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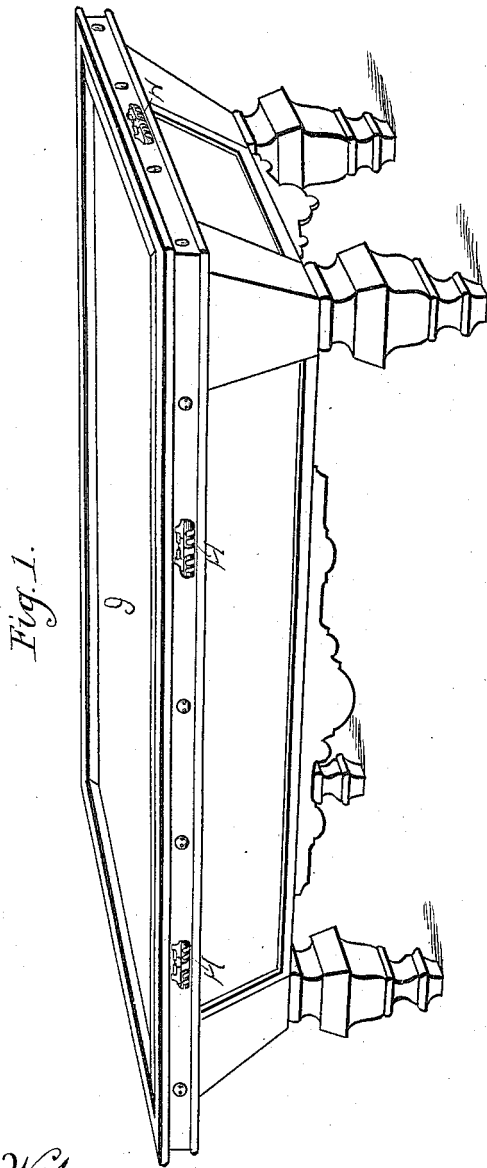


Fig. 1.

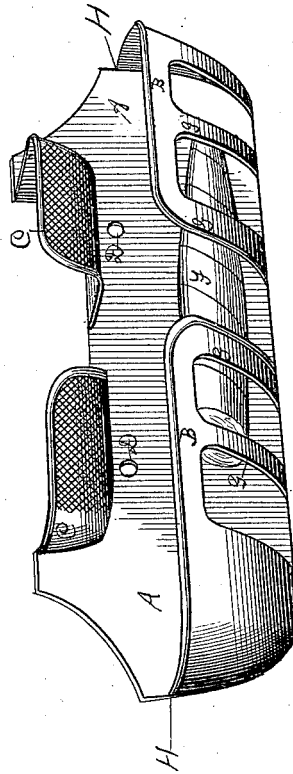


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MURRAY P. HOUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Skeleton Cigar-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cigar-holders; and the object of my improvement is to provide a device that may be attached to the railing or side of a billiard or pool table, and thus constitute a place where a man may lay down his lighted cigar when he wishes to play, and by the structure and shape of the ribs of the holder to automatically clean the ashes from such cigar. I attain this object by the contrivances illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a billiard-table fitted with my cigar-holder. Fig. 2 is a view of my cigar-holder detached from the table. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of one of the ribs of the holder.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The holder is an oblong iron casting, H, having one flat side, A, two skeleton-like frames, B, projecting from the lower edge and the opposite ends of this side at an acute angle, and two flange-like projections, C, near the top of plate A on the same side of the casting, and curved in the same direction as the frames B. D are holes in plate A to receive screws. The casting is screwed to the railing or side of a billiard or pool table, as shown in Fig. 1 at H, and is then ready for use.

The frames B and B are designed to receive and hold a lighted cigar, and are near enough together for this purpose.

F, Fig. 2, represents the cigar in position. The ribs G are triangular in cross-section, as shown in Fig. 3, one of the edges being on the inside of the frame; hence when the cigar having ashes upon its end is laid down in the holder, the ribs being at a suitable dis-

tance from each other, the ashes coming in contact with the edge of one of the ribs are knocked off, and when the cigar is again taken up it is clean and ready for smoking again, and the open frame allows the ashes to fall upon the floor.

The projections C and C constitute a receptacle for matches, having their outer surfaces roughened, so that a match may be scratched thereon.

The two receptacles B B and C C are made each of two separate parts respectively, rather than one each, so as to make it easier to pick up the cigars and matches by means of the open spaces between the respective parts.

My invention is designed to furnish a convenient place for gentlemen to lay their lighted cigars when they wish to give all their attention to the game of billiards or pool that they may be playing, thus avoiding the damage to billiard and pool tables caused by laying burning cigars upon them, as is so often done, burning holes in the cloth, &c.

My invention can also be used on card and beer tables.

Having fully described my invention, what I desire to claim, and secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The holder or receptacle described, consisting of the backing-plate A, having at its lower edge two projecting skeleton frames, B B, to hold a cigar, and at its upper edge two projecting frames, C C, to hold matches, substantially as set forth.

2. The holder described, consisting of the backing-plate A, having at its upper edge two projecting frames forming a match-receptacle, and at its lower edge two projecting skeleton frames the bars of which are triangular in cross-section, as and for the purpose set forth.

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