

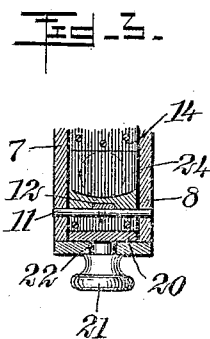
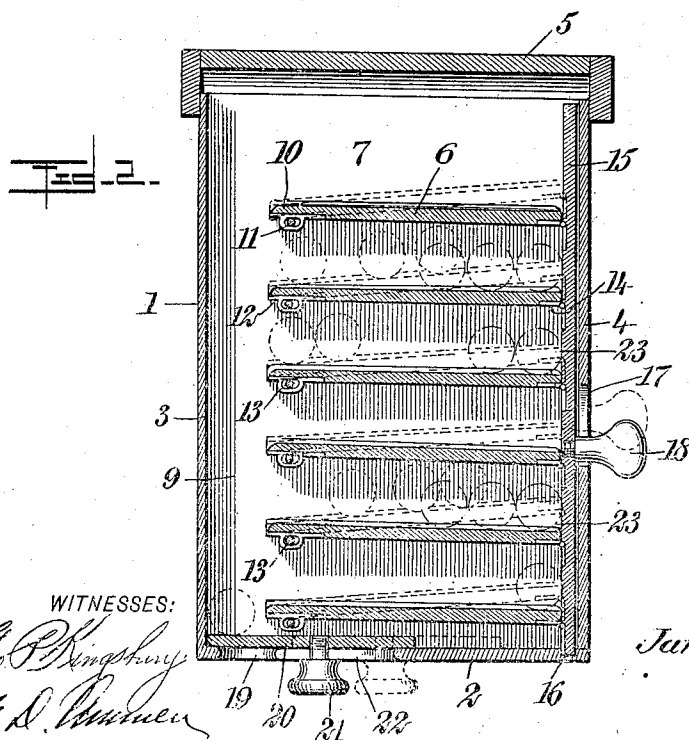
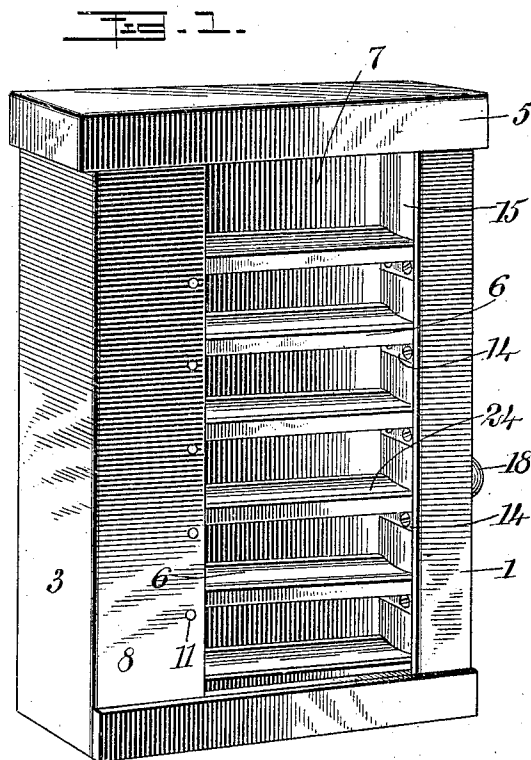
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES L. COLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Fargo, in the county of Cass and State of North Dakota, have invented a new and Improved Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a cabinet intended to be placed in a pool or billiard parlor for the purpose of receiving the balls when removed from the table.

The object of the invention is to produce a cabinet of this class of improved construction, which is especially adapted to facilitate the removal of the balls when they are to be racked up or spotted upon the table.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, to be more fully described hereinafter, and definitely set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cabinet. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section through the bottom of the cabinet.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the body of the cabinet, the same consisting, substantially, of a box open on the front side and comprising a bottom 2, end walls 3 and 4, a suitable cover 5, and a plurality of shelves 6, arranged with their rear edges against the back or rear wall 7 of the cabinet. At the left of the body of the cabinet, as shown, there is provided a vertically-disposed board or strip 8, which incloses one end of the cabinet, so as to constitute a chute 9, down which the balls may fall in a manner which will be described more fully hereinafter.

