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[54] **CONVERTIBLE TABLE FOR UTILITY GAMES AND BUMPER POOL**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

There is disclosed a combination flat top and game table assembly, the combination including a leg support for supporting the table arrangement, the first top secured to the leg support and forming a first type of game table surface a second top constructed for removable seatment upon the first top, the second top forming a second type of game table surface and a third top formed into a flat table surface which may be positioned on the first top for converting the assembly into a normal flat top table. In the preferred embodiment, the second and third tops are formed from a single top having one surface formed into a flat table top, and the reverse surface forming a second game means, the second top being reversibly positionable upon the first top thereby to expose either the flat table top or when reversed, to expose the second type of game table surface. Included in the game table assembly are removably positionable ball collection compartments which are positioned directly under pockets in the first game table surface when the assembly is to be used as a pool table.

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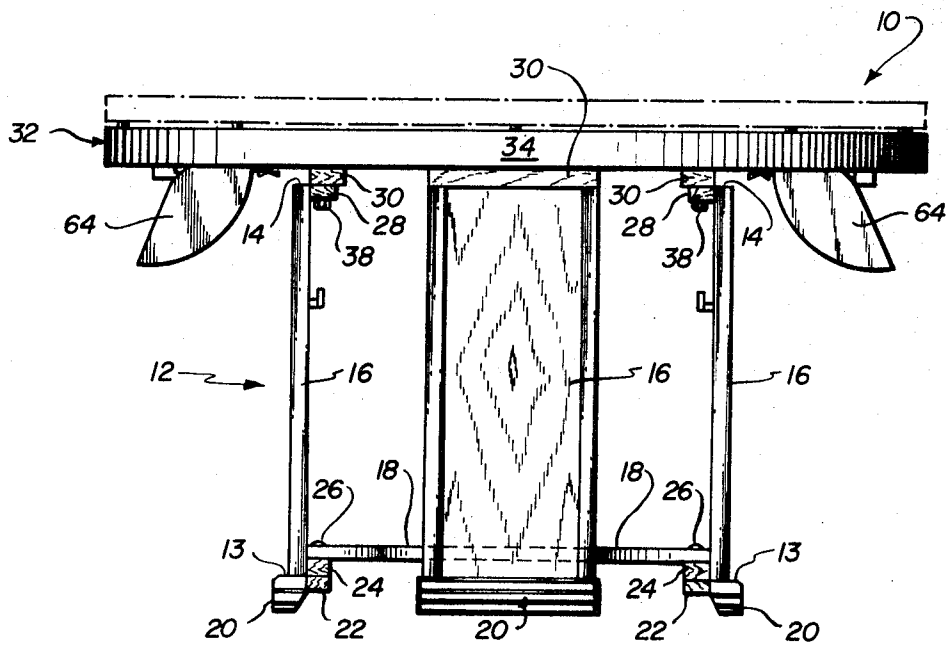
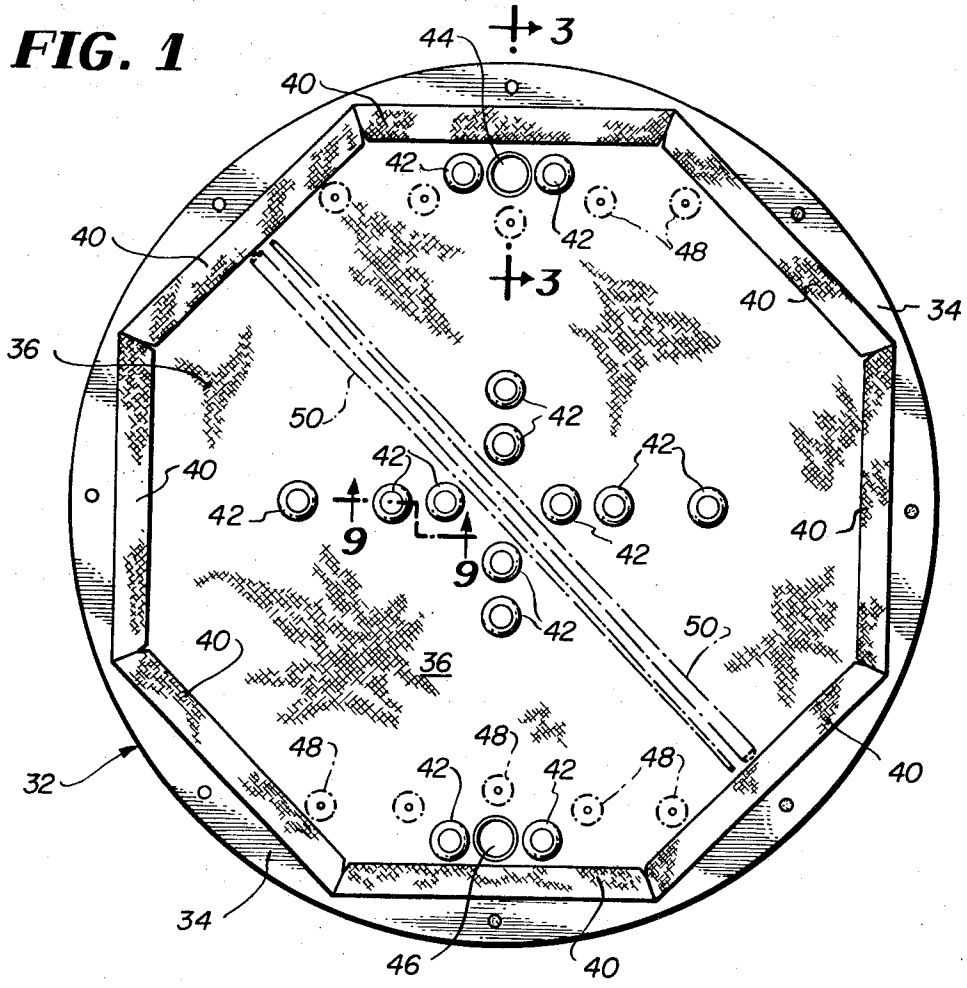


