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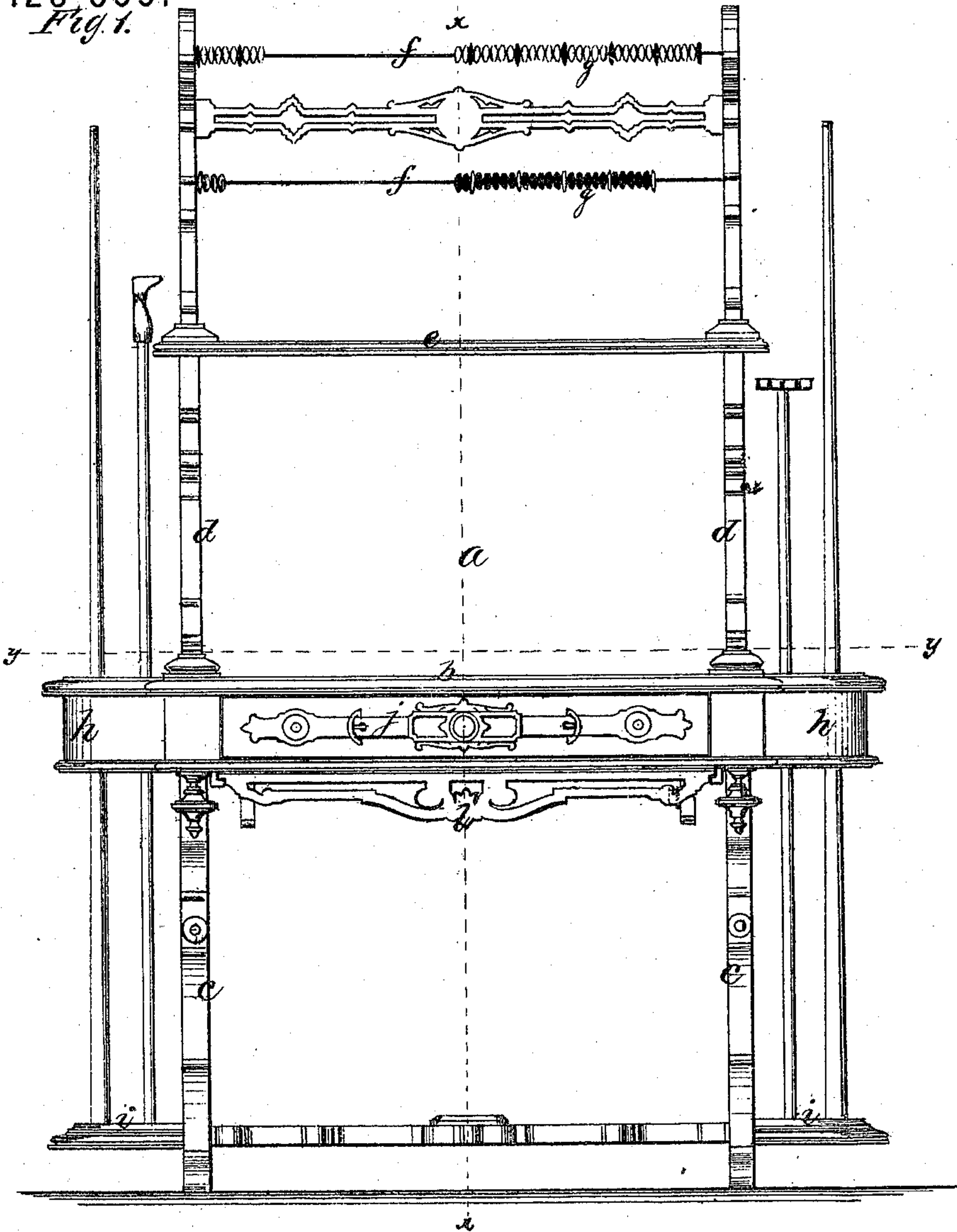
