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GAME TABLE.

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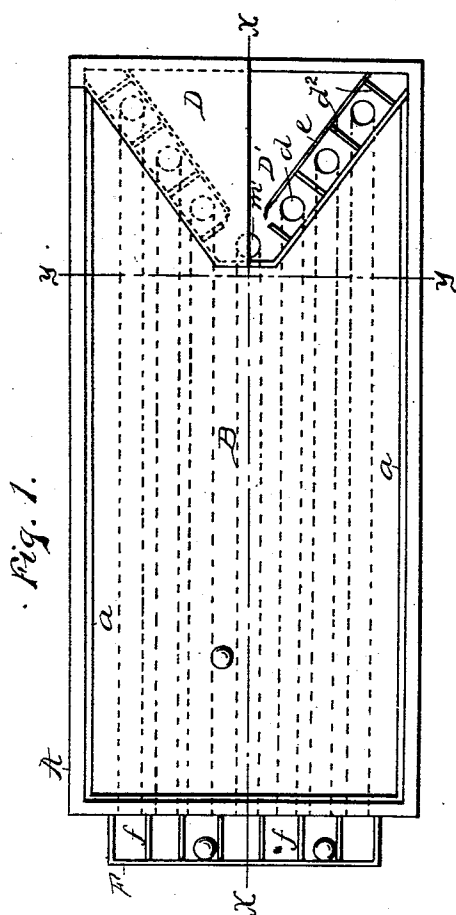


Fig. 1.

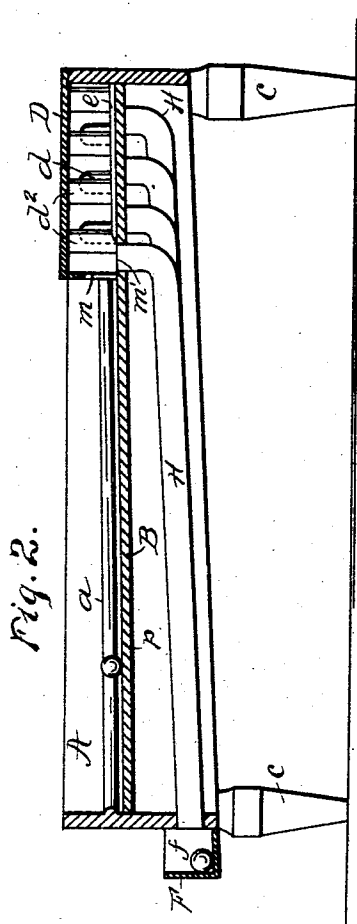


Fig. 2.

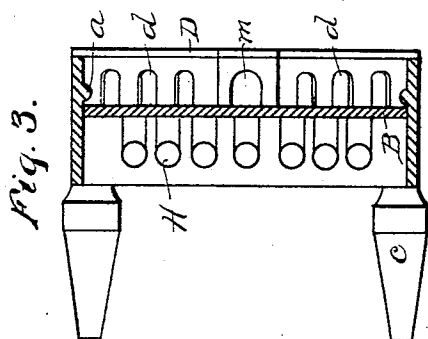


Fig. 3.

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GAME-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIDEON S. JEFFRIES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to
10 which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in game-tables on which to play with balls and cues.

The invention consists of a table with inclined bed and a series of holes in one end thereof, through which the balls drop and are returned to the other end by means of chutes running lengthwise under the table.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and clearly shown in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a top view of the table with one-half of the cover B removed. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section on line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on line Y Y of Fig. 1.

My improved table consists of a body or frame A similar to the ordinary pool-table, being provided with a cushioned rim *a* along the inside and a short distance above the bed
30 B, the whole table being mounted on legs *c*, as usual.

At the one end of the table I provide a V-shaped house D, along the both sides of which is arranged a series of openings *d*. Just inside of each of these openings is a hole *d'* in the bed of the table, separated by vertical partitions *d*², and leading from each of these openings *d'* is a chute H, which depends a short distance below the bed and then runs
40 forward on an incline along the under side of the table and leads to a trough F, which is divided into apartments *f*.

The front end of the V-shaped house D is cut off square, and is also provided with an opening *m* and having a hole *m'* inside thereof, and a chute H, leading therefrom to the trough F.

Just inside of the holes *d'* is a ridge *e*, against which the balls strike and either fall into the holes *d'* or jump over the ridge and fall
50 through the hole *m'*.

The game is played with balls and cues, and it is the object of the player to get the ball into the house through one of the open-

ings *d* with just sufficient force to allow it to fall through the hole immediately inside of said opening. If the ball is sent into the opening with too great force, it will mount the ridge *e* and fall through the hole *m* and roll out through the center chute, the object being to play all but the center hole *m*. The openings *d* are arranged at such an angle that it is necessary to cushion the ball in order to get it to enter one of them.

The bed of the table is inclined about three-quarters of its length, or to the point *p*, Fig. 2, so that the balls will return to the forward end of the table if they do not find their way into one of the openings in the house.

The level portion of the bed is used for standing the balls on when playing them.

The space D' inside of the house between the ridges *e* is also inclined, so that a ball cannot lie therein, but will fall through the opening *m'* at the forward lower end thereof.

The game can be played with balls only, the cue not being necessary, as the balls can be rolled by hand.

The openings *d* are preferably numbered, as are also the apartments *f* in the trough F, each apartment having the same number as the opening from which it receives the ball.

The manner of playing can be very much varied and the construction of the table somewhat changed without departing from the spirit of the invention, but I have shown one method of constructing it, and

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a game-table having a partially-inclined bed B, with a V-shaped house at one end thereof having a series of openings *d* along both sides thereof through which balls may pass, holes *d'* in the bed of said table inside of said house, a ridge *e* just inside of said openings *d* to partially stop the balls, and chutes H leading from said holes and having their outlets in a trough F at the forward end of the table, said trough being divided into numbered apartments *f*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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