

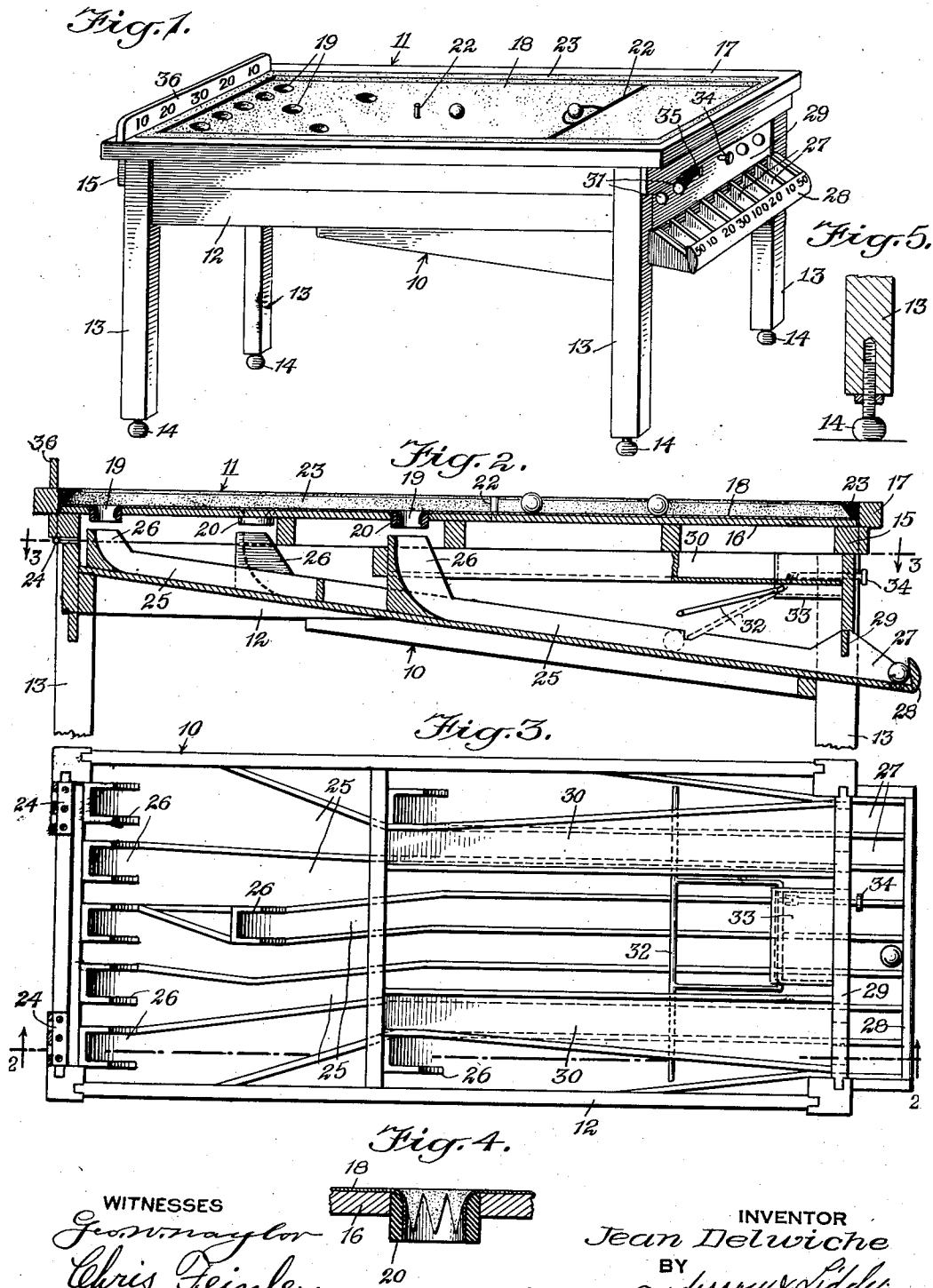
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This invention relates to a game apparatus of the character which involves the use of balls and cues in playing game therewith.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a game apparatus embodying novel features and improvements whereby persons may play interesting and amusing games in the manner of pool and billiards.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the features as hereinafter described and claimed, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an apparatus embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3, portions being broken away.

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

Fig. 4 is a section of one of the details.

Fig. 5 is a section of another one of the details.

