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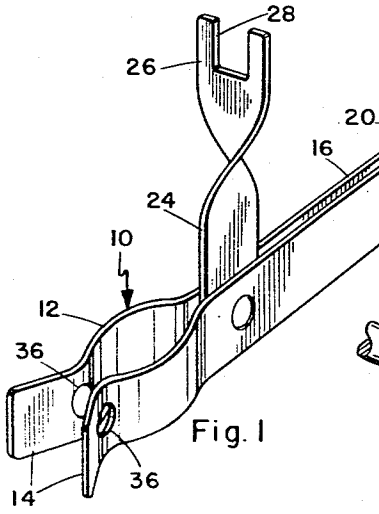


Fig. 1

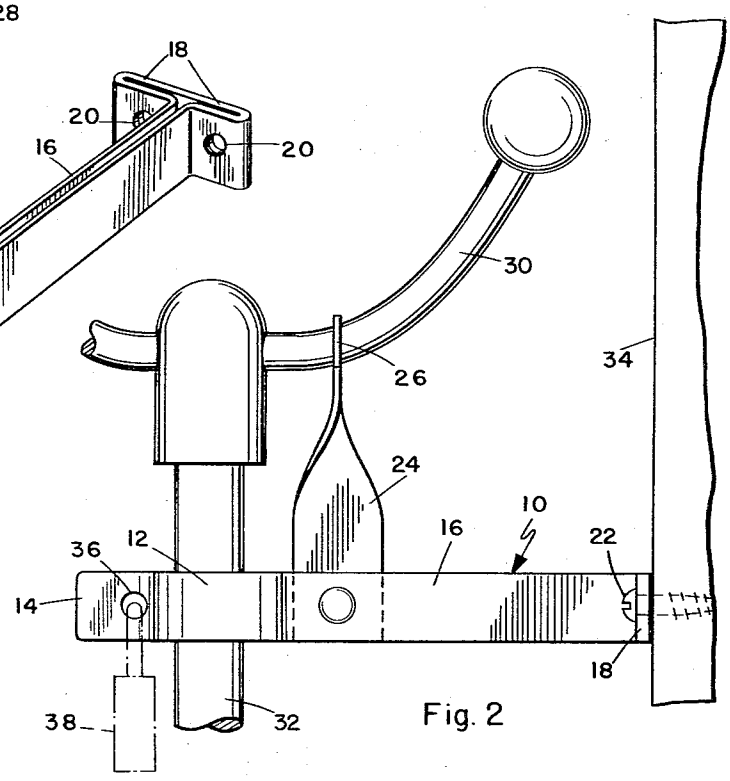


Fig. 2

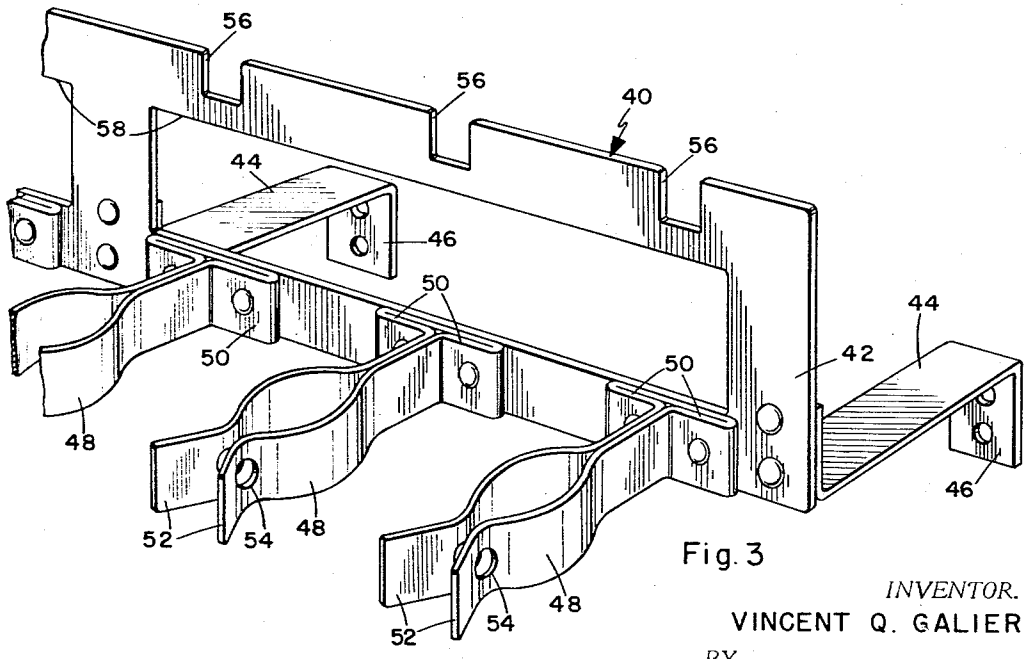


Fig. 3

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This shuffleboard cue hanger is for the purpose of neatly racking the cues when not in use, in upright positions on a wall upon which the hanger is attached. The hanger accommodates a plurality of cues and has a notched support member to receive and hold the yokes of the cues as well as forked clip portions to engage the handles of the cues.