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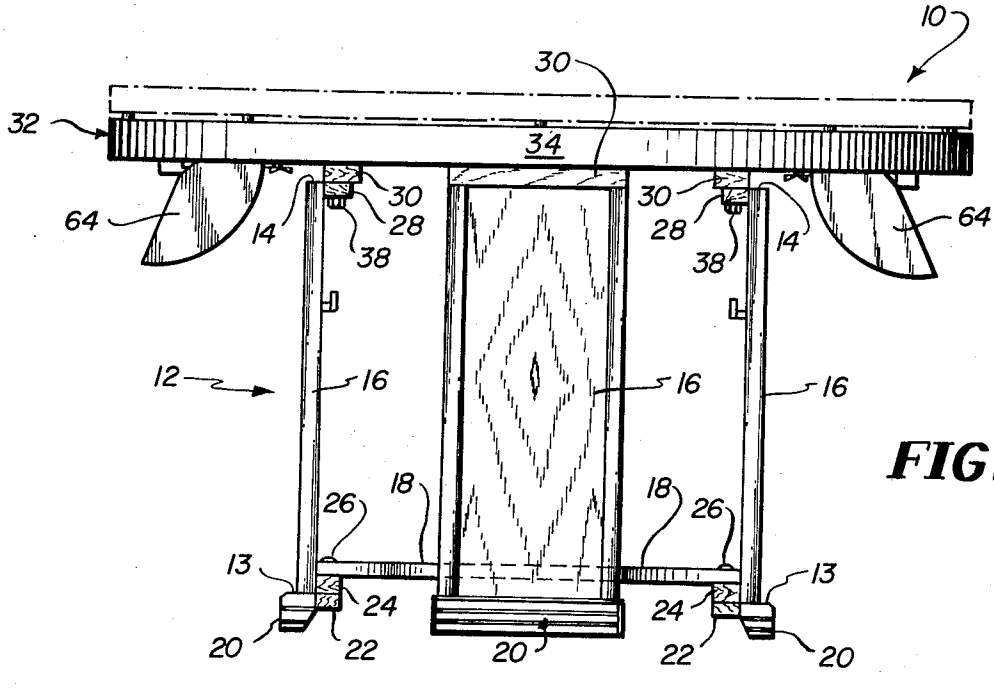

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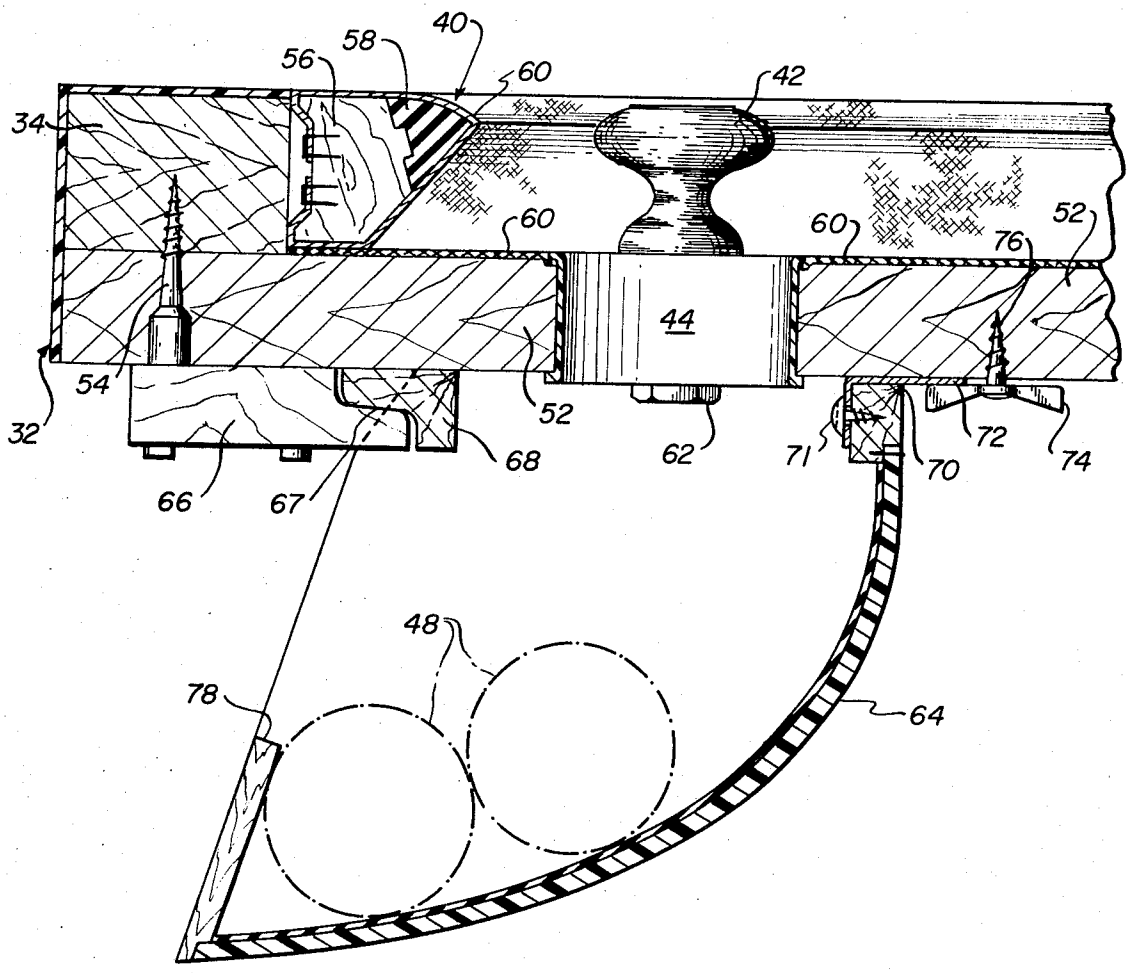


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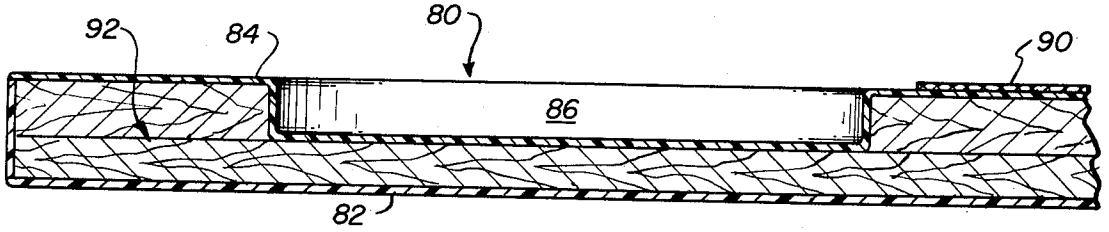


