

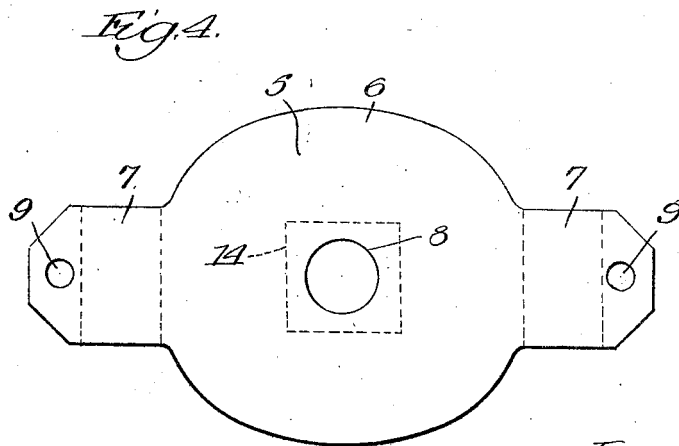
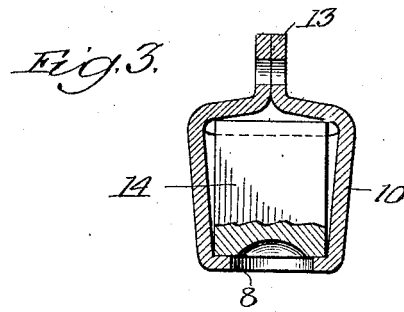
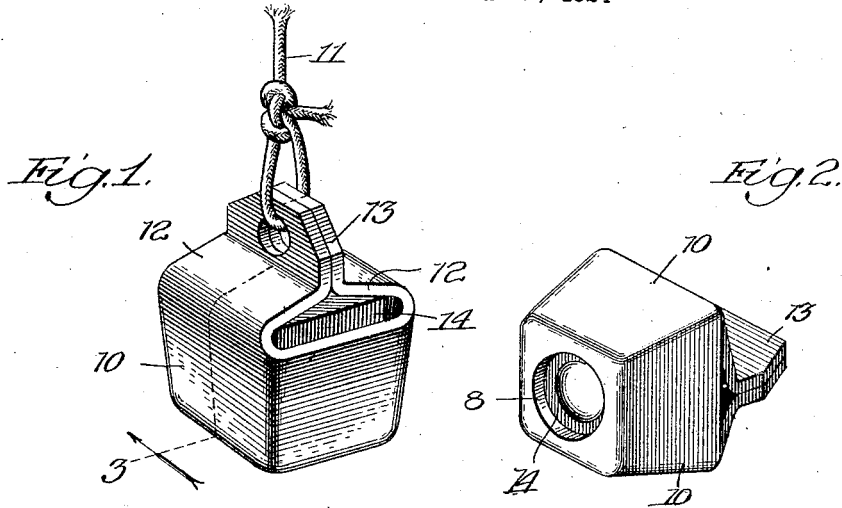
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Chalk Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates, more particularly, to holders for the blocks of billiard chalk used in chalking billiard cue tips; my primary objects being to provide a novel, simple and economical construction of holder for such articles; which, while securely holding the chalk, will permit of the chalking of the cue tips as desired; to provide a construction which may be attached to an end of a supporting cord, or if desired to a finger of the player; to provide a construction which will be highly durable and not be liable to impairment by frequent recharging of pieces of chalk into it and which will not mar, or otherwise damage, objects with which it may come into contact, such as for example, the billiard table at which it is located; and other objects as will be manifest from the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chalk-holder embodying my invention, showing it as supported from a suspending cord and charged with a piece of chalk. Figure 2 is a similar view of the structure shown in Fig. 1, with the cord omitted, the structure being viewed from its bottom side. Figure 3 is a section taken at the line 3 on Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction of the arrow, with the cord omitted; and Figure 4, a plan view of a blank from which the holder of the preceding figures may be formed, the dotted rectangle illustrated representing the area contacted by one end of the piece of chalk when the latter is positioned in the finished holder as shown in the preceding figures.

