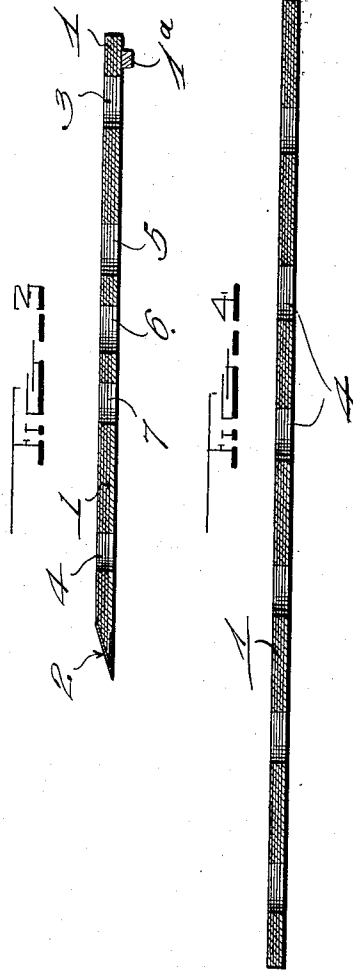
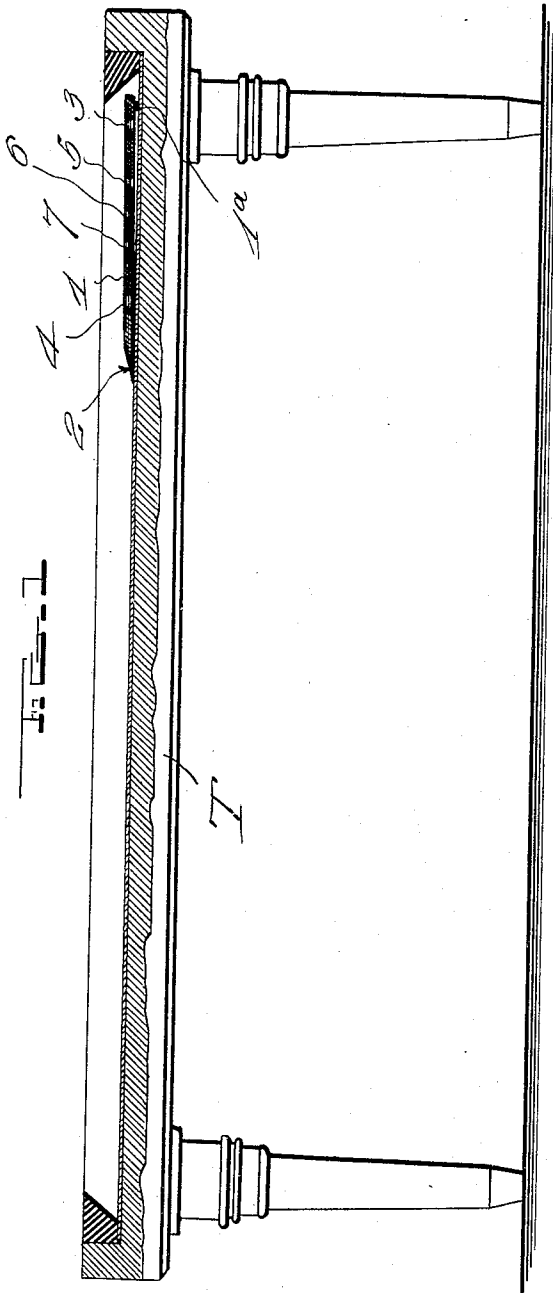


