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FIG. 1.

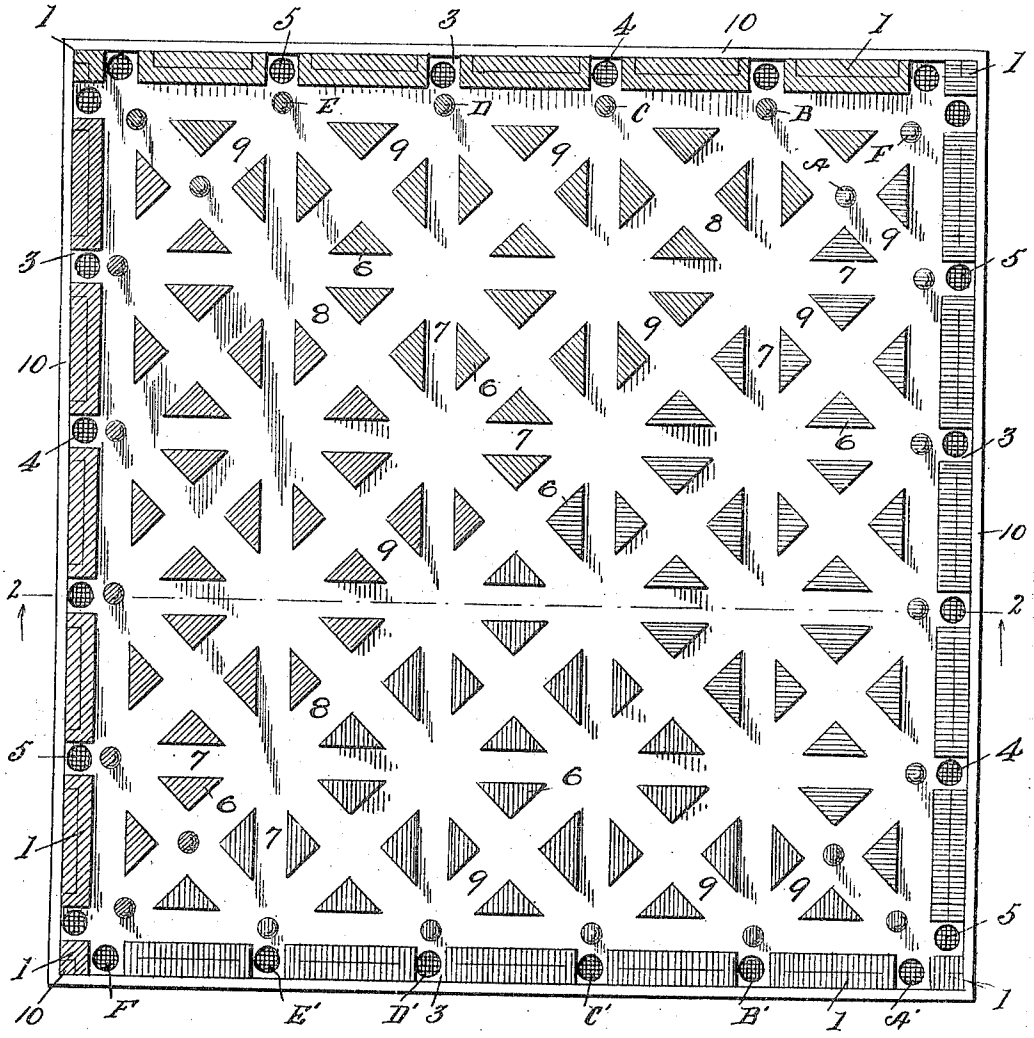


FIG. 2.

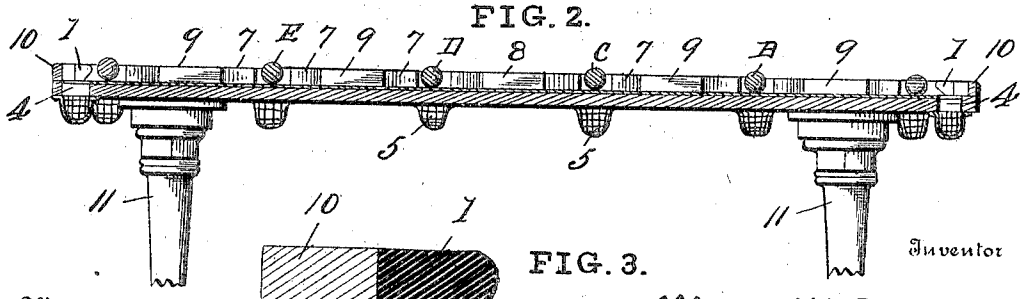


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN M. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenville, in the county of Darke and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to game-tables, and especially to that class of game-tables whereon a game is played with balls impelled by cues or like devices.

