dropped on the floor.

The object of this invention is to obviate these objections by providing a holder or casing which incloses and protects the chalk and at the same time facilitates its use. The holder is preferably made of india-rubber, but may be of any other suitable material, whether elastic—such as rubber fabrics, gutta-percha, celluloid, or waxed leather—or rigid—such as wood or metal. It can also be made of any form or dimensions, and be suitably ornamented.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of a holder for billiard-chalk made of molded india-rubber. Fig. 3 is a section on line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4, a section on line *y y*, Fig. 3.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

A is the holder, consisting of a casing molded in india-rubber, of a form and dimension corresponding to those of the block of chalk which it is to inclose. It is formed with circular openings *a b* at two sides for the admission of the cue-tip. A slot or opening, *c*, extends completely across a third side of the holder and terminates in deep semicircular notches *d* in the two adjacent sides of the holder, the object of this slot being to facilitate springing the holder over the chalk, which is retained by the return edges *c'*, and also to permit of the chalk *e*, which is exposed at this slot, being rubbed up and down the shaft of the cue. The chalk *e* is also exposed at the opening *b* for chalking the cue-tip, and a piece of glass or emery-paper, or other roughened surface, for cleaning and roughening the cue-tip, is placed behind the opening *a* and held in place by the block of chalk.

When the holder is made of rigid material, one of its sides might be hinged for the purpose of permitting the insertion of the chalk, the hinged side being locked by a pin, spring-catch, or otherwise; but it is preferred to employ india-rubber or other elastic material, the holder being simpler, more convenient, and cheaper.

I do not claim securing sand or emery paper directly to the piece of chalk, as this is old.

I claim—

1. In a chalk-holder, the case A, having openings *a* and *b*, and also the longitudinal slit *c*, substantially as described.

2. The case A, having openings *a* and *b*, to receive the tip of the cue, and longitudinal slit *c*, terminating in the notches *d*, to receive the cue lengthwise, substantially as described.

3. The cue-holder A, having opening *a*, in combination with the piece of chalk *e* and a piece of abrasive paper, said paper being held between an inner wall of the holder and the piece of chalk opposite the opening *a*, substantially as described.

The foregoing specification of my holder or casing for billiard-chalk signed by me this 30th day of December, 1886.

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