

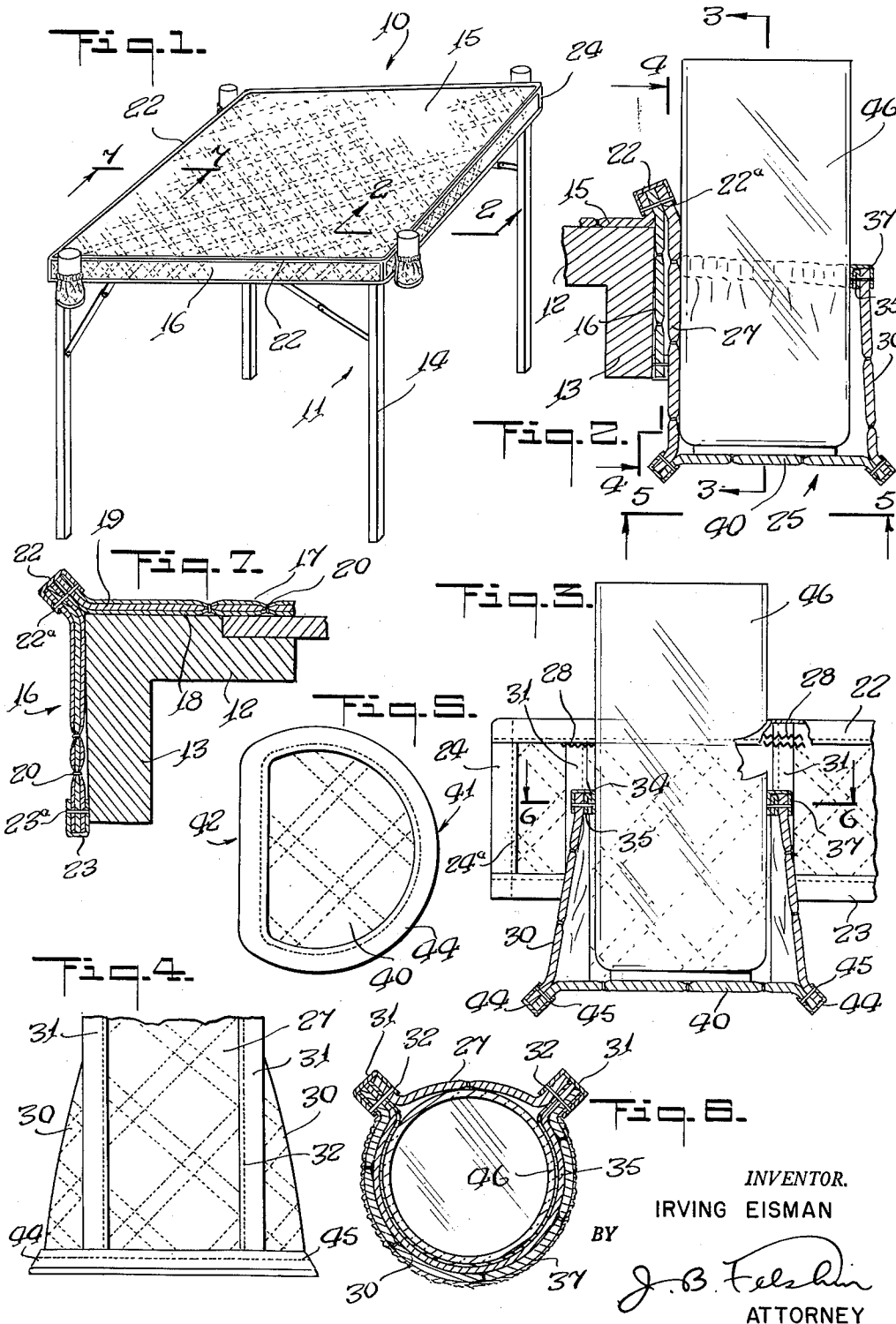
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This invention relates to bridge table covers. It is particularly directed to a bridge table cover provided with pockets at the four corners to hold glasses securely and prevent slipping.

An object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described provided with means for holding glasses snugly off the top surface of the table cover so that the glasses will not interfere with playing or serving on said surface.

Another object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described provided at the four corners with pockets, the mouth of each pocket being elastic and normally constricting, so as to hold a glass inserted into the pocket securely and to prevent it from accidentally slipping and falling out.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described having at each of the four corners a cup shaped glass or bottle holder attached to the table cover and depending or hanging therefrom, the upper open end of the cup being disposed below the top surface of the table cover so that when the cups are not in use they will be out of the way, and if a tall glass is placed in the pocket, the top of the glass will project above the top of the table cover so that it is easy to get hold of when it is desired to remove the same from the pocket.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described having adjacent each of the four corners, a depending cup like glass or bottle holder, said holder having a flat side adjacent the table cover and the sides of the flat side being interconnected by a substantially cylindrical portion to receive a glass or bottle, and said cup shaped member comprising a flat bottom attached to the lower end of the flat side and cylindrical portion by a reinforcing binding strip.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described comprising a top portion and a skirted portion all around, and pockets hanging from the top adjacent the four corners of the cover for receiving and holding glasses or bottles, and said bridge table cover and pockets being made of quilted plastic material, and said pockets being made of quilted plastic and attached to hang like tabs, and the attachment of the pockets to the cover being reinforced by extra stitching.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide a bridge table cover of the character described provided with cup shaped glass or bottle