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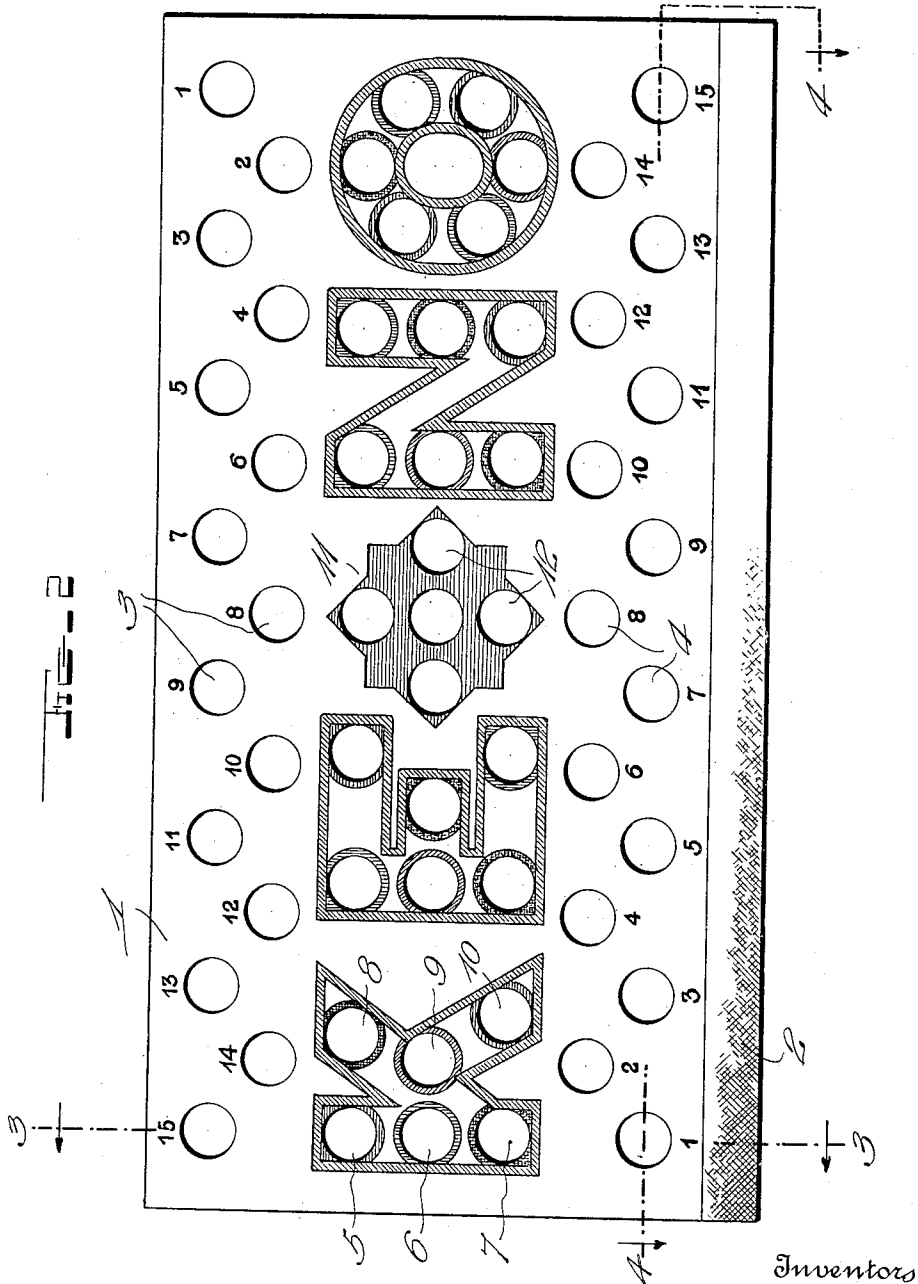
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALEXANDER DEBELACK and GEORGE DEBELACK, citizens of the United States, residing at city of Sheboygan, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Attachments for Pocket-Billiard Tables; and we do 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.

This invention relates to improvements in game apparatus and more particularly to game boards.

The object of the invention is to provide a board attachment for pocket billiard tables which involves the principles of pocket billiards and is designed for use in connection with pool or pocket billiard balls numbered from 1 to 15, the balls and the holes in the board being correspondingly colored and a goal being provided in the board, the winner being the one who effects a lodgment of a ball in this goal.

Another object is to provide an attachment of this character in which the board is inclined downwardly from the rear to the front thereof to increase the difficulty in lodging the balls in the holes formed in said board.

