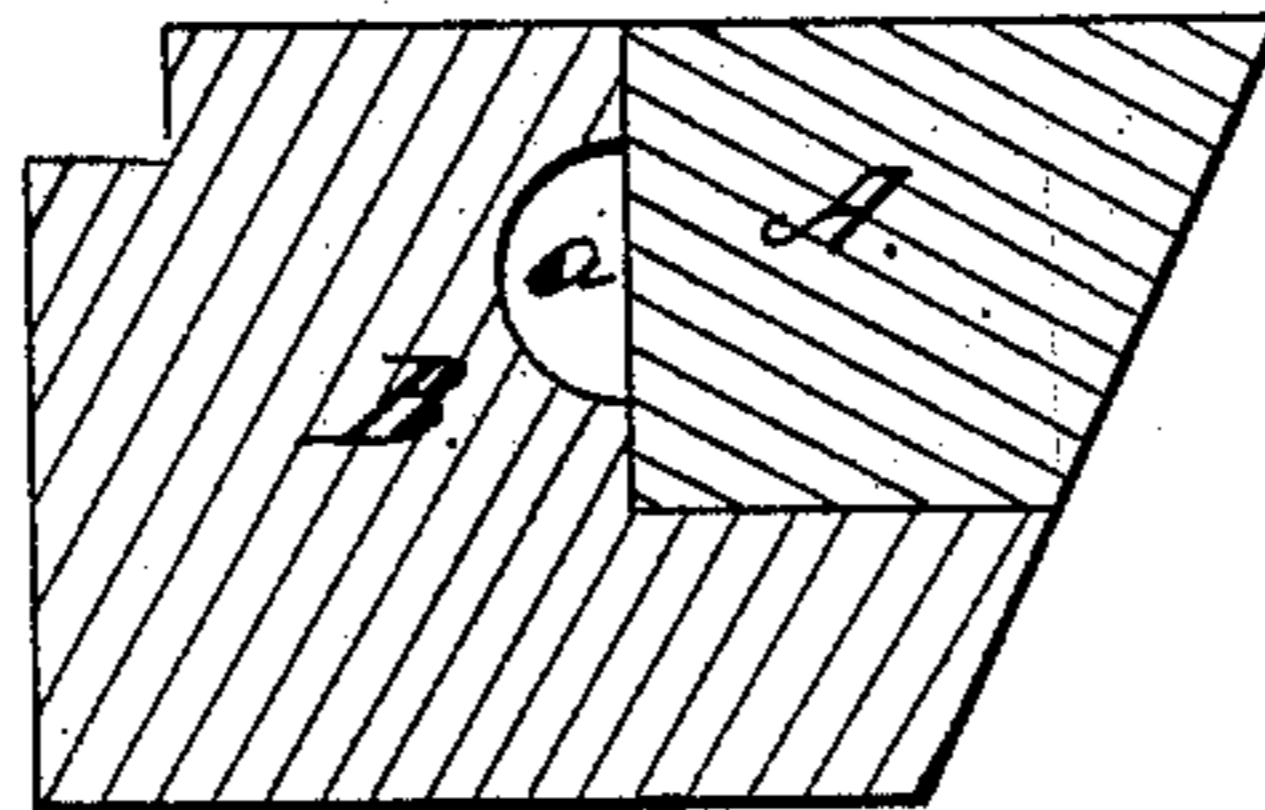


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BILLIARD-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER SCHOULLER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Billiard-Tables; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, which represents a section of the rim or guard of a billiard-table with my improvement applied thereon, and to the elastic strip of caoutchouc forming part of the said guard or rim.

The nature of the said invention consists in the combination and arrangement of a receiving channel or chamber with the elastic strip and its supporting-rail, such being to enable the strip to spring back to better advantage under the blow of a ball.

In the drawing, A denotes the elastic strip, and B the part or rail for supporting such strip, such rail being rabbeted for such purpose.

In carrying out my improvement I form the said rail with a groove or channel, *a*, to extend

along in rear of the strip A and throughout its length. This groove may be semicircular in transverse section, or it may have any other desirable and proper form. It is arranged just opposite the middle of the elastic strip A, in order that it may be directly in rear of that part of the strip which usually receives the blow of the billiard-ball.

The channel *a* causes the strip A to operate and to preserve its elasticity to much better advantage than it will when supported at its back against a bearing-surface extending entirely along the back and against it.

I claim—

The arrangement and combination of the channel *a* with the rail B and the elastic or caoutchouc strip A of a billiard-table, the same being substantially as specified.

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