

DESIGN.

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BOLT HEAD MASK OR COVERING PLATE FOR BILLIARD TABLE
CUSHION RAILS.

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Fig. 1.

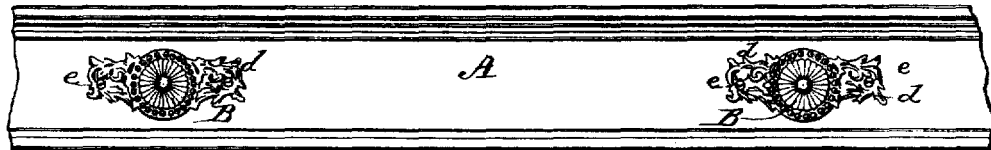
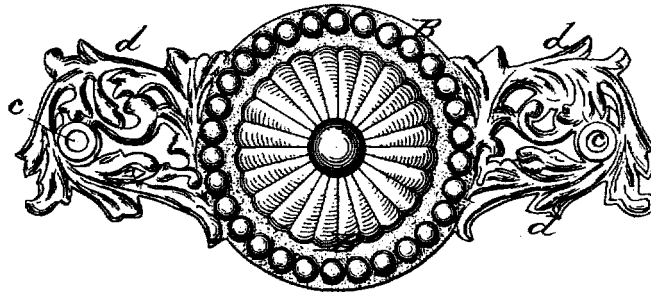


Fig. 2.



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DESIGN FOR A BOLT-HEAD MASK OR COVERING-PLATE FOR BILLIARD-TABLE CUSHION-RAILS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Design No. 25,646, dated June 16, 1896.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOSES BENSINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented and produced a new and original Design for a Mask or Covering-Plate for Billiard-Table-Cushion-Rail Bolts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

My design relates to that type of masks or covering-plates for billiard-table-cushion-rail bolts in which the mask is of an oblong contour or configuration, and is fastened to the table, at each end, by small wood-screws; and the characteristic or distinguishing feature of my new design lies in the combination or assemblage of a central portion, about circular in contour, and similar laterally-projecting parts arranged diametrically opposite to each other, and comprising a sort of open scrollwork, each having irregular edges or perimeters, all as will be found hereinafter more fully described, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

At Figure 1 I have shown two of my mask-plates arranged on a portion of the cushion-rail of a billiard-table, where they are applied to mask or cover the heads of the usual cushion-rail bolts, to show the arrangement and appearance of the masks as they are used or applied to the said cushion-rail. At Fig. 2 I have shown, on a full-sized scale, one of the mask-plates made with reference to its superficial ornamentation, as I have so far manufactured and used my new design.

As, however, the essential feature of my

design lies in an oblong mask or covering-plate of the peculiar configuration shown, namely, with a central circular portion, having diametrically-opposite and similarly-shaped lateral projections, each of which is of an open-work and sort of scroll-like pattern, it is not essential to my invention, of course, that the superficial ornamentation be just such as I have shown in the drawings.

As the screw-holes *c c* of the mask B (see Fig. 2) are located within and near the extremities of the open-work or scroll-like projecting portions *d d* of the plate, the heads of the small screws *e e*, used for the attachment of the plate to the cushion-rail A, do not mar the appearance of the ornamental covering-plate, as they are not seen on casual observation of the mask as fitted to the cushion-rail.

Having so fully shown and described my new design or configuration of mask or covering-plate that those skilled in the art can make and use the same, what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein shown and described new design of billiard-table cushion-rail, bolt-head mask, or covering-plate; the characteristic features of which are its central, circular portion, B, and the diametrically-opposite, laterally-projecting portions *d, d*, of an open-work and scroll pattern.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of November, 1894.

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In presence of—

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