Another object is to provide a board attachment of this character having holes arranged to form a word.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a billiard table partly in longitudinal section, showing this improved attachment applied;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the attachment detached;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

In the embodiment illustrated a game

board 1 for attachment to a billiard table T is shown which is composed of a single slab of a length corresponding to the width of the table and of any desired width, being preferably about two feet, two and one-fourth inches wide more or less. This board is designed to be placed across one end of the table T with the ends of the board arranged adjacent the side cushions of the table and with its rear edge disposed adjacent one end cushion of the table. A strip 1^a is secured to the lower face of the board at its rear end to provide for the downward inclination of the board from the rear to the front thereof, said strip being preferably about one-fourth of an inch thick. This board is constructed of any suitable material, preferably of five-ply veneer and is of about one half an inch in thickness. The front edge of the board is beveled on its upper face and has a strip 2 secured on both faces of its beveled edge. See Figs. 1 and 3.

This board 1 has fifty-nine holes formed therein, two rows 3 being arranged adjacent its rear edge and two rows 4 adjacent its front edge. The holes of each series, each of which comprises two rows, being numbered from 1 to 15 and those of one row disposed in staggered relation to those of the adjacent row. The numbers of the front and rear series are arranged oppositely to each other, those of the rear series increasing from the right to the left and those of the front series increasing from the left to the right.

A plurality of holes having colored margins are disposed between the numbered series 3 and 4 and are arranged to form a word, the word "Ke-No" being here shown. Each letter is composed of six holes, the margins of which are of different colors; for instance, the letter K is composed of an opening 5 having a blue margin, opening 6 with a red margin, opening 7 with a yellow margin, a black marginal opening 8, a green 9 and a blue 10.

Midway the word between the letters E and N is a goal in the form of an eight-pointed star 11 which may be termed the ke-no star, the background of which is here shown blue and four holes 12 are employed in its formation. Four of the points of this star 11 are directed toward the four edges of the board and each of these points has an

aperture therein, the other four imperforate points alternating with the apertured points.

In the use of this improved attachment the board 1 is disposed at one end of the table T between the side cushions thereof as shown in Fig. 1. The object of the game is to play the balls onto the board 1, the player scoring according to the number and color of the hole into which the ball falls. At the opening of the game, the cue ball is played from the head of the table within the string which is the end opposite that on which the board is arranged and afterward it is played from the position in which it lies except in the case of a scratch shot as defined in the rules of the game.

The winner may be the player who effects the lodgment of a ball in a hole corresponding in color to the ball played or the winner may be the player who effects the lodgment of any ball in the goal 11, or the winner may be the player who effects the lodgment of any six balls in the holes forming any one of the letters.

It will be obvious that by arranging the board 1 at an inclination the difficulty of lodging the balls in the holes thereof will be considerably increased as the tendency of the balls will be to roll off said board.

While the word "Ke-No" is shown in the present embodiment of this invention, it is of course understood that any other word may be used as a substitute therefor.

We claim:

1. A game device comprising a board for arrangement across one end of a billiard table, an eight pointed star centrally delineated on said board and having a point directed to each edge of said board, said star having a central aperture and an aperture

in each of the points which is directed toward a board edge, imperforate points alternating with the apertured points, letters on either side of said star, each outlined by six apertures having different colored borders around them.

2. A game device comprising a board for arrangement across one end of a billiard table, an eight pointed star centrally delineated on said board and having a point directed to each edge of said board, said star having a central aperture and an aperture in each of the points which is directed toward a board edge, imperforate points alternating with the apertured points, letters on either side of said star, each outlined by six apertures having different colored borders around them, said board having front and rear series of apertures, each series being composed of two rows of longitudinally disposed spaced apertures arranged adjacent one edge of the board, one series being above and the other below said letters, the apertures in one row alternating with those of the adjacent row, the apertures of each series being consecutively numbered, those of one series being arranged opposite to those of the other, the numbers of the rear series increasing from the right to the left and those of the front series from the left to the right, and a beveled edge on the front of said board to form an entrance thereto.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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