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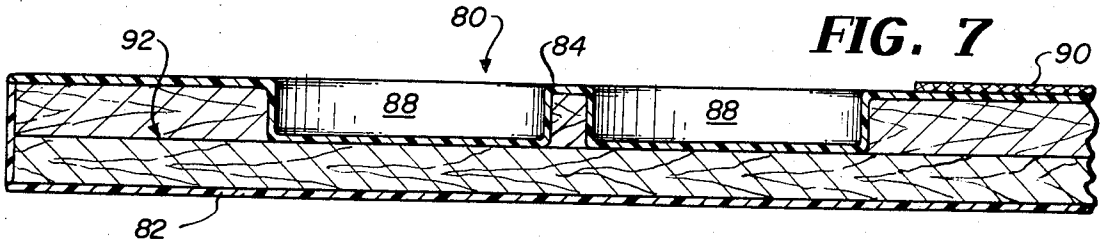
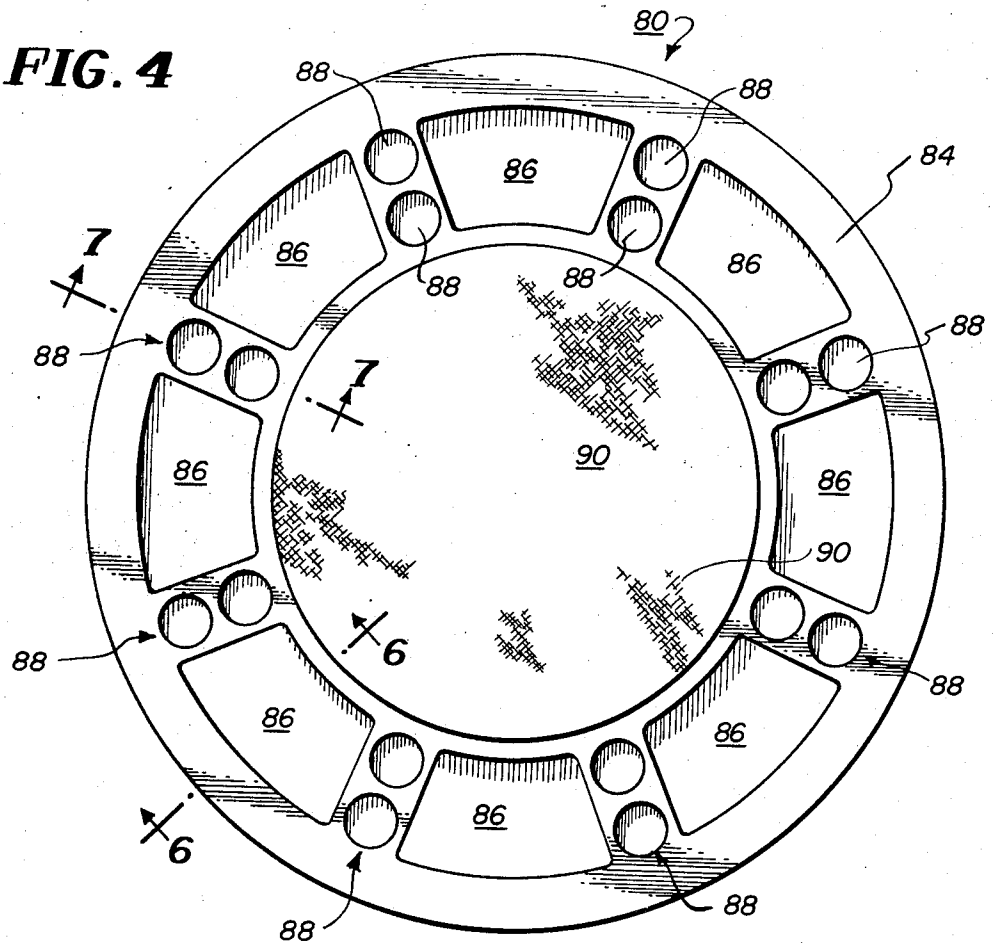


FIG. 4


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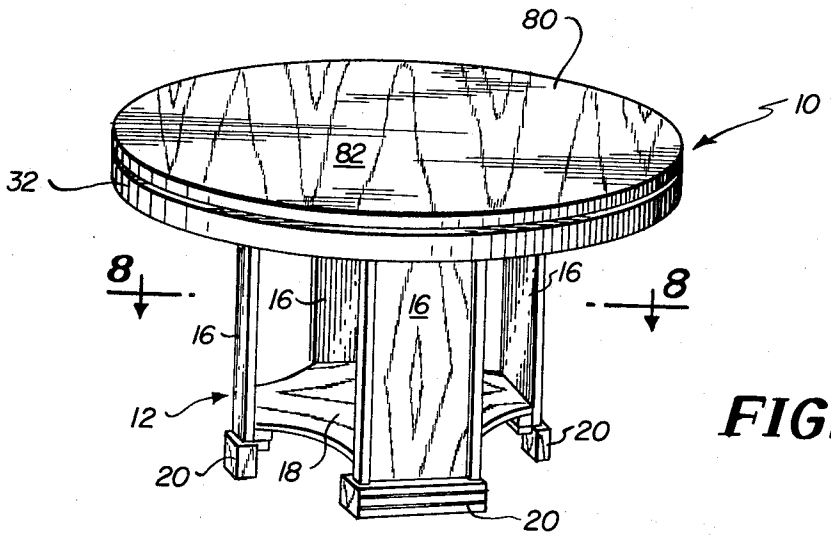