The present invention relates to sporting equipment and specifically to a shuffleboard cue hanger.

A conventional shuffleboard cue has a generally U-shaped or V-shaped yoke at the end of a long handle, the yoke being of sufficient width to embrace a playing disc.

The cues are usually hung from a rack or individual hangers with the yoke portion flat against the supporting surface. When several cues are hung in this manner a considerable space is required for proper separation and easy access of the cues.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a cue hanger which will hold a shuffleboard cue securely with its yoke portion perpendicular to the supporting surface, so that several hangers can be mounted closely adjacent to each other in a minimum of space.

Another object of this invention is to provide a cue hanger which engages the handle and yoke portion of a cue, so that adjacent cues are held in spaced alignment.

Another object of this invention is to provide a cue hanger which may be made in individual or multiple units and which may be individually or collectively locked for security.

A further object of this invention is to provide a cue hanger which can be mounted on a variety of supports, fixed or movable.

The cue hanger and its use is illustrated in the drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a single hanger unit;

FIGURE 2 is a side elevation view of the single unit mounted and with a cue in place; and

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of a portion of a multiple hanger unit.

Similar characters of reference indicate similar or identical elements and portions throughout the specification and throughout the views of the drawing.

The single hanger unit **10**, illustrated in FIGURES 1 and **2**, comprises a resilient open forked clip portion **12** having forwardly divergent entry arms **14**, the clip portion being at the forward end of an elongated extension bracket **16**. At the rear end of bracket **16** are laterally opposed lugs **18** with suitable holes **20** for screws **22**, or other securing means to attach the unit to a supporting surface. The clip and extension bracket portions and lugs can be bent from a unitary strip of metal, as illustrated, or may be formed in any other suitable manner from metal, plastic, or combinations of such materials.

Immediately rearwardly of the forked clip portion **12** is an upright support member **24** having at its upper end a notched plate portion **26** in a plane transverse to the fork of the clip. The notched plate portion **26** has a notch **28** opening upwardly to cradle the yoke arm **30** of a cue, the handle **32** of which is held in a vertical position in the clip portion **12**. In this configuration the post-like support member **24** is made from a flat metal plate secured at its lower end in the forward portion of the extension bracket, the upper end being notched and the lower end twisted into parallelism with and secured to the bracket **16** as indicated in FIGS. 1 and 2. With other clip structures the support plate might take other forms and could be molded integrally with the clip and bracket in plastic material.

The supporting surface **34**, on which the hanger is mounted, can be a wall, door, frame member, or even a portion of a portable rack or carrier, depending on the nature and location of the playing area. Since the cue is held perpendicular to the supporting surface, hangers can be mounted closely adjacent to each other.

For security purposes the clip portion **12** is provided with lock holes **36** at the throat of the fork where the clip merges into the entry arms **14**. A suitable lock **38**, indicated in broken line in FIGURE 2, can be inserted through holes **36** to prevent the clip portion from spreading sufficiently to allow removal of the cue. Since the cue handle is usually tapered or enlarged by a hand grip at the end remote from the yoke, the cue cannot be removed by lifting vertically from the locked dip.

The dip structure is readily adaptable to a rack or multiple hanger unit **40**, as in FIGURE 3. In this configuration the support plate **42** is a horizontally elongated upright plate element mounted on rearwardly extending brackets **44**, which have downwardly turned lugs **46** readily accessible for attachment to a supporting surface. A plurality of forked clip portions **48** are secured to the lower edge of support member **42** in spaced relation, each clip portion having rear lugs **50** riveted or otherwise fixed to the support member. The forward end of each clip portion has divergent entry arms **52** and lock holes **54**, as in clip portion **12**. The upper edge of support member **42** has upwardly opening notches **56**, one aligned above each clip portion **48**, to hold the cue yoke arm. For lightness and economy of material the support member **42** may be provided with cutouts **58** of any convenient shape and the support member can be of any desirable length to hold as many cues as necessary.

Each clip portion **48** may be individually locked, or the row of clip portions may be collectively locked by a rod or bar, not shown, passed through the lock holes **54**. The single hanger units **10**, if properly aligned in a row, may also be locked in a collective manner.

It is understood that minor variation from the form of the invention disclosed herein may be made without departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and that the specification and drawing are to be considered as merely illustrative rather than limiting.

I claim:

A shuffleboard cue hanger, comprising:

a plurality of resilient open forked clip portions for engaging cue handles;

an upright support member including a notched plate portion extending above and transverse to the forks of the clip portions to receive the yoke elements of cues;

said clip portions being secured to one face of the support member; and

extension brackets secured to the other face of the support member for attachment to a supporting surface.

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