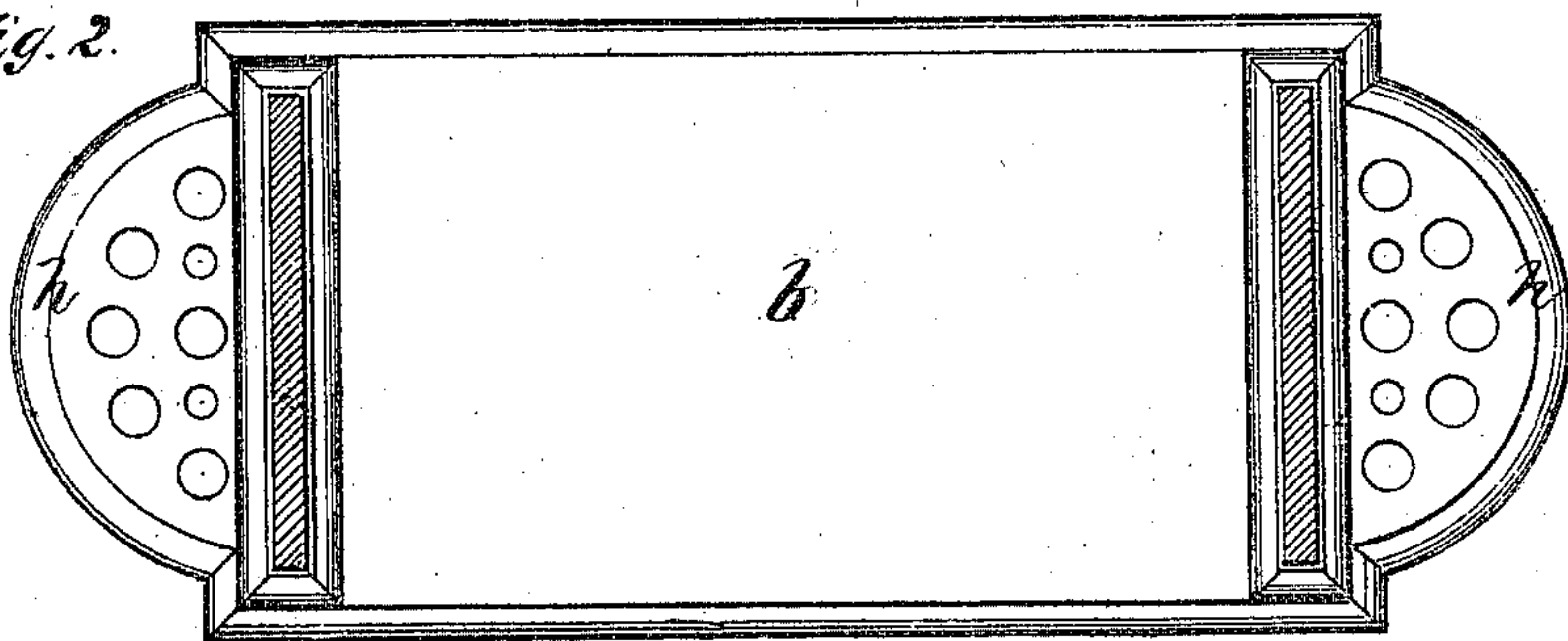


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