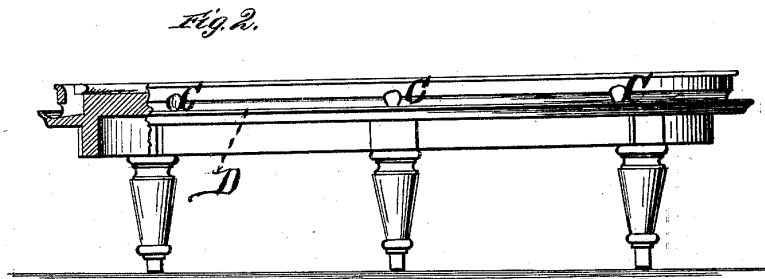
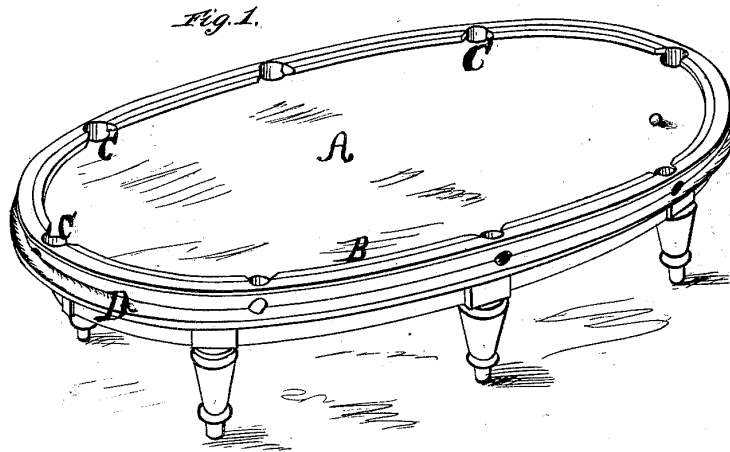


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## IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CARL F. A. REESCH, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to certain improvements in game-tables for that class of games known as "billiards," "bagatelle," &c., which are played by means of balls upon a cushioned and pocketed table.

The object of my invention is to provide for a better arrangement of the cushions of such tables, to make the same more ornamental and graceful in appearance, and to insure the return of the balls to a position within convenient reach of the players after being pocketed, as will be more fully hereinafter specified.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and novel arrangement of a game-table having the elliptical-shaped upper surface provided with pockets, and having the grooved flanged gutter extending entirely around said upper surface on the outside, and adapted to receive the balls passing directly through said pockets, as will be hereinafter more fully shown and described.

In the drawings, the letter A represents the top of the table, constructed of the ordinary materials, and B the cushion of the same. Said cushion is preferably made in the form of a true ellipse, and the top of the table to correspond with the same, although the cushion may be circular or of irregular elliptical shape, but without corners, as in the ordinary rectangular tables.

At the edge of the table, and partly in the cushion, are formed a series of any desired number of pockets, C, of such size as to admit of the ready passage of the balls with which the game is played, and directly below the outer ends of said pockets, which are open or without bottoms, is a trough or grooved shelf, D, extending entirely around the table, and of a shape corresponding to the top thereof and to the cushion, into or upon which the balls fall as pocketed, and from which they may be readily removed by the players.

The advantages of my table are apparent. There being no corners whatever in the cushions, no matter at what point the ball strikes it rebounds, thus providing for a much more skillful game, as the balls can never be cornered and the game run out by keeping the balls in such position. Moreover, the table is neater in appearance, and when the balls are pocketed they do not remain in the pockets, as usual, but drop within ready reach of the player.

The advantages also, among others, of this table are, that I dispense with the numerous channels heretofore used in conducting the balls back to the player, and provide a single continuous gutter or channel, which communicates with all the pockets in the table, and lessens the expense of the construction.

I am aware that a round table without my improvements has been used.

I am also aware that a circular channel, which receives a single ball from a tower, provided with a serpentine channel and resting on a circular base, has been used.

I am further aware that rectangular tables with straight alleys or channels beneath them have been used.

These, therefore, are old. I do not seek to cover them in this application, and herein specifically disclaim them.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a side view, partly in section, of my improved table.

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

A game-table having the elliptical-shaped upper surface, A, provided with the pockets C of the grooved flanged gutter D, extending entirely around said upper surface on the outside, and adapted to receive the balls passing directly through said pockets, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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