

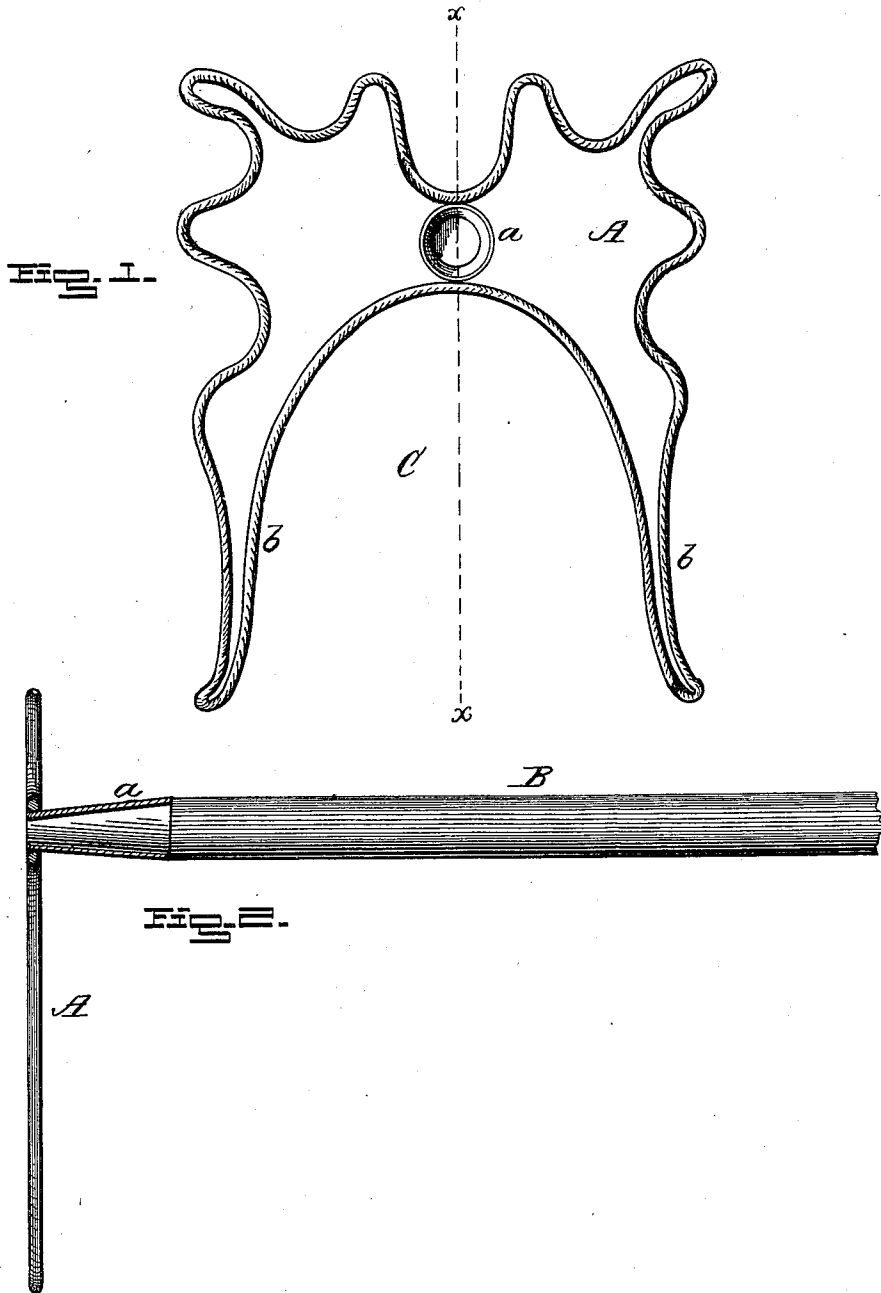
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE BORST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Billiard and Pool Bridges; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of a billiard or pool bridge constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2, a sectional view taken on line *yy* of Fig. 1, showing the end of a handle connected thereto.

The present invention has relation to the construction of that class of bridges adapted for use in the game of billiards or pool; and the principal object thereof is to so construct the bridge that will admit of it being placed over a ball and at the same time resting on the table to support the cue in striking the ball in front of it.

The invention therefore consists in providing the bridge with an arch or space of sufficient size to admit the ball, or the bridge being brought directly over said ball while in the act of striking another in playing the game, especially that of pool, where it is necessary to get at a ball lying among a number.

The invention further consists in constructing a bridge of wire, whether having an arch or not, whereby a much neater and more durable and effective bridge is obtained without increasing the cost of manufacture.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the bridge, composed of wire bent in such shape as to form a rest for the end of a cue in playing billiards or pool, and has a ferrule, *a*, or other suitable means for attaching the end of a handle, B. The wire of the bridge is bent so as to form an arch, C, between the legs *b*, said arch or space being of sufficient size to allow of the bridge being placed over any ball when it is desired to strike a ball in front of it.

Heretofore the bridges in common use although having an arch it was for no other purpose than to diminish the contacting surface thereof with the bed of the billiard-table, the arch being too small to allow of the

bridge being placed directly over a ball while resting on the table or used in the manner as above described. This feature of my invention is considered of great importance, especially in playing the game of pool, where it is necessary to strike a certain ball when surrounded by others, the arch in the bridge admitting of it being set into a bunch of balls for this purpose, where with the ordinary bridge it would be impossible.

The above characteristic of my invention is as equally applicable to wooden as well as to bridges made from wire; and, so far as the arch is concerned, it may be applied to any form or construction of bridge, without regard to the material from which it is composed.

The wire from which the bridge is constructed may be of brass, steel, iron, or of any metal found most suitable for the purpose, and nickel-plated, if preferred, and may be bent in various shapes or designs.

By the employment of wire a bridge of great strength and lightness is obtained, less surface to come in frictional contact with the cloth, while the wire being round and smooth, unlike the common wooden bridges, the end of the cue can move or slide on its support with perfect ease, with comparatively little friction, thereby rendering it superior in every respect to the bridges now used.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A billiard or pool bridge having an arch or space under it of sufficient size to admit of the bridge being placed over a ball while resting on the table, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with a suitable handle, of a billiard or pool bridge constructed of wire and adapted to rest on the table when in use, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A billiard or pool bridge having an arch, as described, and constructed of wire, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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