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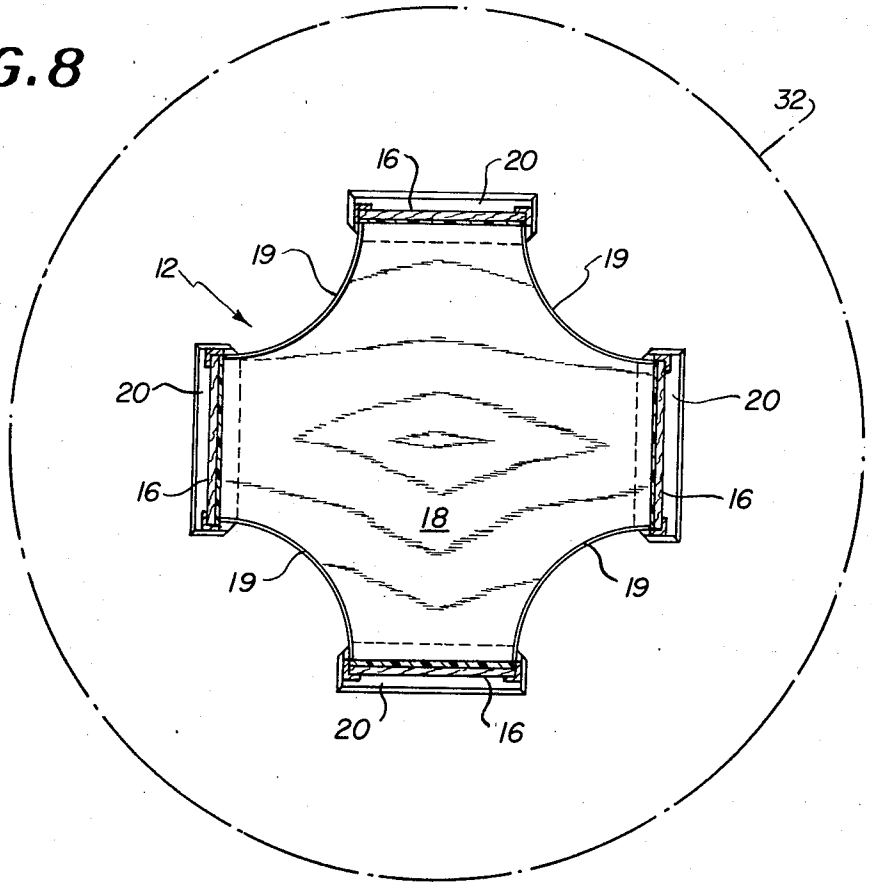
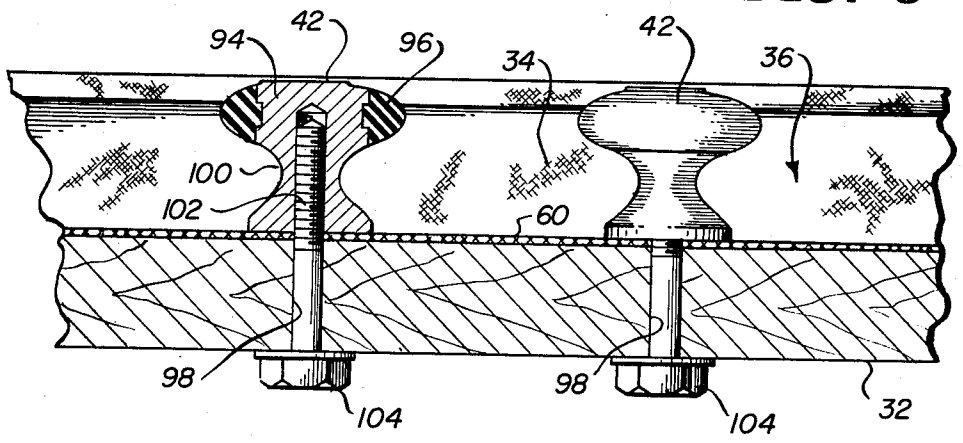

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FIG. 9


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CONVERTIBLE TABLE FOR UTILITY GAMES AND BUMPER POOL

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED CASE

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 65,196, entitled CONVERTIBLE TABLE, filed on Aug. 19, 1970, in the name of Ernest Milu and assigned by mesne assignment to A.T.I. Recreation Inc. of Miami Lakes, Fla.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a novel table assembly which includes, in combination, a single table having a plurality of tops thereby to permit the utilization of the table as a normal flat top type table as well as a game table, having at least two different game playing surfaces. More specifically, the table assembly of the present invention includes a single pedestal arrangement supporting thereon a first top which is formed into a first game means, and, in the preferred embodiment, a second top having reverse surfaces, one surface being formed into a flat top table and the reverse surface formed into a second game playing surface, the second top being removably positionable upon the first top, whereby the user may select either of two game playing surfaces, or the normal flat top type table surface without the need of having to employ three different tables. Once again, in the preferred embodiment, the first top is formed into a pool ball game playing surface, and the second top has a first flat planar surface for use as a normal table and a reverse surface which is formed into a card game playing surface, the second top being proportioned so as to seat directly over the first top, thereby to provide a compact and convenient combination table arrangement.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Heretofore in the prior art, where a person has desired the convenience and enjoyment of a game table, it has been necessary to purchase or acquire a separate table assembly embodying the particular game which the person desired. For example, card game playing tables have been known, and generally take the form of the playing surface having a fabric covered central portion and with a plurality of player convenience cavities disposed around the periphery of the table, the cavities usually taking the form of a large cavity for game related articles, and either one or two circular apertures to accommodate a beverage container. However, such tables serve only the particular function or purpose described, and hence, usually such tables are provided with foldable or collapsible legs in order to permit the user to store the same when it is not in use.

Another example of such game tables has been the current advent of home pool or bumper pool tables. Presently, such sport has become very popular with the public and many of such types of game tables are being currently sold throughout the United States. However, is quite apparent that such tables are again separate entities unto themselves, and therefore, it is necessary for the particular purchaser to have the physical facilities to accommodate such tables. In the usual case, a pool or bumper pool table is disposed or positioned in one's family room or basement, and while several of such

types of tables are collapsible, in the usual case, such tables are rather bulky and heavy and therefore, once installed, tend to remain in a permanent installation. This particular aspect of such game tables therefore must, of necessity, diminish the numbers of such tables which are sold, since today's environment, many people do reside in apartments and condominium type units and such abodes do not usually have sufficient room to accommodate card playing tables, or pool or bumper pool tables.

With respect to the patented art, there are many patents which show game tables, such as for example, U.S. Pats. No. 3,522,778, which is directed to a pool type game table; No. 3,489,409, which is also directed to a six sided pool table; and No. 3,544,108, which is again directed to another variety of a pool game table. Other patents which relate to game tables includes Pats. No. 3,360,265, which is directed to a simulated golf course of billard like tables; and No. 1,625,265, which is directed to a golf course game table which may be employed for indoor use. It is apparent that various other patented game tables are known in the art without need of further recitation herein. However, all of such game tables share one common drawback and that is the fact that such tables serve strictly one function or purpose, and that is, providing a game playing surface for the particular game involved.