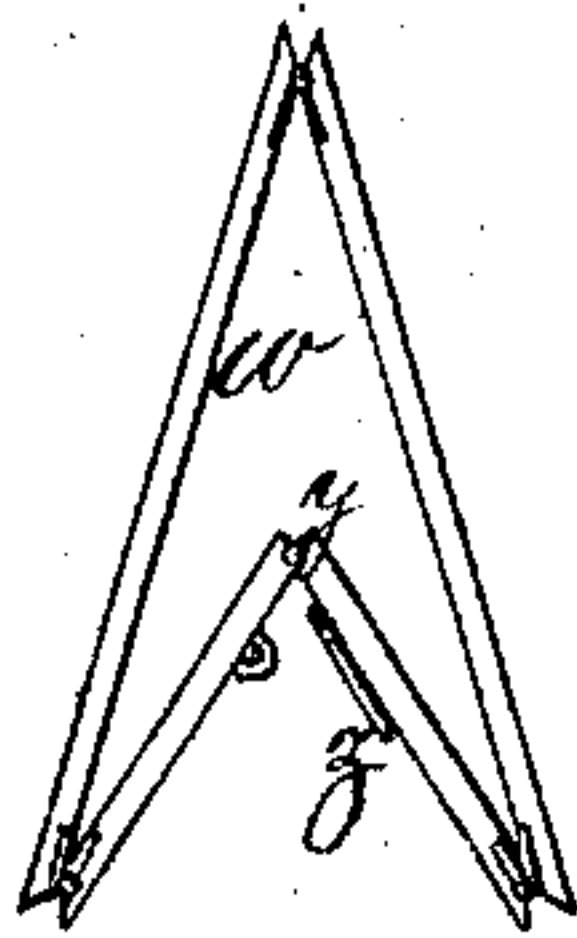


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