Referring now more particularly to the several views of the drawing, it will be apparent that the apparatus includes a table consisting generally of an under structure 10 and a top structure 11. The under structure 10 consists of a rectangular frame 12 having four legs 13 at the corners thereof. Each of the legs 13 has an adjustable foot 14 for leveling the playing surface in the case of uneven or inclined floors. The top structure 11 includes a rectangular frame 15 to which is secured a panel or board 16. The board 16 is surrounded by a frame 17. The board 16 is covered by cloth 18 in order to provide a smooth playing surface. The board 16 has a plurality of holes 19 therethrough, the holes being grouped at one end. A short tubular member 20 is secured in each of the holes 19. The tubular member 20 is made of rubber. The cloth 18 is extended downwardly into each of the tubular members 20, as shown most clearly in Fig. 4. A pin 21 is secured to the board 16 and projects upwardly from the playing surface. The pin 21 is disposed approximately centrally of the playing surface in advance of the group of holes 19. A taw or foul line 22 is marked on the cloth 18 at a suitable distance from the pin 21. Resilient rails 23, which are cloth covered, bound the playing surface, it being apparent that these rails provide a rectangular boundary with respect to the holes 19, pin 21 and line 22. The top structure 11 is hingedly connected at one end with one end of the under structure 10, as at 24, in order that the structure 11 may be swung up and down with respect to the structure 10.

Gutters 25 are secured to the frame 12 of the under structure 10, there being one gutter 25 for each of the holes 19. The inner end 26 of each gutter extends upwardly in registry with the related hole 19 and the outer end projects beyond the frame 12 to provide a pocket 27 open at the top. This is accomplished by the use of an end member 28 disposed in spaced relation to the adjacent end member 29 of the frame 12. Each of the gutters 25 extends forwardly and downwardly in order that the balls used will find their way to the pockets 27 from the holes 19. Receptacles 30 are secured to the frame 12 to receive the cues used in playing. The end member 29 has holes 31 therein for inserting the cues into the receptacles 30. The top structure 11 may be swung upwardly on the hinges 24 in order to give access to the gutters 25 in the event one or more balls became lodged therein, and also to give access to the cues in the receptacles 30.

In accordance with another feature of the invention, use is made of a barrier 32 movable into one position with respect to the gutters 25 beyond the pockets 27 to prevent balls from entering said pockets, and is also movable into another position to allow balls to enter the pockets 27. The barrier 32 is under the control of a coin control and time mechanism 33 of any suitable type. The mechanism includes a manipulating member 34. The mechanism is secured to the frame 12 and said member 34 projects through the member 29 thereof. By inserting a proper coin in the slot 35, the member 34 may be manipulated to raise the barrier 32 so that the balls may run into the pockets 27. At a predetermined interval thereafter, the mechanism 33 operates to move the barrier 32 into an obstructing position to check the balls, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2. It is, therefore, understood that each player is given a certain amount of time in which to play after depositing the proper coin.

Certain of the holes 19 may be given a certain value in scoring points. In the present instance, five of the holes 19 are given values as follows. Two of the holes are given the value of ten, two are given the value of twenty, and one is given the value of thirty. These values are marked adjacent the holes on an upstanding strip 36 on one end of the frame 17 so as to face the player. Each of the pockets 27 is given a definite value indicated by numbers painted or otherwise applied to the end member 28. The value of five of the pockets corresponds to the value of the holes

19, respectively. The values given the pockets 27 are as follows. Two of the pockets are given the value of ten, two are given the value of twenty, one is given the value of thirty, two are given the value of fifty and one is given the value of one hundred.

In accordance with the invention, use is made preferably of eight object balls and a cue ball of a different color from the object balls in order to be readily distinguished therefrom. The object ball may be red for instance. Each player, as stated, is allotted a definite time in which to make as many points as possible. The player places one object ball at a time in front of the pin 21 at a reasonable distance. The cue ball is placed at the taw line 22. The player uses the cue to propel the cue ball against the object ball in an endeavor to make the object ball enter the hole having the highest value. The score is kept by the ball entering the pockets 27. The cue ball entering one of the pockets by way of one of the holes 19 and its related gutter 25 counts

double in scoring. The object of the game is to score the highest number of points in the allotted time to be declared the winner. Any other suitable rules and regulations may be applied or govern in playing.

I claim:

A game apparatus comprising a structure having a horizontal playing surface and resilient rails bounding the surface throughout, said structure also having a plurality of holes therethrough, each of which opens through said surface, downwardly projecting rubber tubular members in said openings of an internal diameter sufficiently large for the passage of a ball therethrough, and a plurality of gutters below said tubular members extending forwardly and downwardly and into which the tubular members direct balls passing therethrough, and numbered pockets communicating with the forward ends of said gutters respectively.

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