As has been set forth hereinabove, one of the principal drawbacks of such tables is that the user must have the space available to install such tables, since in most cases, such tables are not collapsible, or if they are, present a very bulky package for storage. Furthermore, where the user desires to have more than one type of game table, such problems are accentuated since it is virtually impossible to find any home having the necessary space to have a plurality of game tables set up. This problem is even more accentuated in the case of persons who reside in either apartments or condominium type units since usually space is simply not available to permit the permanent installation of a game table having no other utilitarian function.

At best, some of such game tables have been provided with a separate solid cover, peripherally registering with the periphery of the game table, such that the user may place the hard cover over the game table when not in use thereby to utilize the table as a normal flat top table. However, in most cases, it is the consumer or the user who must manufacture such tops as a do-it-yourself project, which is not only time consuming, but in most cases, such tops are not well-fitted and cannot usually be finished to match the particular wood or veneer finish of the game table.

It is therefore the principal object of the present invention to provide a combination flat-top table and game table which may be arranged in such manner as to embody a plurality of game playing surfaces as well as a flat top, thereby to function as a normal flat top type table, as well as a game table.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a table assembly which in combination includes leg means for supporting a top, a first top affixed to the leg means which is formed into a first game means, a second top which is formed into a second game means, and a third top which provides a smooth flat planar surface to function as a normal table, each of the tops

being removably positionable upon the first top thereby to permit great versatility as well as the convenient storage for all of the game means as well as the normal flat top type table.

In connection with the foregoing object, it is another object of the present invention to find a table assembly which in combination, includes a first top disposed upon leg means, the first top being formed into a pool ball game playing surface, and a second top which has two surfaces, one surface thereof formed into a planar flat table top, and having the reverse surface thereof, formed into a second game playing surface, the second top being removably positionable upon the first top, the user having the ability to select either the smooth flat top surface for exposure, or the reverse game playing surface thereof for exposure.

Still another object of the present invention in connection with the foregoing object, is to provide a table assembly in combination wherein the second game means formed in the second top comprises a card game playing surface, having a plurality of player convenience cavities, disposed thereabout, which, nevertheless, continues to permit the second top to be removably positionable upon the first top while still affording the user the opportunity to select either of the two surfaces of the second top for placement upon the first top.

Yet a further object of the present invention is to provide a table assembly combination of the type set forth above, wherein each of the tops is circular in configuration with each of the tops having substantially the same diameter thereby to permit the respective peripheries thereof to be in substantially identical registry or with the uppermost top having a slight overhang, one with respect to the other, thereby to permit the user to conserve space.

Still a further object of the present invention is to provide a table assembly which in combination permits the user to obtain the advantages of having a plurality of game tables, while at the same time providing the user with a table which has a flat top surface thereby to function as a normal dining table, and hence, permitting the user to permanently install such table in a particular location avoiding the necessity of having a plurality of such tables in order to provide at least two different game tables as well as a normal type dining table.

Further features of the invention pertain to the particular arrangement of the elements and parts whereby the above outlined and additional operating features thereof are attained.

The invention, both as to its organization and method of operation, together with further objects and advantages thereof, will best been understood by reference to the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of the pool ball playing game surface of the table of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view of the table assembly of the present invention showing also the pool ball catcher racks removably positioned under the first top of the present table;

FIG. 3 is a side cross-sectional view showing a portion of the pool ball game playing surface taken in the direction of the arrows along the line 3—3 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view showing one surface of the second top which is formed into a card game playing surface in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a plan view of the table assembly of the present invention showing the first top disposed on the pedestal assembly and the second top removably positioned thereon and having the normal flat table top in the exposed position;

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of a portion of the second top of the table combination of the present invention showing the card game playing surface formed in the one surface thereof and the flat top surface formed along the other surface thereof, taken in the direction of the arrows along the line 6—6 of FIG. 4;

FIG. 7 is a side cross-sectional view through a portion of the second top showing a pair of player convenience cavities formed in the card playing surface of one side of the top and again, the smooth flat surface on the other side of the second top, taken in the direction of the arrows along the line 7—7 in FIG. 4;

FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view showing the arrangement of the legs and the leg support shelf taken in the direction of the arrows along the line 8—8 in FIG. 5; and,

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view showing the mounting of the obstacle bumpers on the pool ball game playing surface taken in the direction of the arrows along the line 9—9 in FIG. 1.

Referring now to the drawings, and more specifically FIGS. 1 and 2 thereof, there is shown a table assembly, generally referred to by the numeral 10 which consists of a pedestal leg arrangement 12 having a bottom end 13 for seatment upon an underlying support surface such as a floor or the like, and a top end 14, for supporting thereon the table top. The pedestal leg arrangement 12 is shown to consist of a series of four legs 16, each of the legs 16 assuming a rectangular configuration, the length of the rectangular configuration comprising the height of the leg 16 and the width of the rectangular configuration forming a side to side elongated leg support. The four legs 16 are interconnected and supported adjacent the bottom end 13 thereof by means of a leg support shelf 18. Each of the legs 16 is provided with a support block 20 for supporting the legs 16 on the ground or floor, each of the support blocks 20 including an inwardly extending shoulder 22, having a spacer element 24 mounted thereon. The leg support shelf 18 is shown to be mounted to each of the four spacer elements 24 by means of a bolt 26, thereby to fixedly secure the support shelf 18 to each of the four legs 16.

The top ends 14 of each of the legs 16 includes an inwardly extending flange shoulder 38 upon which is supported a second spacer element 30.

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, the table assembly 10 includes a first top 32, which is generally circular in configuration and is provided with peripheral side wall 34, thereby to form a well 36 internally of the peripheral side wall 34. The well 36 forms the playing surface for a pool ball game, of the type generally known as a bumper pool game. The first top 32 is mounted on, and supported by, the series of four second spacer elements 30, which are, in turn, mounted upon and supported by the inwardly flange shoulder 28, the first top 32 being mounted thereon by means of a bolt and nut arrange-

ment 38 extending downwardly from the first top 32 and through the second spacer elements 30 and inwardly extending flange shoulders 28.