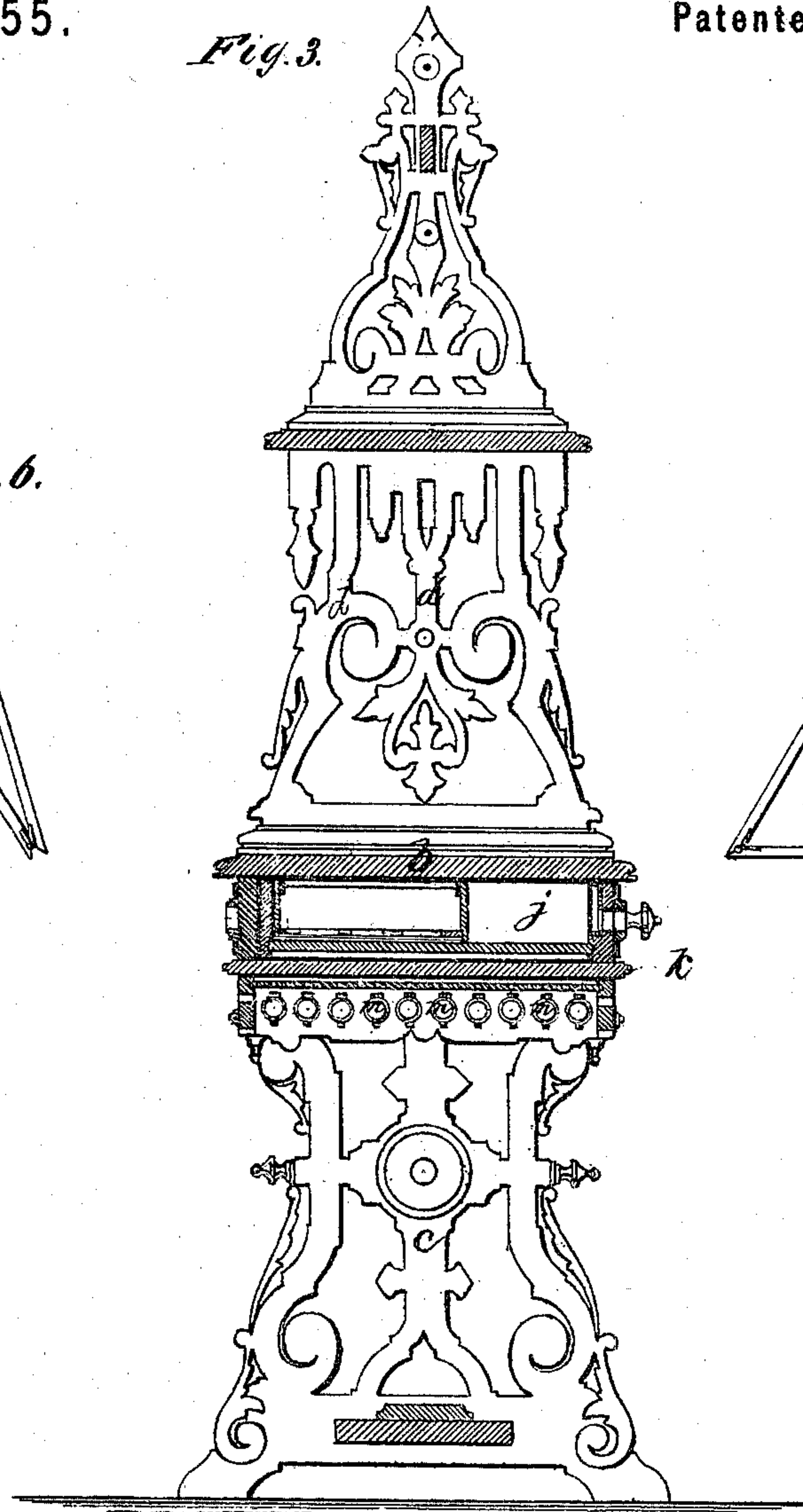
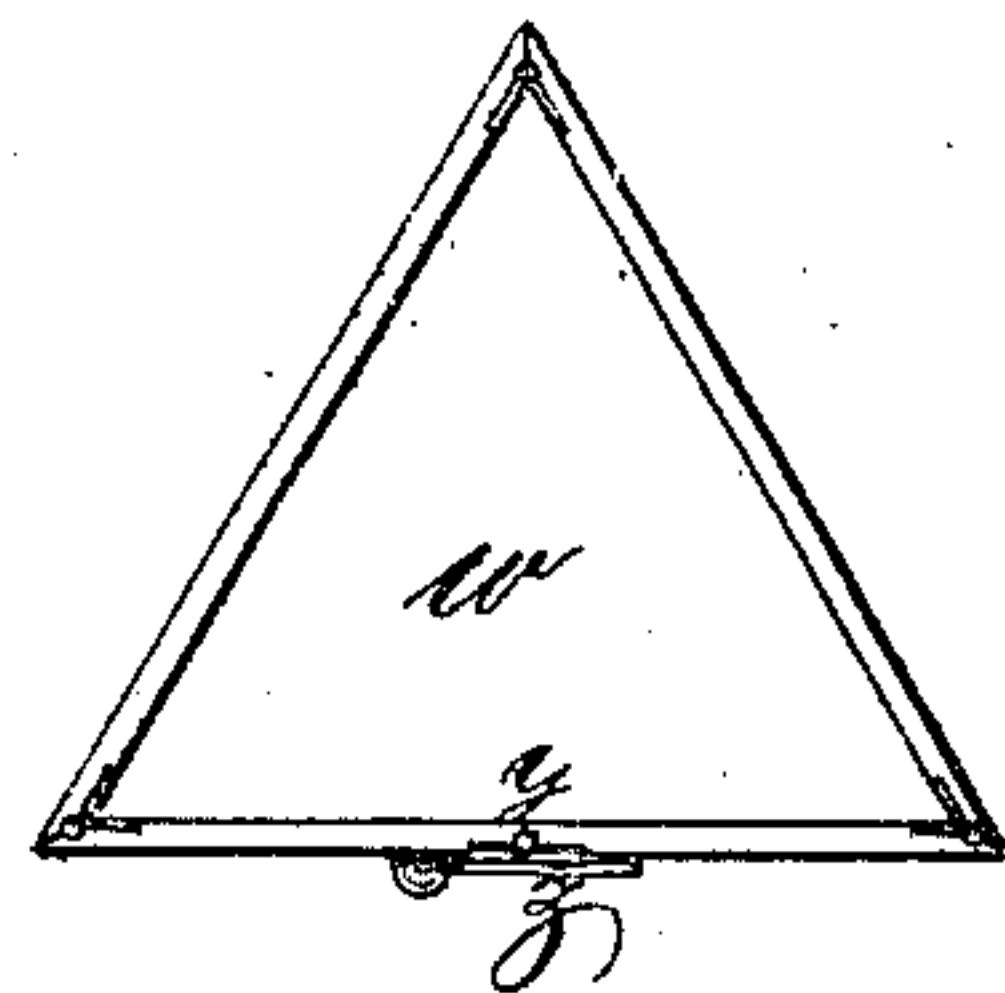


