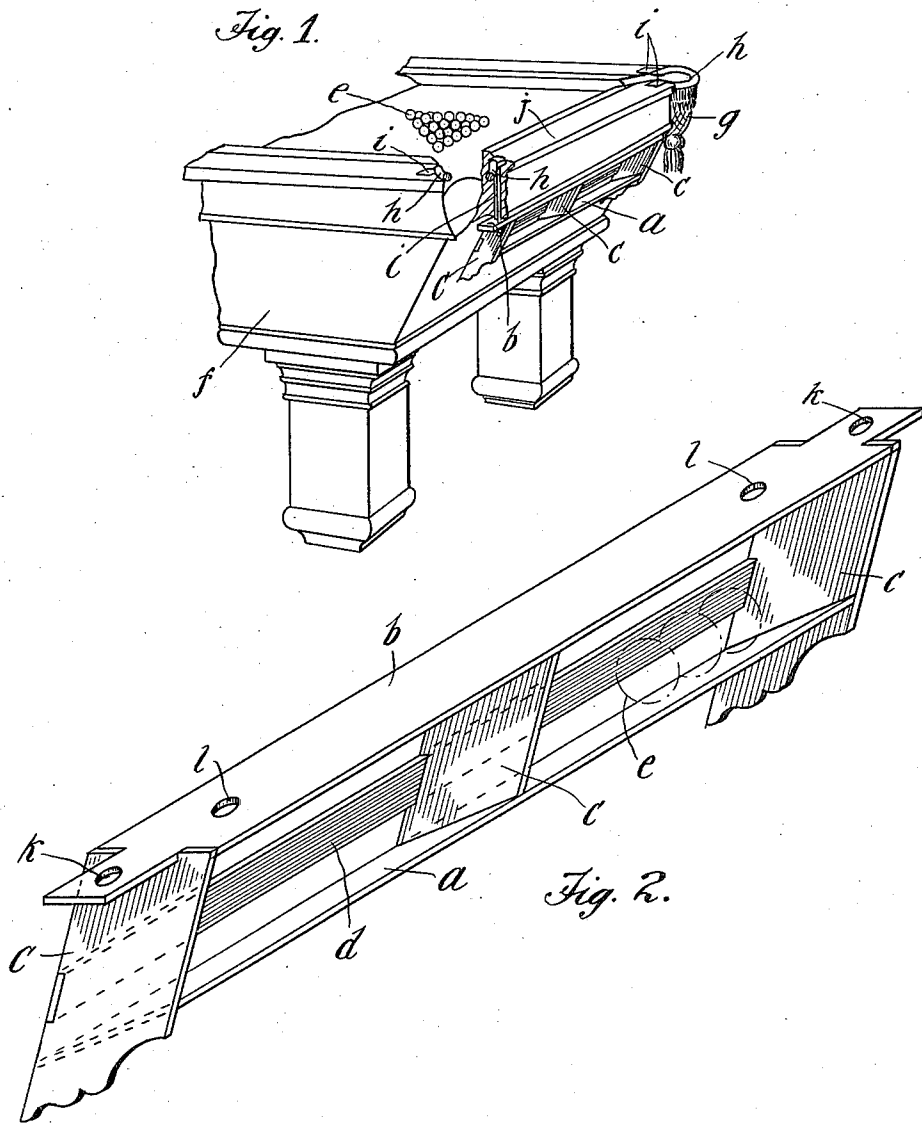


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. SOMMERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pool-Ball-Rack Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a pool-table, and more particularly to means for storing the pool-balls at a convenient place on the table itself.

Pool-balls are usually kept in a rack or other suitable receptacle on the wall of the room, in which the table is located. But this is found undesirable on account of the distance a person has to travel in transferring the balls to and from the table, and on account of the danger of dropping the balls in transit. Pool-rooms are moreover usually quite crowded, making such transfer of the balls even more difficult and slow.

To overcome these difficulties my object is to mount a suitable receptacle directly on the pool-table, and preferably at a point in close proximity to the place, at one end of the table, where the balls are stacked at the beginning of a game. My means of accomplishing this result is clearly set forth in the following description and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 shows, in perspective, the end of a pool-table to which my ball receptacle is attached, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the ball receptacle.

The ball receptacle or rack comprises an inclined shelf *a* and a top piece *b*, both combined by a series of partitions *c*, which also support a guide strip *d*, adapted to keep the balls *e* in place on the shelf. The pool-table *f* is made with pockets *g*, supported by pocket-irons *h*, and bolts *i* of the latter extend through the casing *j* of the table. The top board of the rack is provided with perforations *k*, spaced to register with said bolts *i*. To attach the rack, the nuts of bolts *i* are first removed, whereupon the rack is

positioned under casing *j*, permitting the lower extremities of said bolts to project through said perforations, and the nuts are then applied to the bolts, clamping the rack firmly in place. Where the pocket-irons are made with threaded perforations or sockets to receive the fastening bolts, as is frequently the case, the bolts are first passed through perforations $\frac{1}{2}$ of the top board, then inserted from the bottom through casing *j*, and screwed into said perforations of the pocket-irons. It is noticed that casing *j* overhangs the body of the table, and as the rack substantially conforms with the shape of the latter, it is kept well within the contour of the table so as not to interfere with the free movements of the players. The balls are at the same time stored close to the place where they are stacked at the beginning of a game.

Pool-tables are made in various sizes, and my rack attachment may conveniently be made to fit any required size. I may also add a series of extra clamping perforations *l*, spaced to accommodate the varying conditions, in order that my device may be readily attached to any pool-table.

While in the drawing I only show one shelf *a*, I wish it understood that I may add one or more shelves below the one shown, in order to increase the storage capacity of my device.

I claim:

In combination with a pool table having pockets provided with metallic supports, said supports being attached to the table by bolts; a detachable rack comprising one or more inclined shelves, guide strips for retaining the stored balls in position, and a top board provided with apertures through which pass the pocket retaining bolts of the table, said bolts thereby serving to clamp said rack on to said table.

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