With reference to FIG. 1 of the drawings, the pool ball game playing surface is illustrated. It is observed that a plurality of resilient cushions 40 are mounted on the peripheral side wall 34 internally thereof, the resilient cushions 40 forming an octagonal interior playing boundary. The well 36 forming the playing surface of the pool ball game is provided with a plurality of obstacle bumper posts 42, a pair of such obstacle posts 42, guarding the first ball pocket 44, disposed adjacent one edge of the playing surface, and a second pair of obstacle bumper posts 42 guarding a second ball pocket 46, adjacent an opposed side of the game playing surface. In addition, a cross-shaped configuration of obstacle bumper posts 32 are provided in a generally centralized region of the table, in the manner well understood in connection with bumper pool games. The bumper pool game is played with a plurality of pool balls 48 (shown in phantom in FIG. 1) and with pool cues 50, all in the manner which is well understood in the art.

In FIG. 3 of the drawings, the construction of the first top 32 is more clearly shown. It will there be observed that the first top consists of a support base 52, which in the preferred embodiment is formed of wood, and having the peripheral side wall 34 mounted thereon by means of a wood screw 54. The resilient cushions 40 are shown to be formed of a backing elements 56 generally formed of wood, to which is secured a resilient element 58 which thereby forms the resilient cushion 40. The complete resilient cushion 40 as well as the surface of the support base 52 is covered with a fabric such as felt 60 in the manner well understood with respect to such games.

Each obstacle bumper post 42 is secured to the support base 52 of the first top 32 by means of a threaded bolt which extends downwardly from the obstacle bumper post 42, through the support base 52, and held in position by a nut 62, along the undersurface of the support base 52.

As illustrated in FIG. 3, the first top 32 is provided with a pair of pool ball catcher racks 64, one rack 64 being provided for each of the two ball pockets 44 and 46 respectively. It will be noted that the pool ball catcher rack 64 is removably mounted to the undersurface of the support base 52, whereby the racks 64 may be removed when the table is to serve other functions and purposes as will be more fully described hereinafter. The means of removably attaching the pool ball catcher rack 64 to the undersurface of the table includes a support block 66 which is mounted to the undersurface of the support base 52, the support block 66 having an inwardly extending shoulder 67. The support block 66 and shoulder 67 cooperate with a support ledge 68 which is formed as part of the pool ball catcher rack 64, the inwardly extending shoulder 67 and support ledge 68 each being so shaped and constructed so as to be disposed in mating relation when the pool ball catcher rack 64 is mounted thereon. The rear end of the catcher rack 64 is provided with a right angle clip 70, which is secured to the near end of the catcher rack 64 by means of a wood screw 71, the right angle clip 70 having a flanged portion 72 which extends outwardly with respect to the catcher rack 64. The under side of the support base 52 is provided with a wing nut 74, held in position by means of a wood screw 76, whereby the rear end of the catcher rack 64 is removably secured to the undersurface of the support base 52 by merely revolving the wing nut 74 until one of the wings makes contact with the outer surface of the flanged portion 72 of the right angle clip 70.

Finally, it will be noted that the pool ball catcher rack 64 is provided with an opening 78 which permits the user to insert his hand therethrough to have access to the pool balls 48 as the same are caught in the pool ball catcher rack 64 during the playing of the bumper pool game.

With reference to FIGS. 4 through 7 of the drawings, the construction and configuration of the second top 80 of the table assembly 10 of the present invention is illustrated. In FIG. 5 the manner in which the second top 80 may be removably positioned upon the first top 32 is illustrated with the one surface of the second top 80 which forms the flat table top 82 in the exposed position. The second top 80 is also circular in configuration and in the preferred embodiment, the diameter of the second top 80 is slightly larger than the diameter of the first top 32 whereby the outer periphery of the second top 80 slightly overhangs the periphery of the first top 32.

In FIG. 4 of the drawings, the reverse surface of the second top 80 is illustrated. It will be observed that the second top 80 has a reverse surface 84 which is formed into a card game playing surface. The card game playing surface includes a series of eight player convenience cavities 86, which are used in association with retaining game incident paraphernalia, such as cards, chips or the like, and is further provided with a series of eight pairs of circular cavities 88 which may be utilized either in connection with retaining game associated paraphernalia, or may be utilized to hold beverage containers. The central portion 90 of the reverse surface 84 is, in the preferred embodiment, covered with a fabric such as felt or the like in a manner which is customary with game tables of the type referred to herein.

With respect to FIGS. 6 and 7 of the drawings, the specific construction of the second top 80 is illustrated. The internal portion 92 of the second top 80 is preferably formed of a wood material and includes a covering formed of a plasticized material, such as a phenolic sheet of the type generally sold under the trade name Formica, thereby to form a very smooth and stain resistant table top surface. The reverse surface 84 of the top 80, which includes the player convenience cavities 86 and circular cavities 88 may ideally be formed of a molded plastic such that the cavities 86 and 88 respectively are preformed in a molding operation either by an injection molding process or a blow molding process, and thereafter secured to the reverse surface 84 by any appropriate means such as an adhesive or the like.

FIG. 8 of the drawings illustrates the pedestal leg arrangement 12 and shows the manner in which the series of four legs 16 supports the first table top 32. As has been indicated hereinabove, each of the legs 16 is rectangular in configuration, the width of the rectangular configuration thereby forming a side to side elon-

gated support structure for supporting the first top **32**. In this manner, a very pedestal leg arrangement **12** is formulated. In addition, FIG. **8** illustrates the manner in which the leg support shelf **18** interconnects and supports the four legs **16**. Hence, since the top end **14** of the legs **16** is fixedly secured to the under side of the first top **32**, and the lower end of each of the legs **16** is fixedly secured to the leg support shelf **18**, it will be appreciated that the pedestal leg arrangement **12** forms a very secure and stable support for the table. In addition, FIG. **8** illustrates the configuration of the leg support shelf **18** in the preferred embodiment. It will be observed that the support shelf **18** includes a series of four arcuate cut-outs **19**, each of which is disposed between adjacent legs **16**. The arcuate cut-outs **19** thereby provide a convenient space for the user to position his or her legs while seated at the table, regardless of the manner or function which the table serves, whether being used as a dining table, or whether the user is utilizing one of the game playing surfaces.