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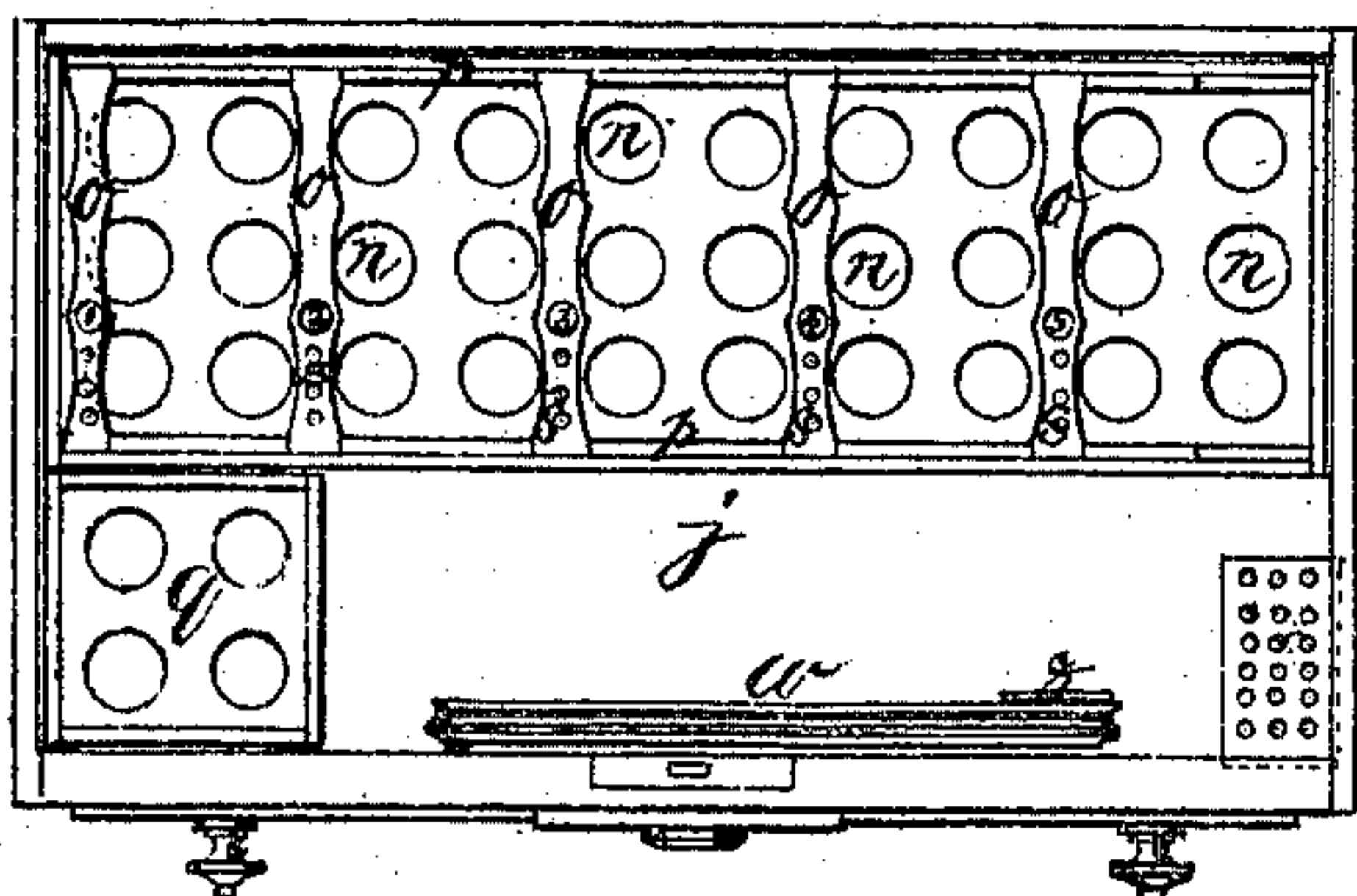
