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Combination of Billiard and Dining Table.

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Fig. 1

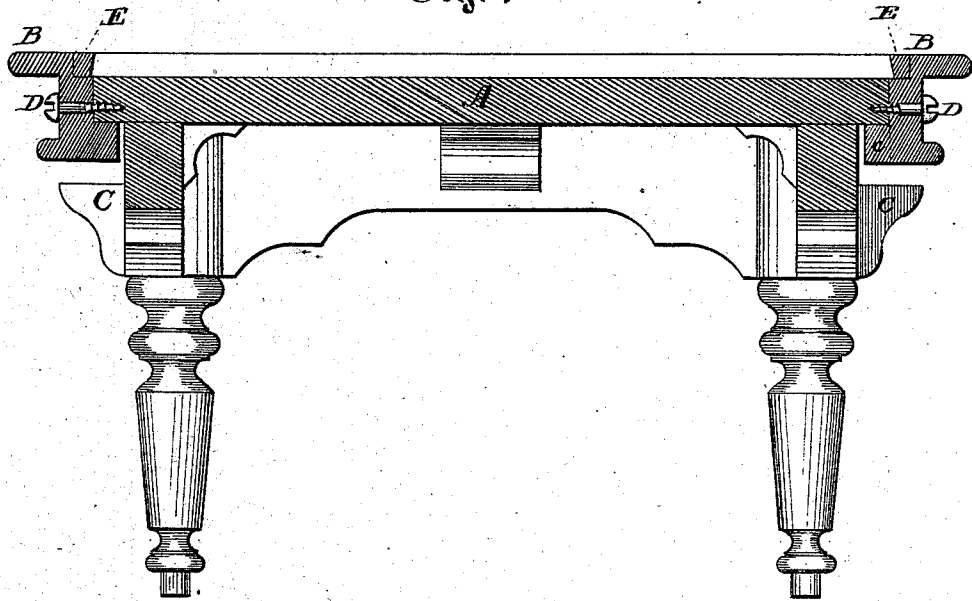
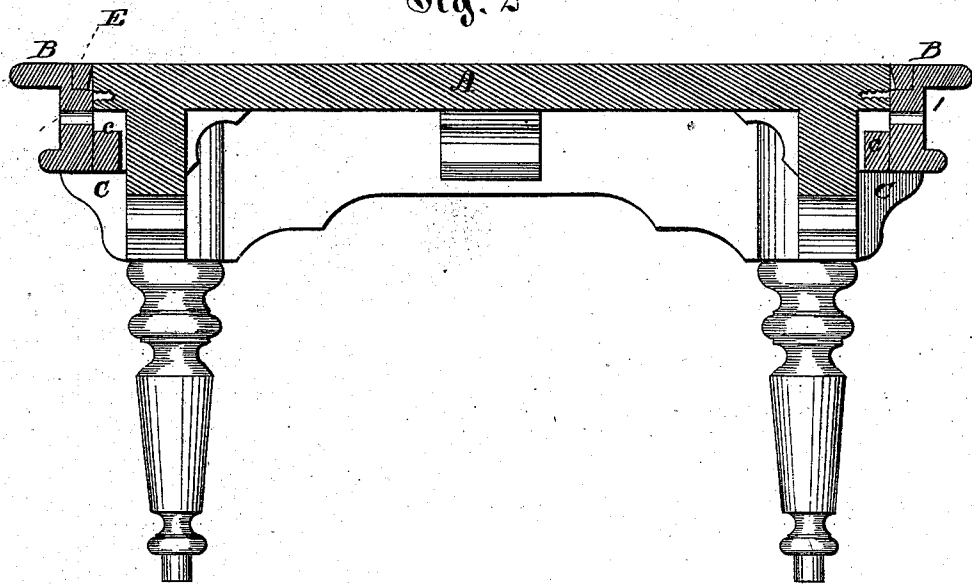


Fig. 2



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COMBINATION OF BILLIARD AND DINING-TABLES.

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, FREDERIC E. HELD, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Billiard and Dining-Table Combined, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of an adjustable billiard-cushion and rail with a table, so that the table may be used as a billiard-table or for dining purposes by changing the position of the cushions and rail, as hereinafter explained.

Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section of my table arranged for billiards, and

Figure 2 the same, arranged as a dining-table.

I construct the body and bed of my table in any of the common and well-known forms, allowing the bed A to project slightly beyond or over the frame, as shown.

Around the bed A I place the rails B, connected together at the corners so as to form a continuous frame, and to their faces secure the cushions E, as in the common table.

The inner edges of the cushions and rails and the outer edge of the bed I arrange in the same vertical plane, and to the lower inner edge of the rail secure blocks or cleats, c, as shown in both figures.

The rails thus arranged may be raised to bring the cushions above the bed, and then be secured by passing screws, D, through the rail into the bed or body,

as shown in fig. 1, so as to answer as and in all respects resemble an ordinary billiard-table.

After removing the screws the rails and cushions may be lowered flush with the bed, as shown in fig. 2, when the table will present a smooth, unbroken surface, and may be used for dining or other purposes.

To the body of the table I secure brackets, C, upon which the rail rests, and by which it is supported when lowered, as shown in fig. 2.

The cleats or blocks c are to limit the raising of the rails, and aid in adjusting the same when being converted for billiards, by striking against the under side of the bed and stopping the rails at the proper height.

It is obvious that instead of removing the screws at each conversion of the table, slots may be made in the rails, and thus render it only necessary to loosen the screws to allow the rails to move.

In this way I am able to provide a table that may be adjusted for playing billiards upon, or for any ordinary use, as described.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim, is—

A billiard-table having its rail and cushion adjustable, as herein described, so that it may be converted into a table suitable for dining or other purposes, as set forth.

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