My improved holder, in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, is formed from a single blank of any suitable, relatively soft, material as for example leather, a form of blank suitable for this purpose being represented at 5, this blank presenting the main, generally circular, body portion 6 and the tabs 7 extending laterally therefrom in opposite directions at its opposite edges. The body portion 6, at its central portion, is apertured, as repre-

mented at 8, to permit a billiard cue tip, in the finished condition of the holder, and with a piece of chalk shown at 14 inserted therein as shown, to be introduced through the bottom of the holder and into engagement with an end of the chalk exposed at this opening. The extremities of the tabs 7 contain apertures 9 for a purpose hereinafter described. The blank, preliminarily soaked with water, is then pressed, in any suitable press and with the application of relatively great pressure, into a condition to form the casing, or receptacle portion 10 which is formed from the body portion 6 of the blank, the tabs 7 extending from opposite edges of the upper, open, end of the casing 10 as shown.

The opening 8, shown as circular, is of such size and shape that the side walls thereof form stop means for the inner end of the chalk introduced into the casing through the upper, open, end of the casing. The tabs 7 in the use of the holder extend in deflected condition relative to the walls carrying them and thus crosswise of the upper, open, end of the casing, the apertures 9 providing for attachment thereto of one end of a holder suspending cord, represented at 11, as commonly used. When desired, the apertures 9 may be made sufficiently large to permit the holder to be slipped over a finger of the user where it is desired that the holder be carried on the player's hand. The tabs 7 are preferably pressed, and set, into substantially the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, to provide the portions 12 which extend crosswise of one end of the chalk 14, and the flatwise-opposed extensions 13 which contain the apertures 9 and extend at angles to the portions 12.

It will be understood from the foregoing that a piece of chalk introduced into the casing 10 is held against displacement therein by the stop means provided at the opposite open ends of the casing and formed of the walls of the opening 8 and the tabs 7.

A holder constructed in accordance with my invention is not only of simple construction and economical to manufacture, but is very durable, and by reason of the fact that the chalk is introduced into the casing from the end thereof opposite that containing the aperture for the billiard cue tip, weakening of the stop means at this end of the casing, in the repeated use of

the holder, is avoided. Furthermore, the device being formed of relatively soft material, danger of marring of objects with which it may come into contact, is obviated.

5 While I have illustrated and described a particular construction of holder embodying my invention and have described it as made in accordance with a certain method, I do not wish to be understood as intending
10 to limit the invention thereto as the same may be embodied in other forms of structure and other methods of manufacture employed in producing the holder, and in this connection it may be stated, by way of example
15 of a modification of the structure and the method employed in forming it, that the holder may be formed of suitable soft rubber molded or otherwise caused to present the desired form.

20 What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A chalk-holder formed of a casing-forming portion open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open
25 ends, stop-means at its other end for engagement by one end of the chalk, and stop-forming means at the end of the casing through which the chalk is introduced therein formed of portions having flatwise-opposed extensions angularly disposed relative to said portions.

2. A chalk-holder formed of a casing-forming portion open at its opposite ends
35 and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open ends, stop-means at its other open end for engagement by one end of the chalk, and stop-forming means at the end of the casing through which the chalk is introduced there-
40 in formed of flatwise opposed apertured extensions angularly disposed relative to said portions.

3. A chalk-holder comprising a one-piece
45 casing-forming portion with the edge portions of each of its side walls integral with adjacent side walls, said casing being open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk
50 through one of its open ends, and stop means at its opposite, open, ends, for the chalk, one of said stop-means being mov-

able relative to said side walls for permitting introduction of the chalk into said casing.

4. A chalk-holder formed of a one-piece structure comprising a casing open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open ends, said structure being formed
60 with stop-means at its other end for engagement by one end of the chalk and with portions at the other, open, end, having flatwise-opposed, apertured, extensions angularly disposed relative to said portions,
65 said portions overlapping an end of the chalk.

5. A chalk-holder formed of a casing-forming portion, the walls of which are connected together at their adjacent side edges,
70 said casing-forming portion being open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open ends, stop means at the other, open, end for engagement by one of
75 the chalk, and stop-means, movable relative to said side walls into and out of stop-forming position, at the end of the casing-forming portion through which the chalk is introduced therein.

6. A chalk-holder formed from a single blank of leather pressed to form a casing, the lateral edge-portions of each side wall of which are integral with adjacent edge-
80 portions and open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open ends, with a flange at its other, open, end forming a stop and with stop-forming means at the end thereof through which the chalk
90 is introduced into the casing.

7. A chalk-holder formed from a single blank of leather pressed to form a casing, the lateral edge-portions of each side wall of which are integral with adjacent edge-
95 portions and open at its opposite ends and adapted for the insertion therein of the piece of chalk through one of its open ends, with a flange at its other, open, end forming a stop and with stop-forming portions
100 at the end thereof through which the chalk is introduced into the casing.

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