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holders made of flexible material and each having an elastic mouth to constrict the mouth so that a glass or bottle will slide in or out easily and whereby the elastic will stretch to accommodate glasses or bottles of various size, and to hold such glasses or bottles snugly and tightly so that they do not fall out.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide a strong and durable bridge table cover of the character described which will be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to pack and ship, attractive in appearance, easy to use, and provided with means at the four corners to hold glasses securely and off the playing surface of the table, and which shall yet be practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of invention will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings in which is shown various illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a bridge table cover embodying the invention on a bridge table and showing glasses in the pockets or holders;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a bottom plan view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a bridge table cover embodying the invention, here shown as mounted on a bridge table 11. The bridge table 11 may be of any standard size and comprises a top wall 12 having a skirted wall 13 all around and provided with folding or collapsible legs 14.

The bridge table cover 10 comprises a top portion 15 overlying top wall 12, and a downwardly skirted portion 16 extending down from the four edges of the top 15, and contacting walls 13 of the bridge table. The top 15 and the skirted portion 16 may be made of quilted plastic. The quilted plastic comprises an outer sheet 17 of

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plastic sheet material, an inner sheet or layer 18 of plastic material, cotton padding 19 therebetween, and cross stitching 20 interconnecting the top and bottom layers 17 and 18.

The top 15 is attached to the skirt 16 by top binding strips 22 stitched in place by stitching 22a. At the lower edges of the skirted portion 16 are binding strips 23 stitched in place by stitching 23a. At the four corners of the bridge table cover are vertical binding strips 24 stitched in place by stitching 24a.

Attached adjacent to each of the four corners of the bridge table cover is a glass or bottle holder 25. Each bottle holder 25 comprises a substantially flat panel 27 likewise made of quilted plastic. The upper end of the panel 27 is attached to the upper edge of skirted portion 16 by means of said stitching 22a. The binding 22 surrounds the upper edges of the panels 27. The attachment of the panels 27 to the bridge table cover may be reinforced by bar tack stitching 28 or any other suitable reinforcing stitching.

Interconnecting the sides of each panel 27 is a part-cylindrical panel 30 likewise made of quilted plastic. The sides of the panel 30 are attached to the sides of the panel 27 by means of binding strips 31 stitched in place by stitching 32. The binding strips 31 extend above the upper open end of panel 30. It will be noted that the mouth of panel 30 is disposed below the top of the table cover.

Stitched to the upper end or mouth of panel 30 by means of stitching 34 is an elastic strip 35. The elastic strip 35 is stitched to the mouth in stretched condition so that after the stitching is applied the mouth will contract. The binding strip 37 surrounds the upper edge of panel 30 and also surrounds the elastic tape or strip 35.

It will be noted that each of the holders 25 is located near a corner of the bridge table cover. There is one holder at each side of the cover. Attached to the lower edges of panels 27 and 30 is a bottom 40 likewise made of quilted plastic. The bottom 40 has a part-circular edge 41 coextensive with the lower end of panel 30 and a straight edge 42 coextensive with the lower end of the panel 27. The bottom 40 is attached to the panels 30, 27 by means of a binding strip 44 stitched in place by stitching 45.

It will now be understood that a glass 46 or a bottle if desired, may be inserted into each pocket. The mouth of each holder stretches so as to receive and snugly hold glasses or bottles of various sizes. Furthermore the elasticity at the mouth of each pocket or holder permits the glass or bottle to slide in or out easily and to be snugly held by pressure to prevent accidental displacement.

It will be noted that the glasses are held securely off the playing surface of the table so as not to interfere with the players. The cover will fit all standard size bridge tables. It is stain and water resistant and wipes clean with a damp cloth.

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This bridge table cover will not interfere with either playing or serving, as the glasses are held off the playing surface. Furthermore the cups or holders are disposed below the playing surface so as not to interfere with the play. Nevertheless, when a tall glass is inserted into any holder, the top of the glass will project above the top surface of the bridge table cover so that it is easily accessible for removal. It will be noted that the holders or pockets hang from the top of the table cover, snugly against the skirted sides of the table cover.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A bridge table cover comprising a top portion and a downwardly depending skirted portion at each side of the top portion, a glass holder adjacent each corner of said bridge table cover, each holder comprising a panel made of flexible material stitched at its upper end to the top of the table cover and depending therefrom, and a panel attached at its sides to the sides of the first panel, and a bottom attached to the lower edges of said panels.

2. A bridge table cover comprising a top portion and a downwardly depending skirted portion at each side of the top portion, a glass holder adjacent each corner of said bridge table cover, each holder comprising a panel made of flexible material stitched at its upper end to the top of the table cover and depending therefrom, and a panel attached at its sides to the sides of the first panel, and a bottom attached to the lower edges of said panels, the upper end of the second panel being provided with elastic and being normally constricted and being disposed below the top of the table cover.

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