The shelves 6 do not extend the entire length of the cabinet. They are arranged one above the other, as shown, and their outer edges 10 are supported upon transversely-disposed horizontal pins or bars 11, which connect the board 8 with the rear wall 7 of the cabinet. On their under sides at this point the shelves 6 are provided with small brackets 12, having elongated eyes or openings 13, through which the aforesaid bars 11 pass. In this way while the bars afford a substantial support for the shelves they will

permit a limited longitudinal movement thereof or a rotation, as will be readily understood.

The opposite extremities of the shelves 6 are attached, by means of hinges 14, to a headboard or slide 15. This headboard is disposed vertically, lying adjacent to the inner face of the end wall 4 of the cabinet. Its lower extremity normally rests on the bottom of a recess 16, which is formed in the bottom 2 of the cabinet, as shown. When in this position, the shelves 6 incline downwardly slightly toward their right-hand extremities, as viewed in Fig. 2. I provide means, however, for raising this slide, so as to incline or tip the shelves in the opposite direction, so that any balls which may rest thereupon will gravitate toward the chute 9. For this purpose the end wall 4 is provided with a vertically-disposed slot 17, through which a handle or knob 18 projects, the same being rigidly attached in the slide 15, as shown.

Directly beneath the chute 9 the bottom 2 is provided with an opening 19, which is normally closed by means of a door 20, which slides upon the inner side of the bottom 2, as indicated. To facilitate the operation of this door, it is provided with a downwardly-projecting knob 21, which projects through a slot 22, formed longitudinally in the bottom, as shown. By seizing this knob 21 the door 20 may be moved to the right, so as to open the outlet 19, or it may be moved to the left to close the same. In Fig. 2 the outlet or opening 19 is represented as closed.

In using the cabinet it should be understood that the pool or billiard balls (indicated in dotted outline at 23) will be placed upon the shelves, as shown, the said shelves having slightly concave upper faces 24, so as to facilitate the holding of the balls in the usual manner. When it is desired to remove one or more balls from the cabinet, the door 20 will be opened and the basket will be held under the opening 19, whereupon the balls desired will be pushed toward the left from their respective shelves, so as to fall down the chute 9 into the basket. When it is desired to remove the balls from the cabinet, the knob 18 will be pushed up, so as to elevate the slide 15 and the adjacent extremities of the shelves 6. In this way the shelves will be tipped up at their right extremities, and all the balls which rest upon them will roll to-

ward the left and into the chute 9, descending into the basket, as will be readily understood.

Special attention is called to the manner in which the extremities of the shelves 6 remote from the slide 15 are supported. The arrangement at this point evidently permits a sliding movement of the shelves and also a rotation.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A cabinet for pool or billiard balls, comprising a body, a plurality of shelves mounted in said body having elongated eyes attached near the extremities thereof, members carried by said body and passing through said eyes to support said shelves, and a slide jointed to the extremities of said shelves remote from said eyes and affording means for tipping said shelves simultaneously.

2. A cabinet for pool or billiard balls, comprising a body, a slide disposed adjacent to a

vertical wall of said cabinet, a plurality of shelves adapted to receive balls and having joint connections respectively with said slide, and means for slidably supporting the extremities of said shelves remote from said slide.

3. A cabinet for pool or billiard balls, comprising a body having a plurality of shelves mounted therein, a slide disposed adjacent to a vertical wall of said body, said wall having a slot therein, a handle attached to said slide and projecting through said slot, joint connections between said shelves and said slide, brackets constituting eyes carried by said shelves, and transverse bars passing through said eyes.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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