The object of my invention is to provide a game-table for the playing of a game requiring a great degree of skill and precision.

With this and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved game-table. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of my improved game-table, taken on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail vertical sectional view of the side cushions of my improved game-table.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In its essential features my invention comprises a table having a plane surface, preferably square in form and having suitable cushions arranged along each of its sides, as indicated at 1. The cushions 1 are made sectional, and between the several sections are provided pocket-openings 3. In its preferred proportion my game-table is provided upon each of its sides with six pocket-openings, though it is obvious that any other number may be as well used, and in each of said pocket-openings is provided an aperture 4 through the table-surface, beneath each of which is suspended a bag-like pocket 5, preferably of fabric. The several sections forming the cushion along the sides of the tables are covered with fabrics of different colors, so that the cushion along each side of the table differs in color to the other cushions, as indicated by the shading in Fig. 1.

Upon the surface of the table are arranged a plurality of triangular-shaped resilient buffers upstanding from the table-surface and of a height approximately equaling the height of the side cushions. The triangular buffers are indicated at 6 and are each covered with fabric and preferably differently colored, so that the buffers abutting any one side of the table are colored similar thereto, the color being arranged in the form of a triangle with its base, the side of the table, and its apex approximately at the center thereof. The buffers are so disposed upon the surface of the table as to form ball passage-ways extending entirely across the table from each pocket-opening to the pocket-opening directly opposite, as indicated at 7 in Fig. 1, and extending always parallel with the sides of the table. The arrangement of the buffers form obliquely-disposed ball passage-ways 8, as shown in Fig. 1, extending from each corner of the table to the opposite corner and other obliquely-disposed ball passage-ways 9, extending parallel therewith, with each end terminating at a pocket-opening. The table is provided with any approved frame 10 to hold the cushions and set upon any convenient support, as the legs 11. A plurality of balls is provided equal in number to the number of pockets and are colored to correspond with the colors of the cushions. For playing the balls are designed to be arranged as indicated in Fig. 1. The ball A is designed to be pocketed in pocket A′, B in B′, C in C′, D in D′, E in E′, and F in F′, the ball F being the cue-ball and the last ball to be pocketed.

The foregoing description of the table and apparatus is sufficiently explanatory of the operation and use of the table, and I do not deem a further explanation necessary.

While I have briefly described the preferred game to be played upon my improved table, it is obvious that its use is not limited to the playing of such game only.

While I have shown and described the buffers as being triangular in form and resilient, it is obvious that they may be differently formed and rigid and that other changes in the form, proportion, and use of my improved table may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the claims.

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

1. A game-table provided with suitable

cushions arranged along each of its sides, pocket-openings therethrough, pockets disposed within the pocket-openings and partitions forming passage-ways registering with the pocket-openings and properly proportioned for the passage therethrough of balls.

2. In a game-table upon which balls are to be impelled, suitable cushions arranged and differently colored along each of its sides and provided with a plurality of pocket-openings therethrough, a pocket disposed within each of said pocket-openings and buffers arranged upon the table to form passage-ways, said passage-ways being arranged to register with the pocket-openings and proportioned to permit the passage of a ball.

3. In a game-table upon which balls are to be impelled, suitable cushions arranged and differently colored along each of its sides and provided with a plurality of pocket-openings therethrough, a pocket disposed within each of said pocket-openings and resilient buffers geometrically arranged upon the surface of said table to form passage-ways and so disposed that the passage-ways register with the pocket-openings.

4. A game-table apparatus comprising a table, suitable cushions arranged and differently colored along each of its sides and provided with a plurality of pocket-openings therethrough, a ball-receiving pocket disposed within each of said pocket-openings, a plurality of triangular-shaped buffers arranged upon the surface of the table and to form a plurality of ball passage-ways parallel with each of the table sides and others extending obliquely thereto and a plurality of series of balls, each series colored to correspond with the color of one of the side cushions and equal in number to the pocket-openings in each cushion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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