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Fig. 1

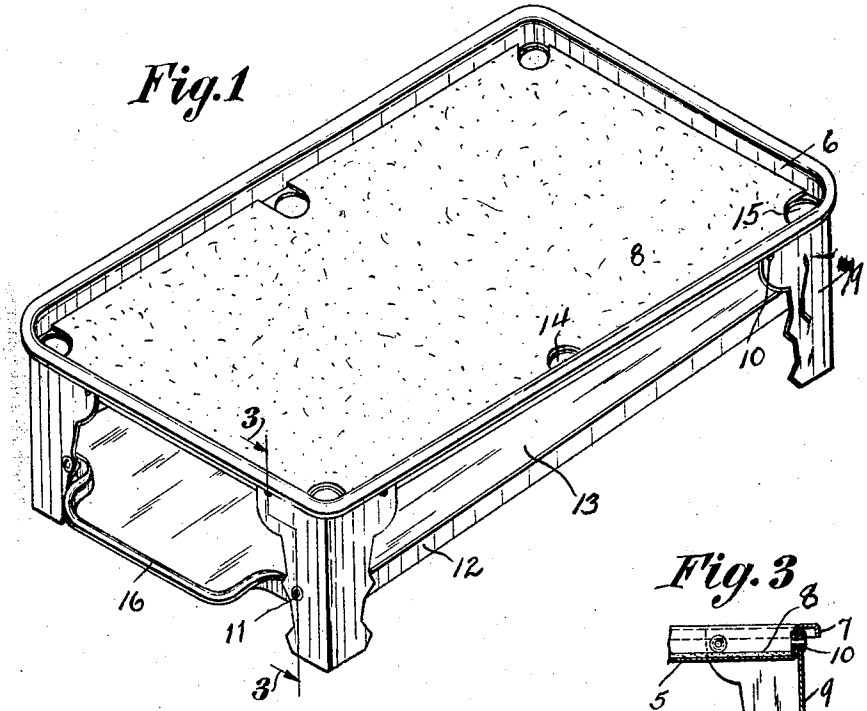
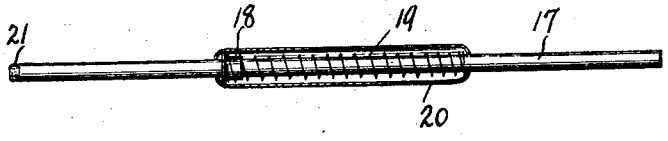


Fig. 3

Fig. 2



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This invention relates to games and toys and one of the objects is to provide a novel and improved table designed, constructed and arranged to permit of the playing of the game of pool in accordance with the well known and accepted rules of the regulation pool game.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a pool table having a series of pockets located and arranged at the ends and sides of the table whereby the players may shoot the object balls therein in the same manner as practiced on the regulation pool table.

Another object of my invention is to provide a pool table game for children simulating the regulation fifteen ball pool game that is played according to set and standardized rules including a return shelf or runway located below the table proper whereby the pool balls may roll to the front of the said table after falling into any one of the pockets.

Another object of my invention is to provide a toy pool table preferably constructed of inexpensive material capable of being pressed or stamped such as sheet tin, designed along the lines of a regulation table including a return shelf or runway located below the table proper and bracing the corner legs.

With the above objects in view and others which will be readily suggested by those skilled in the art reference is had to the accompanying drawing showing a preferred form of the invention in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the table.

Fig. 2 is a view showing a spring type cue.

Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference numerals designate corresponding parts on the drawing, 5 designates the table top and playing surface preferably constructed of sheet metal having an upwardly bent rail 6 and overhanging flange 7. The table top is covered by a piece of felt or other soft material 8 which offers a smooth surface and somewhat retards the roll of the object balls which may be glass marbles or their equivalent.

The table top is supported by the corner legs 9 which may be bent, pressed or stamped from a single piece of metal, each of said legs being secured as by means of rivets 10 to the outer corners of the rail 6.

Each leg of the table is also riveted as at 11 to the flange 12 of a ball runway, turn shelf or delivery plate 13 which slopes slightly from one end to the opposite end, being adapted to receive the objects or balls which may be projected or rolled into any one of the side and end openings or pockets 14, 15. The said runway or delivery plate is provided with a front tray extension 16 disposed slightly beyond the front of the table and from which the objects may be removed and replaced on the table proper for further use and play.

The felt covering for said table is also cut away at the openings or pockets and is permanently attached to the table in any suitable manner by an adhesive or if so desired may snugly fit the table top and be removed from time to time whereby it may be cleaned.

Any suitable type of cue may be utilized for shooting the objects on the table. In Fig. 2, I have shown a spring cue consisting of a spindle 17 provided with a stop head 18 and a spring 19 wound thereon enclosed within a tubular casing 20 open at each end. The tip 21 of the cue may be provided with a resilient element whereby when the object such as a marble is engaged thereby, it will not slip or slide off the surface and thus permit the player to direct the object ball toward any of the other balls on the table. It is of course understood that the game is played with fifteen balls or marbles (not shown) which may or may not be numbered, or may be colored for identification purposes. Any suitable type of rack may be used to position the balls or marbles at one end of the table whereby play may be commenced by projecting the object ball to the other objects.

Having shown and described my invention what I now claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the U. S. is:

1. A pool rectangular table comprising a table top having an opening at each corner and oppositely disposed side openings therethrough, supporting legs attached to the corners of said top and an inclined runway connected to and bracing the supporting legs below the top whereby playing objects falling through said openings may roll to one end of the table.

2. A pool table comprising a table top having openings in its ends and sides, supporting legs attached to the corners of said top and an inclined flat runway extending entirely across the table and having a front tray and connected to each of the supporting legs for bracing the same and located below the top whereby objects falling through the openings may roll to one end of the table.

3. A pool rectangular table comprising a table top having a plurality of openings at its ends and sides, a rail formed integral with the table top, supporting legs riveted to the rail and an inclined flat runway spaced from the top and extending between the opposite ends of the table whereby objects falling through said openings may roll to one end thereof, said runway having an extension tray at the delivery end of the table.

4. A toy pool table comprising a rectangular table top having side and end openings therethrough; supporting legs at the corners of the table, an inclined flat runway located below the table top and spaced therefrom to expose the top thereof, and extending the entire length and breadth of the table and connected to the legs at a distance from the under side of the top to brace the same, said table top and legs being made of pressed metal and riveted together and to the runway.

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