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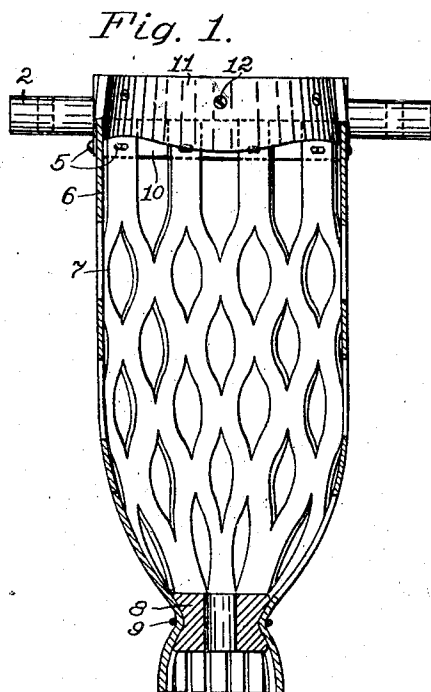
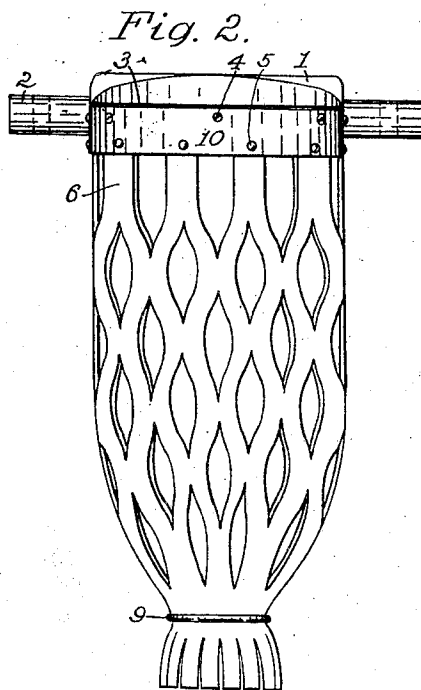
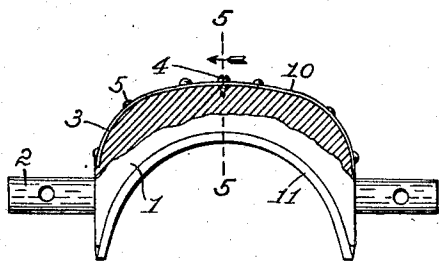
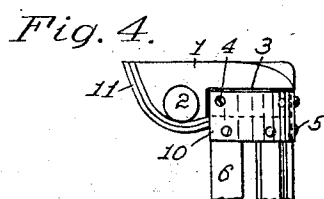
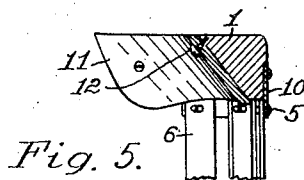


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY W. SINKEY and WILLIAM L. THURBER, citizens of the United States of America, and residents of Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pockets for Pool Tables, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in pocket-irons and the like for pool tables, and the object of our improvements is to combine therewith easily mounted and demounted means for cushioning an iron and for supporting a flexible pocket thereon, to insure durability and simplicity in construction.

This object we have accomplished by the means which are hereinafter described and claimed, as shown in the drawings, in which Fig. 1 is a view of the iron supporting body, the buffer-plate thereon shown in cross section, and a flexible pocket hung thereon, and Fig. 2 is an elevation of the opposite side of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the pocket iron, Fig. 4 is a side elevation thereof, and Fig. 5 is a section thereof taken on the broken line 5-5 of Fig. 3.

The flexible pocket 6 made of leather expanded by being slitted at 7 is not specifically claimed, as any other kind of pocket, netted or otherwise may be suspended on the supporting member or iron 1 to receive pool balls during play. The lower end of the pocket is contracted and held around a spool 8 by a ring 9.

The body 1 of crescental shape, is hollow conical and has oppositely projecting pins 2 for mounting on a table. The body 1 is of malleable cast iron, of brass or other suitable material, and its conically formed hollow is covered by a rather thick elastic buffer-plate 11 made of sole-leather, rubber or other similar material and removably fastened by screws 12.

The outer or convex face of the iron 1 has around it a recess 3 of simicircular shape upon which is secured the upper part of a metal band 10 by means of screws 4, the band thus being flush with the face of the iron 1 above. The band 10 as also the buffer-plate 1 may be otherwise shaped and fastened to the supporting iron body 1 without departing from this invention.

The lower part of the band 10 projects below the iron body 1 and has several holes therethrough to receive the headed split-pins 5 which also traverse registering holes in the overlapping parts of the pocket sack 6 to secure these parts together separably.

The usual practise in the mounting of the pocket sack 6 upon the body 1 is to carry its upper part at its outer side about the body 1 which with liners of leather are sewn together with considerable difficulty on account of the irregular shape of said body 1 and the cramped positions about its lower edge of the several aggregated thicknesses of the leather. It will be seen that our method of mounting the top of the sack 6 upon said body 1 by separable connection to the semicircular band 10 is much more convenient when it becomes necessary to either mount or to demount the sack, and which can be effected by anyone without loss of time or expense.

Another improvement lies in the use of the sole-leather buffer-plate 11 in place of the usual thin soft leather sheet which is carried over the concavity of said body 1. This buffer-plate 11 is subjected to the frequent concussions of the pool balls ere the latter enter the pocket 6, and can resist the consequent wear much longer than such a thin wear sheet as that above mentioned. In case of needed renewal of the buffer-plate 11 because of its being worn out, it is only necessary to remove the countersunk screws 12, whereas when the old arrangement above described of mounting the sack 6 upon the body 1 is used, much time is necessarily consumed in the operations of removal of the sack together with the worn out wear sheet, and in making up a new connection.

It is to be understood that changes in the precise embodiment of invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit or protection of our invention.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In combination, a pool table pocket-sack, an arcuate member having a conical inner face, having oppositely projecting pins adapted to be removably secured upon a

table, and having around its lower outer
face an arcuate groove, an arcuate strip
removably secured in said groove, the upper
margin of said pocket-sack being detachably
5 secured upon a depending portion of said
arcuate strip, and a cushioning liner mount-
ed removably upon and fitting the inner

conical face of said arcuate member with its
upper edge flush with the top of the latter.

Signed at Waterloo, Iowa, this 8th day of 10
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