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POOL TABLE POCKET.

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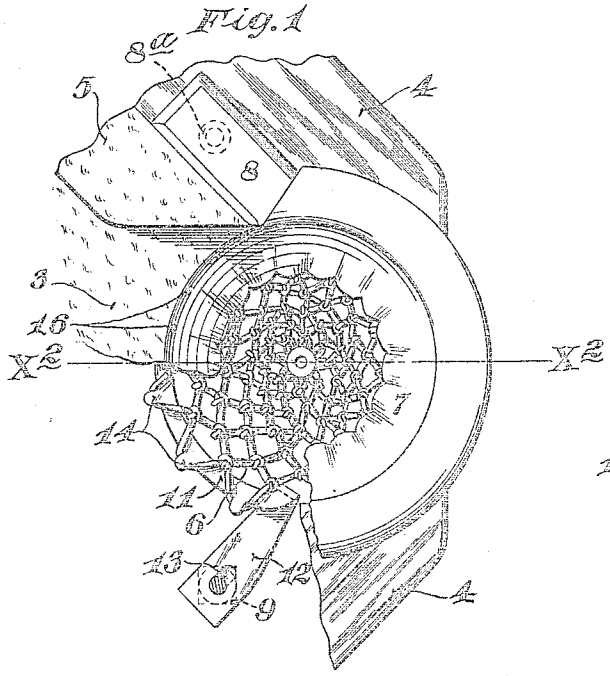
Fig. 1



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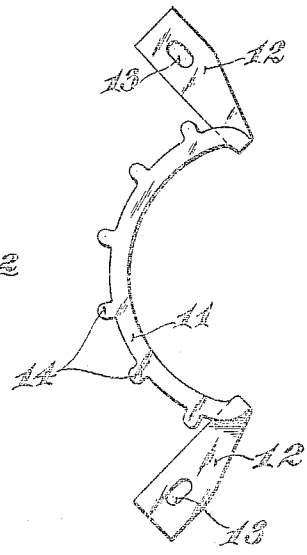

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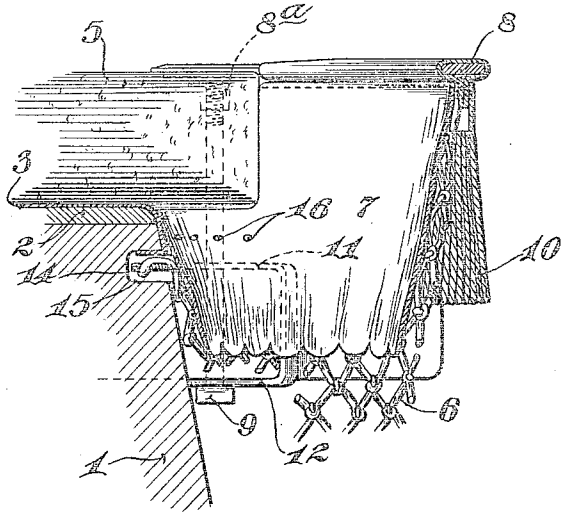

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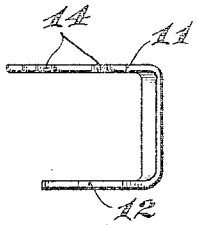

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MARONEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sanborn, in the county of O'Brien and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pool-Table Pockets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to pool tables and has for its object to provide a simple and efficient device for holding the pockets thereof in position.

To the above ends, the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate the invention, like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a fragmentary plan view illustrating the invention; Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken approximately on the line x^2 x^2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the improved pocket-securing bracket removed from the table; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the said bracket.

The numeral 1 indicates the body of the pool table, the same having the customary slate top 2, covered with woven cloth 3.

The numeral 4 indicates the cushion rails and the numeral 5 the cushions.

The pool table pockets shown are of the customary construction, being made up of strong net body portions 6 and a leather interlining 7, which latter is open at its bottom.

At the corners of the table, the rails 4 are spaced apart, but are connected at their upper portions by the usual metallic pocket supporting arches 8 to which the outer and upper portions of the net body portion 6 and interlining 7 are attached in the usual or any suitable way. Also in this construction, as in the standard pool table, the arch bars 8 are secured in working positions to the ends of the rails 4, by screw bolts 9 passed upward through perforations in the said rails and screwed into countersunk hubs 8^a in the said arch bars 8.

The numeral 10 indicates ornamental tassels applied to the upper outer portion of the netting 6, this being the usual construction, but having nothing whatever to do with the present invention. In the ordinary arrangement, the inner portions of the netting 6 and of the interlining 7 are tacked on the adjacent edge of the wooden table 1, and in practice, it has been found that under the rough usage produced chiefly by thrusting the hand down into the pockets after the balls accumulated therein, the netting will be torn loose where it is tacked. To prevent this, I provide a so-called anchoring bar 11 which is arched or curved horizontally and is provided with depending end portions that terminate in arms 12. These arms 12 underlie the ends of the rails 4, but are detachably clamped against said rails by the screw bolts 9, which latter are passed through perforations 13 therein. On its convex surface, the anchoring bar 11 is provided with radially projecting teeth or lugs 14 that are adapted to engage with openings in the inner edge portion of the netting 6, and to securely hold the same in working position. As shown in Fig. 2, the table top 1 is provided with a horizontal groove 15 that is adapted to receive the anchoring bar 11. The inner vertical wall of this groove 15 so closely engages the ends of the teeth 14 that the netting cannot be displaced therefrom as long as the said anchoring bar is in working position. From this, it of course follows that the said netting must be engaged with the said anchoring bar, while the latter is removed from working position.

Adjacent to the pocket, the woven cloth 3 is shown as turned downward and into the groove 15, and the inner side of the pocket interlining 7 is preferably secured by tacks 16 to the table top 1 just above the said groove 15. The tacks are sufficient for securing the inner portions of the said interlining, because the latter, having no bottom, is not subject to downward strains.

What I claim is:

1. In a pool table, the combination with a table top, cushion rails and pockets, and means for securing the upper outer edge portion of said pocket to said rails, of a pocket anchoring bar having projecting teeth engageable with the inner portion of said pocket and the points of said teeth being seated in said table to prevent removal of the engaged portion of said

pocket therefrom, and said anchoring bar being rigidly but detachably secured to the table, substantially as described.

2. In a pool table, the combination with a table top, cushion rails, arched pocket supporting bars, bolts rigidly but detachably securing said pocket supporting bar to said rails, and a net pocket secured at its outer upper portion to the pocket supporting bar, of a curved pocket anchoring bar having teeth engageable with the inner portion of said netting and the points of said teeth being engageable with a groove in the said table to prevent removal of the engaged portion of said pocket therefrom, and said anchoring bar being provided with arms rigidly clamped to the adjacent ends of said cushion rails, by the said bolts which clamp the said pocket supporting bar to said rails, substantially as described.

3. In a pool table, the combination with a table top having a horizontal groove 15, of cushion rails secured to said top, a curved pocket supporting bar 8, bolts 9 securing said bar to said rails, a net pocket 6 secured at its outer upper portion to said bar 8, and a curved anchoring bar 11 having arms 12 and teeth 14, which arms 12 are rigidly secured to said rails by said bolts 9 and which bar 11 is located in said groove 15 with its teeth 14 engaged with the inner edge portion of the netting 6, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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