FIG. **9** of the drawings illustrates the simple construction of the obstacle bumper posts **42** and the manner in which each of the same is secured to the first top **32**. It will be observed that each obstacle bumper post **42** has an internal portion **94** formed of a wood material to which is circumferentially secured a circular resilient element **96** which may be formed from a rubber or foam cushion material. The first top **32** is provided with a plurality of bores **98** which are positionally located thereby to locate an obstacle bumper post **42** at the positions as illustrated in FIG. **1** of the drawings, and each of the obstacle bumper posts **42** is centrally bored and threaded as shown at **100**, whereby the bumper post **42** may be secured to the top **32** by means of a threaded bolt **102** extending upwardly through the corresponding bore **98** in the top **32** and into the threaded bore **100** of the bumper post **42**. The threaded bolt **102** includes a hexagonal head **104**, which permits the installer to conveniently thread and secure the bolt **102** into position, thereby to fixedly secure the bumper post **42** to the first top **32**.

The second top **80** is shown to be removably positionable upon the first top **32**, and in the preferred embodiment, merely seats against the first top **32** and is held in position only by gravity. If desired, the table assembly **10** may be provided with a series of felt spacers adhesively secured to the upper surface of the first top **32** thereby to prevent the tops from scratching one another as the second top **80** is positionally disposed upon or removed from the second top **80**.

The method of utilizing the table assembly of the present invention now becomes clear. Where the user desires to utilize the table as a bumper pool table, he need only remove the second top **80** from positional engagement with the first top **32**, thereby to expose the pool ball game playing surface. The second top **80** may be stored in any convenient place, and in this connection, in the preferred embodiment, the second top **80** has a thickness of less than 1½ inches whereby the second top **80** may be stood on end and stored in any convenient place, such as behind bookcases, a breakfront, or other similar large piece of furniture. Obviously, where the user desires to have the card game playing surface exposed, he need only position the reverse surface **84** of the second top **80** on top of the first top **32**, and the table is then ready for use as a card game playing surface. Alternatively, where the user desires to utilize the table as a dining table, or the like, he need only reverse the second top **80** by positioning the card game playing surface downwardly over the pool ball game playing surface, which thereby exposes the flat table top **82**.

It is furthermore clear that due to the simplified construction of the table assembly of the present invention, a manufacturer may employ any popular furniture style in order to enhance the aesthetic characteristics of the table assembly. It is therefore apparent that a user may employ the table assembly of the present invention as a formal dining room table while still obtaining the advantages of having a pair of game tables available to him for subsequent use. In this manner, the user is provided with the convenience of being able to install the table in one location in his place of abode, and utilize the table for whatever purpose is desired, without either having to purchase a plurality of tables, or without having to move the table in order to gain access to the game playing surfaces.

It will be understood by reference to the above description, that it would not be completely necessary to have a reversible top, such as second top **80**, in order to achieve the advantages of the present invention. Where desired, one could manufacture a table obtaining most all of the advantages of the present invention by supplying a table having a series of three tops thereby fulfill the objects and advantages herein. For example, in such construction, the first top would comprise a bumper pool game and would be fixedly secured to the pedestal arrangement. The second top could be the card game playing surface and would be so constructed as to be positionally engageable with the first top merely seating the same atop. A third flat, smooth table top could then be provided which would in turn seat upon the second top, in sandwich arrangement, thereby to complete the assembly. Obviously, such construction would have the inherent disadvantage of forcing the user to handle two removable tops rather than one as illustrated in the present invention, and hence, while such as assembly does provide many of the advantages of the present invention, nevertheless, the advantages of compactness and storageability is somewhat diminished. Hence, in the preferred embodiment of the present invention, it is considered to be desirable to have a second top which includes a first surface which is formed into a flat table top and a second surface which is formed into a card game playing surface, thereby to expose one surface or the other by merely reversing the top and eliminating the need for storing the top while another one is in use.

It will be apparent from the above description and drawings, that by virtue of the present invention, a table assembly has been provided which permits the user to have the convenience and enjoyment of a formal dining room table, as well as a pair of tops forming first game playing surfaces and second game playing surfaces. Furthermore, the table assembly of the present invention is compact and eliminates the need for the storage of a plurality of tops, as well as eliminating the need for requiring the user to purchase a number of tables in order to obtain the advantages of having game playing tables as well as a dining room

table in one's place of abode. In addition, the table assembly of the present invention is constructed in an aesthetically presentable manner which may nevertheless be manufactured and sold at a cost substantially less than the cost of formal dining room sets, and indeed, eliminates the need of the purchaser have to purchase a plurality of tables in order to obtain the benefits of card game playing tables, pool tables, and dining room tables. It will therefore be appreciated that all of the above objects and advantages have been accomplished by means of the table assembly depicted herein and the various embodiments thereof to provide an extremely compact and easily convertible combination table.

While there has been described what at present is considered to be the preferred embodiments of the present invention, it will be understood that various modifications may be made therein and it is intended to cover in the appended claims all such modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly comprising in combination,
- leg support means having an upper end and a lower end,
- a first top having a lower surface fixedly secured on said upper end of said leg support means and an upper surface consisting essentially of a bumper pool game playing surface,
- said bumper pool game playing surface being bounded by a plurality of opposed rectilinear surfaces and including a plurality of obstacle bumper posts positioned substantially centrally on said bumper pool game playing surface,
- said bumper pool game playing surface being substantially imperforate and having a pair of oppose ball apertures, one each of said ball apertures being disposed adjacent one of said rectilinear surfaces,
- a pair of ball collection means mounted on the lower surface of said first top and each of said pair of ball collection means being in a position in open communication with and directly below one of said ball apertures,
- said ball collection means being removable from said position in open communication with and directly below each of said ball apertures to a position removed therefrom such that the lower surface of said first top is unobstructed to occupants seated at said table,
- said leg support means including a plurality of legs,
- a substantially planar shelf member positioned adjacent the lower ends of said legs and secured to each of said legs adjacent the periphery of said planar shelf member,
- a second top forming a second game means and being removably positionable upon said first top,
- a third top forming a flat smooth surface and being removably positionable upon said first top,
- said second and third tops comprising a single top having one surface formed as a flat smooth top and the opposed surface formed into said second game means,
- whereby said table assembly may be utilized as a flat top table with said third top positioned and supported upon said first top, and said assembly may be utilized as a second game means when said second top is exposed, and may be utilized as a bumper pool game when said first top is exposed.

