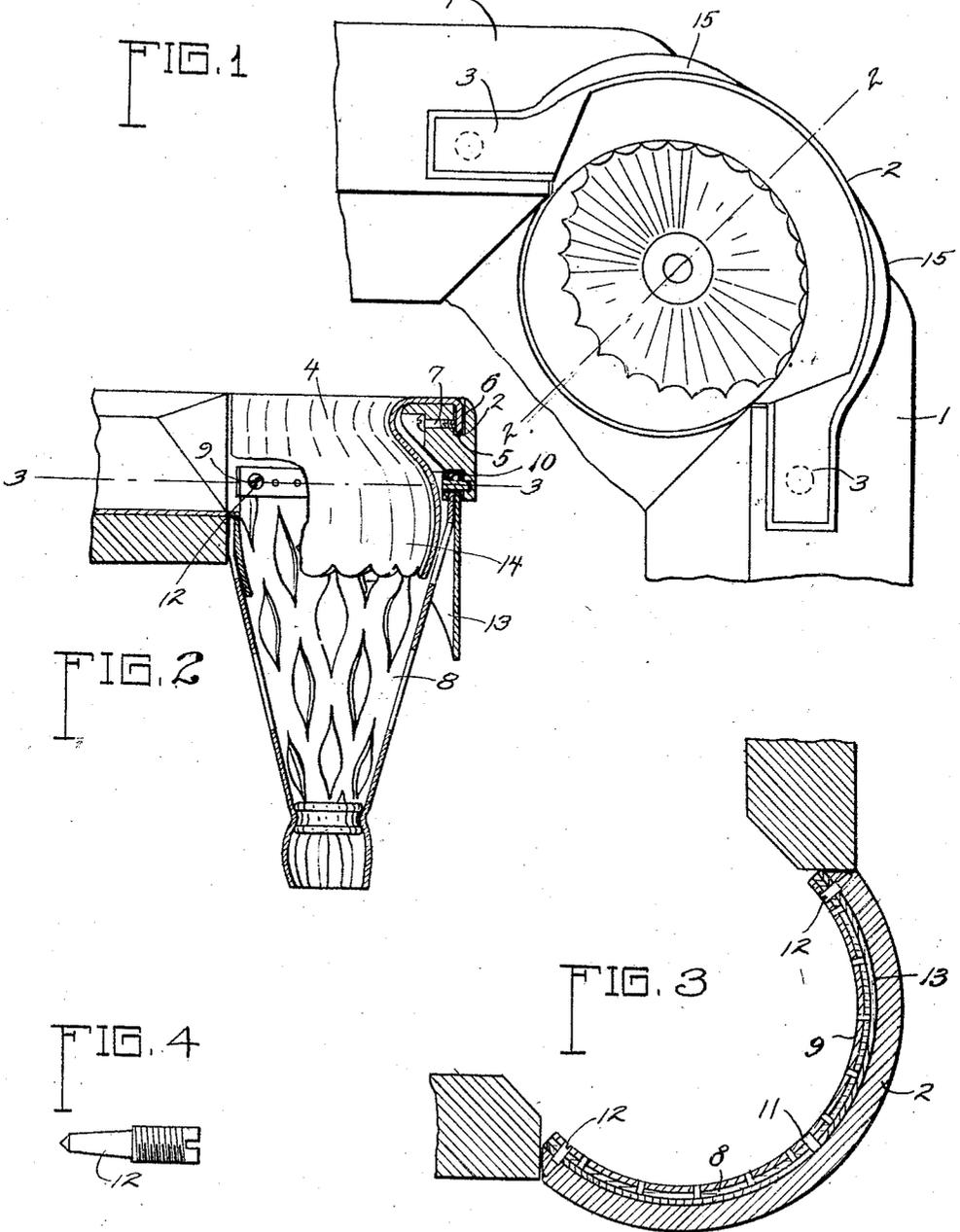


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAV A. JAEGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Morrison, in the county of Whiteside and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pockets for Pool Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to pockets for pool tables, and it has more special reference to improvements in similar devices for which Letters Patent of the United States numbered 1,154,865 were issued to myself Sept. 28, 1915, and for which Letters Patent of the United States numbered 1,192,902 were issued to myself August 1, 1916. As in said former inventions, one of the chief objects of the present invention is to render it possible to renew or replace any of the parts of the pocket which may be in need of repair, without having to take the table apart.

Another purpose of the present invention is to simplify the arrangement of the pocket proper, so as to reduce the number of operations in removing such pocket and replacing the same.

Another object of the invention is to construct the pocket, and parts appurtenant thereto, so that the same will all be on the inner side of the pocket iron, which iron will furnish a finish therefor.

Another object thereof is to protect the upper part of the pocket from the impact of the balls, by a special arrangement of shield therefor.

Another feature of the device consists in forming the pocket irons with guards to prevent injury to the clothing of the players, which is sometimes occasioned by the stub ends of the rails of the table.

The above named, and other features and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary corner of a pool table, in plan view.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the broken line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

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

Fig. 4 is a detail of one of the screws 12.

The reference number 1 indicates the rail of a pool table, and 2 one of the corner irons thereof, provided with end extensions

3, by means of which the iron is secured in place. On the inner face of the iron 2 is a shield 4, held in place by means of a flange 5, secured in a channel 6 in the upper face of the iron, by means of screws 7. This arrangement is similar to that shown in said former patents. Supported from the inner face of the iron 2 is a pocket 8, of usual form, and preferably formed of leather. The forward edge of the pocket is provided with a metal band 9, rigidly fixed thereto, which pocket, with the band attached, is held in place in a recess 10 on the inner face of the iron 2, by means of a pin 11, fixed in the iron at a central point, and projecting through openings in the edge of the pocket and in the band 9, and by screws 12 at the ends of said band. Said screws have tapered points to enable the same to be easily seated, and are flush with the inner face of the band when they are fully in place.

Interposed between the pocket 8 and iron 2 is a shield 13, preferably of embossed leather, and also supported on the pin 11 and screws 12. The shield 4 is projected downwardly into an apron 14, which acts as a guard for the upper edge of the pocket 8, and prevents the same from being battered by the balls which enter the pocket.

If it is desired to repair or replace the pocket 8, the pocket can be quickly removed by turning the shield 4 upwardly, and taking out the screws 12. The edge of the pocket and band 9 attached thereto can thereupon be slipped from the supporting pin 11. This eliminates the necessity of removing the band and pocket separately. The band being on the inner side of the pocket also affords an additional protection to the upper edge thereof.

The iron 2 is provided with outstanding wings 15, which cover the stub ends of the rails 1, and act as guards therefor. These ends of the rails are usually exposed, and interfere with the movements of the players by catching in their clothing, and frequently tearing same.

It will be evident that by the arrangement of the pocket hereinbefore set forth, all of the parts thereof are kept well within the outer face of the pocket iron, and the pocket itself, or either of the shields therefor, can be quickly detached from the table, or replaced therein.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In a device of the class described, in combination with an arcuate pool table iron, having a recess in its inner face, and a supporting member at a central point in said recess; a ball pocket adapted to be secured at its upper edge in said recess, and provided with a metal band attached thereto, said pocket and band being fitted with means for releasable engagement with said supporting member; and fastening means at the ends of said band, for holding the same releasably in said recess, with the inner face of the band flush with the face of said iron.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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