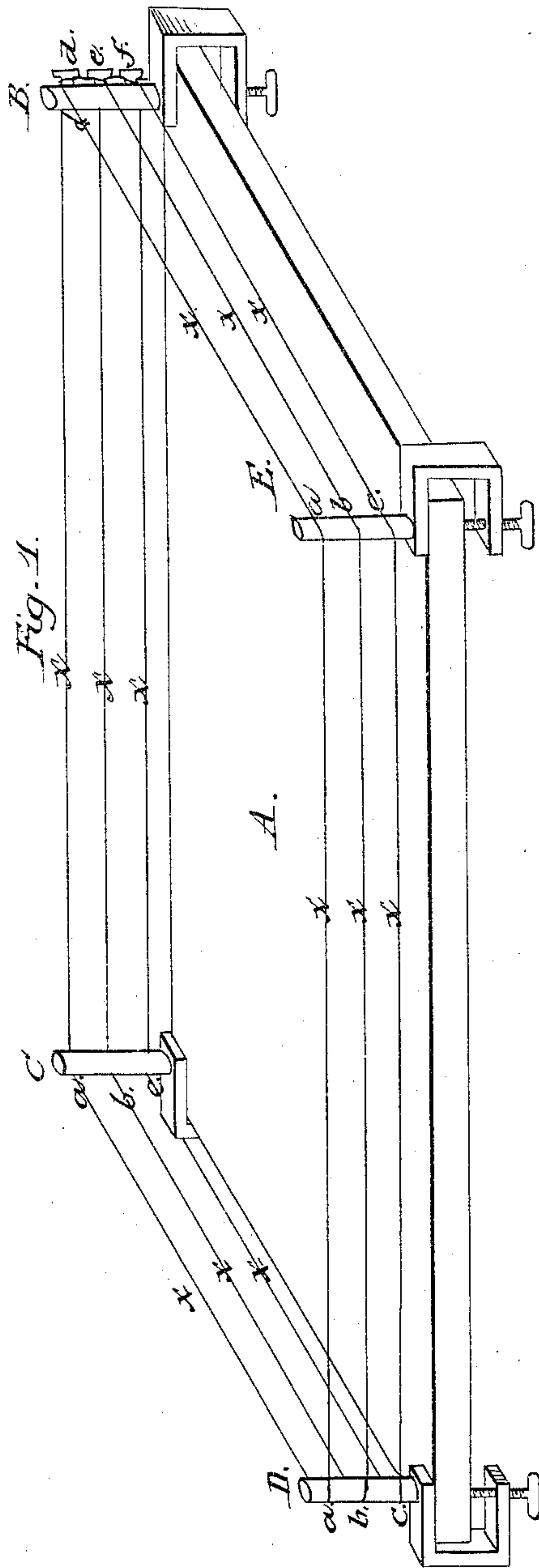


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PARLOR-GAME.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. MONTGOMERY WHITE, of East Hartford, in the county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improved Parlor-Game; and I declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the top of a table with my improvement affixed thereon.

My improvement will enable persons to play billiards at their homes, at small expense for apparatus, and with none of the temptations ordinarily incident to billiard-playing in public rooms.

In the drawing, A represents the top of a table. Almost any table found in the family will do for this purpose, but the size best suited to it is one six feet long by three feet wide. It is not absolutely necessary to use a cloth thereon, though to do so is better.

I fasten at each corner a screw-clamp, made of metal, represented in the drawing by B C D E, of about the size and kind now in common use for fastening "sewing-birds" to tables, &c.; but in the place of the "sewing-bird," a straight rod or pillar, cylindrical in form, about three-eighths of an inch in diameter, and about three inches high, stands perpendicularly on the clamp.

Three of these corner pins, C D E, have three equidistant grooves, represented by *a b c*.

One corner pin, B, has, instead of these grooves, and answering to them, three knobs, *d e f*.

The four corner pins being all firmly screwed to the four corners of the table, I loop a strong cord, *x*, over the top of the corner pin B. I draw it tightly around the other pins, through all the grooves *a*, and fasten on knob *d*. I then carry the cord down to knob *e*, around the pins, through grooves *b*, and fasten on knob *e*. I repeat the operation for the lower knob, *f*, and grooves *c*, and the table is ready. Put thereon the ordinary cues and balls, and the game is ready.

If it is desired to play a "pocket"-game, I place a small "nine-pin" at each of the four corners, and when one of them is knocked down, let it count for a pocket.

I claim as my invention—

The knobbed pin B, the grooved pins C D E, all with screw-clamps, in combination with the cord *x*, adjusted in the grooves *a b c*, and fastened on knobs *d e f*, when used as herein described, for the purposes described.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 8th day of December, 1868.

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