

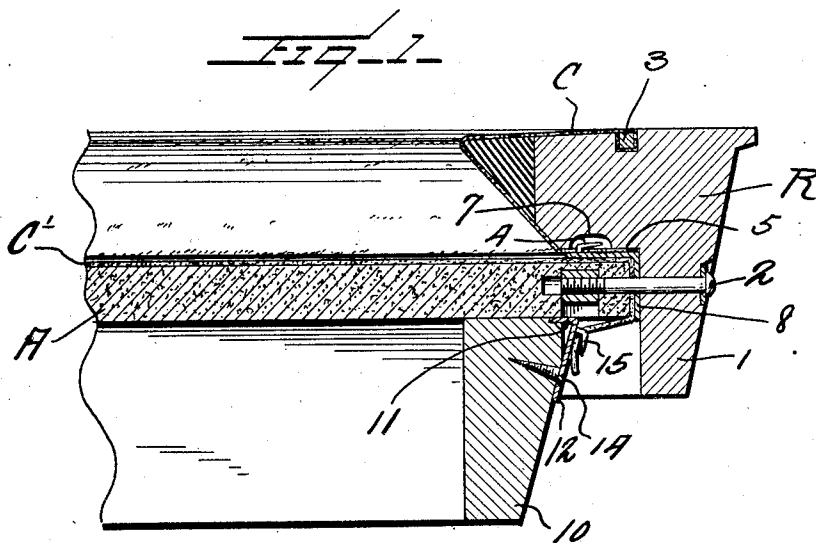
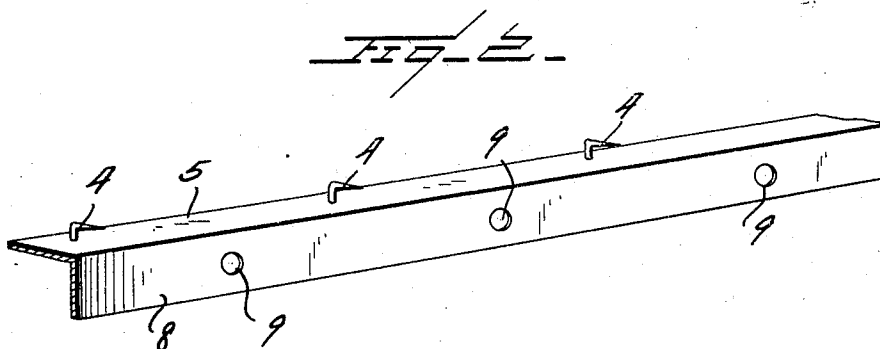
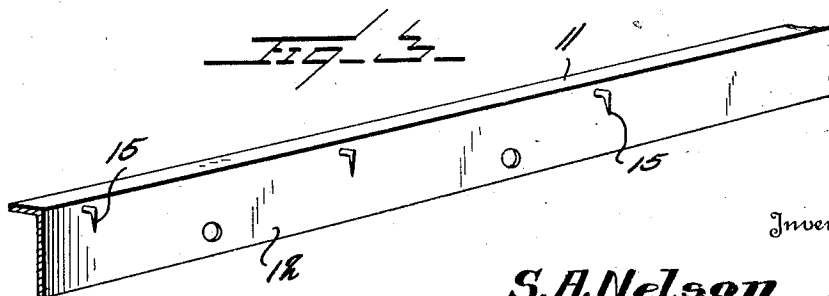
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL A. NELSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at River Falls, in the county of Pierce and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Means for Fastening Cloth to Game Tables and the like, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in means for fastening cloth to game tables and the like and has relation more particularly to a means especially adapted for use in connection with the well known type of billiard table.

It is the primary object of the invention to provide means of this kind for more effectively and perfectly stretching and holding the cloth in applied position and minimizing the use of tacks as now generally required.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved means for fastening cloth to game tables and the like whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary sectional view of a game table showing applied thereto cloth holding means constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view in perspective of the rail holding strip as herein employed;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in perspective of a holding strip for coaction with the bed cloth.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings, A comprises a portion of the bed of a pool table and R a removable rail associated therewith, said rail including a shank or web 1 lying outside of an edge of the bed A and secured thereto by the bolts 2. The cloth C for the rail R is secured to the upper portion of said rail in a conventional

manner, as at 3, while the opposite marginal portion of said cloth C is adapted to be engaged with the pointed hooks 4 carried by a metallic strip 5 of a length substantially co-extensive with the length of the rail, said hooks being disposed inwardly of the rail and received within the pockets or recesses 7 provided in the under surface of the rail when the strip 5 is in applied position.

The inner marginal portion of the applied strip 5 is defined by perpendicularly related flange 8 which snugly engages between the adjacent end of the bed A and the shank or web 1, said flange 8 is provided therealong with the openings 9 through which the bolts 2 are adapted to be disposed whereby said bolts provide means for effectively maintaining the strip 5 in applied position with the cloth C effectively stretched in desired working position upon the rail.

Each marginal portion of the bed A rests upon a frame member 10 and between said bed and frame member 10 is adapted to be engaged a flange 11 defining a margin of a strip 12 of a length substantially co-extensive in length with the frame member 10. This strip 12 overlies the upper portion of the frame member 10 and is secured thereto by the screws 14 or the like and is provided with the downwardly facing hook members 15 engageable with a marginal portion of the cloth C' for the bed whereby said cloth is effectively maintained stretched and in applied position and in a manner to avoid the necessity of tacking.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a means for fastening cloth to game tables and the like constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:—

1. In combination with the rail of a game table having recesses in its under surface, a strip underlying said under surface for

holding a cloth to the rail, said strip having rearwardly facing hook members to penetrate the cloth, said hook members seating within the recesses in the under face of the rail when the strip is applied.

2. In combination with the rail of a game table having recesses in its under surface, a strip underlying said under surface for holding a cloth to the rail, said strip having rearwardly facing hook members to penetrate the cloth, said hook members seating within the recesses in the under face of the rail when the strip is applied, said rail

having a depending shank lying outside of an end of the bed of the table, said strip having a flange extending between said shank and bed, and members disposed through the shank and engaging the bed to hold the rail in applied position, said members being also disposed through the flange of the strip to hold the strip in working position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

SAMUEL A. NELSON.