2. A combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly comprising in combination,
- leg support means having an upper end and a lower end,
- a first top having a lower surface fixedly secured on said upper end of said leg support means and an upper surface consisting essentially of a bumper pool game playing surface,
- said bumper pool game playing surface being bounded by a plurality of opposed rectilinear surfaces and including a plurality of obstacle bumper posts positioned substantially centrally on said bumper pool game playing surface,
- said bumper pool game playing surface being substantially imperforate and having a pair of opposed ball apertures, one each of said ball apertures being disposed adjacent one of said rectilinear surfaces,
- a pair of ball collection means mounted on the lower surface of said first top and each of said pair of ball collection means being in a position in open communication with and directly below one of said ball apertures,
- said ball collection means being removable from said position in open communication with and directly below each of said ball apertures to a position removed therefrom such that the lower surface of said first top is unobstructed to occupants seated at said table,
- said leg support means including a plurality of legs,
- each of said ball collection means being disposed between a corresponding leg and the outer periphery of said first top,
- each of said legs having a length dimension extending downwardly from said lower surface of said first top, and a width dimension which is substantial but less than one-half the length dimension,
- a substantially planar shelf member positioned adjacent the lower ends of said legs and secured to each of said legs adjacent the periphery of said planar shelf member,
- a second top forming a second game means and being removably positionable upon said first top,
- a third top forming a flat smooth surface and being removably positionable upon said first top,
- said second and third tops comprising a single top having one surface formed as a flat smooth top and the opposed surface formed into said second game means,
- whereby said table assembly may be utilized as a flat top table with said third top positioned and supported upon said first top, and said assembly may be utilized as a second game means when said second top is exposed, and may be utilized as a bumper pool game when said first top is exposed.

3. A combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, comprising in combination,
- support means having an upper end and a lower end,
- a first top having a lower surface fixedly secured on said upper end of said support means and an upper surface consisting essentially of a bumper pool game playing surface,

a bumper rail surrounding said bumper pool game playing surface defining a plurality of opposed equal rectilinear surfaces,

a plurality of obstacle bumper posts positioned substantially centrally and symmetrically on said bumper pool game playing surface,

said bumper pool game playing surface being substantially imperforate and having a pair of opposed ball apertures,

each of said ball apertures being disposed adjacent one of said rectilinear surfaces,

a pair of ball collection means mounted on the lower surface of said first top and each of said pair of ball collection means being in a position in open communication with and directly below one of said ball apertures,

said ball collection means being removable from said position in open communication with and directly below each of said ball apertures to a position removed therefrom such that the lower surface of said first top is unobstructed to occupants seated at said table,

each of said ball collection means being disposed between the support means and the outer periphery of said first top,

a second top removably positionable upon said first top, and second top having a game playing surface,

a third top forming a flat smooth surface and being removably positionable upon said first top,

said second and third tops comprising a single top having one surface formed as a flat smooth top and the opposed surface containing said second game means,

whereby said table assembly may be utilized as a flat top table with said third top positioned and supported upon said first top, and said assembly may be utilized as a second game means when said second top is exposed, and may be utilized as a bumper pool game when said first top is exposed.

4. A combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly comprising in combination,

leg support means having an upper end and a lower end,

a first top having a lower surface fixedly secured on said upper end of said leg support means and an upper surface consisting essentially of a bumper pool game playing surface,

said bumper pool game playing surface being bounded by a plurality of opposed rectilinear surfaces and including a plurality of obstacle bumper posts positioned substantially centrally on said bumper pool game playing surface,

said bumper pool game playing surface being substantially imperforate and having a pair of opposed ball apertures, one each of said ball apertures being disposed adjacent one of said rectilinear surfaces,

each of said ball apertures being bounded on opposed sides thereof by an obstacle bumper post,

a pair of ball collection means mounted on the lower surface of said first top and each of said pair of ball collection means being in a position in open communication with and directly below one of said ball apertures,

said ball collection means consisting of a pair of ball racks, each of said ball racks being removable from said position in open communication with and directly below each of said ball apertures to a position removed therefrom such that the lower surface of said first top is unobstructed to occupants seated at said table and permitting utilization of said table for other functions,

said leg support means including a plurality of legs,

each of said ball collection means disposed between a corresponding leg and the outer periphery of said first top,

each of said legs having a length dimension extending downwardly from said lower surface of said first top, and a width dimension which is substantial but less than one-half the length dimension,

a second top forming a second game means and being removably positionable upon said first top,

a third top forming a flat smooth surface and being removably positionable upon said first top,

said second and third tops comprising a single top having one surface formed as a flat smooth top and the opposed surface formed into said second game means,

whereby said table assembly may be utilized as a flat top table with said third top positioned and supported upon said first top, and said assembly may be utilized as a second game means when said second top is exposed, and may be utilized as a bumper pool game when said first top is exposed.

5. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, as set forth in claim 3 above, wherein, each of said apertures is flanked by a pair of bumpers.

6. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein said planar shelf member is positioned horizontally with respect to each of said legs.

7. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein said bumper pool game playing surface is recessed and is bounded by said plurality of opposed rectilinear surfaces, and each of said rectilinear surfaces is provided with resilient bumper means secured thereto.

8. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, as set forth in claim 3 above, wherein said game playing surface of said second top is formed into a card game playing surface including a plurality of player convenience apertures.

9. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly, as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein said planar shelf member includes a plurality of arcuate cut-out sections positioned between adjacent legs, thereby to provide occupant convenience sitting positions about said table.

10. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 3 above, wherein said support means comprises a series of four legs for supporting said first top, each of said legs being fixedly secured to the lower surface of said first top and extending downwardly therefrom to an underlying support surface.

11. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein each of said first and second tops are substantially circular in configuration.

12. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein said pair of ball collection means is positioned between a corresponding leg and the outer periphery of said first top.

13. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 1 above, wherein each of said pair of ball collection means comprises a ball rack formed by a bottom wall, side walls, a back wall, and a partial front wall.

14. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 3 above, wherein said bumper pool rail surrounding said bumper pool game playing surface defines an overall octagonal configuration thereby to provide an octagonally shaped bumper pool ball game playing surface for said bumper pool ball game.

15. The combination flat top, game table and bumper pool game table assembly as set forth in claim 3 above, wherein said third top forming said flat smooth surface is covered with a plasticized material, thereby to form a smooth and protected table top.

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