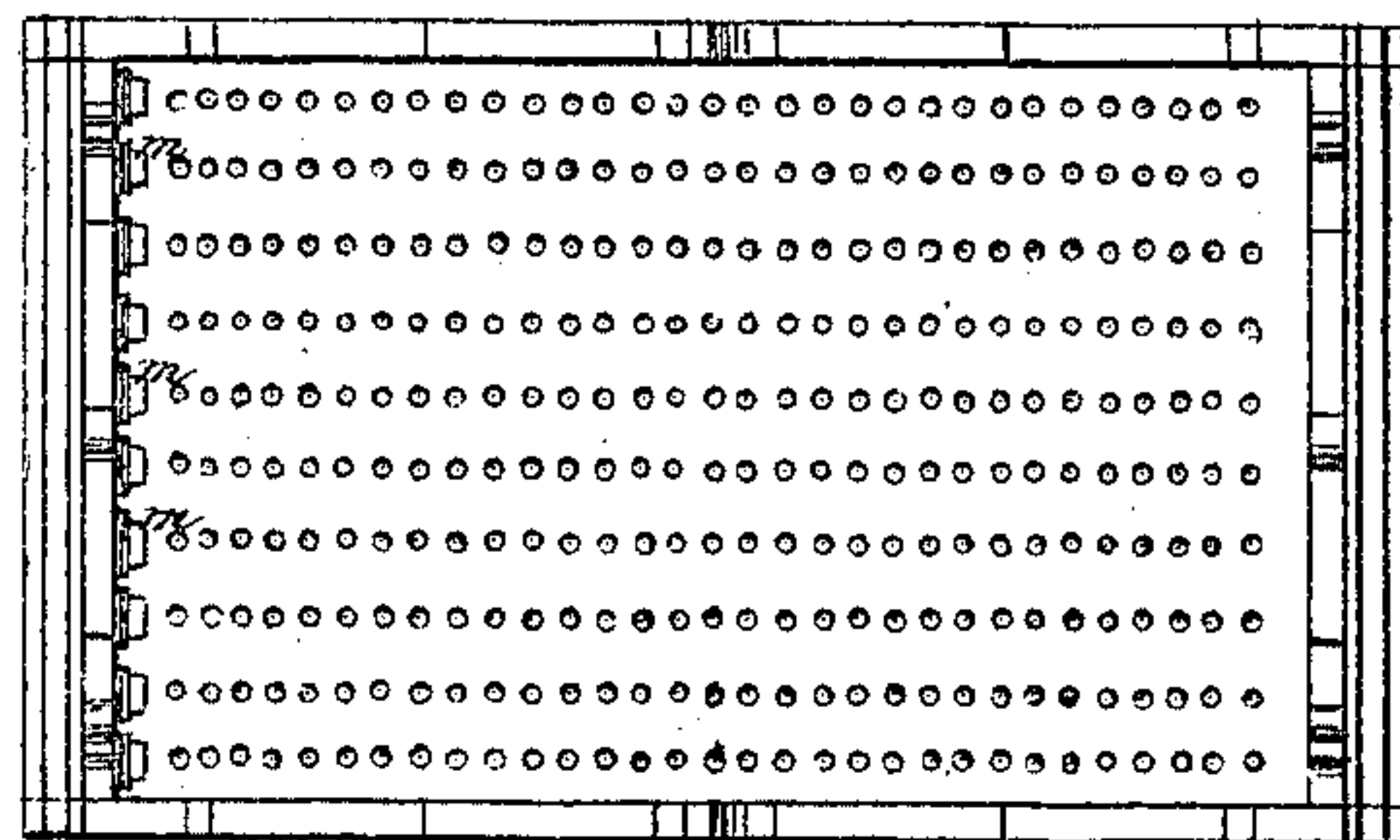


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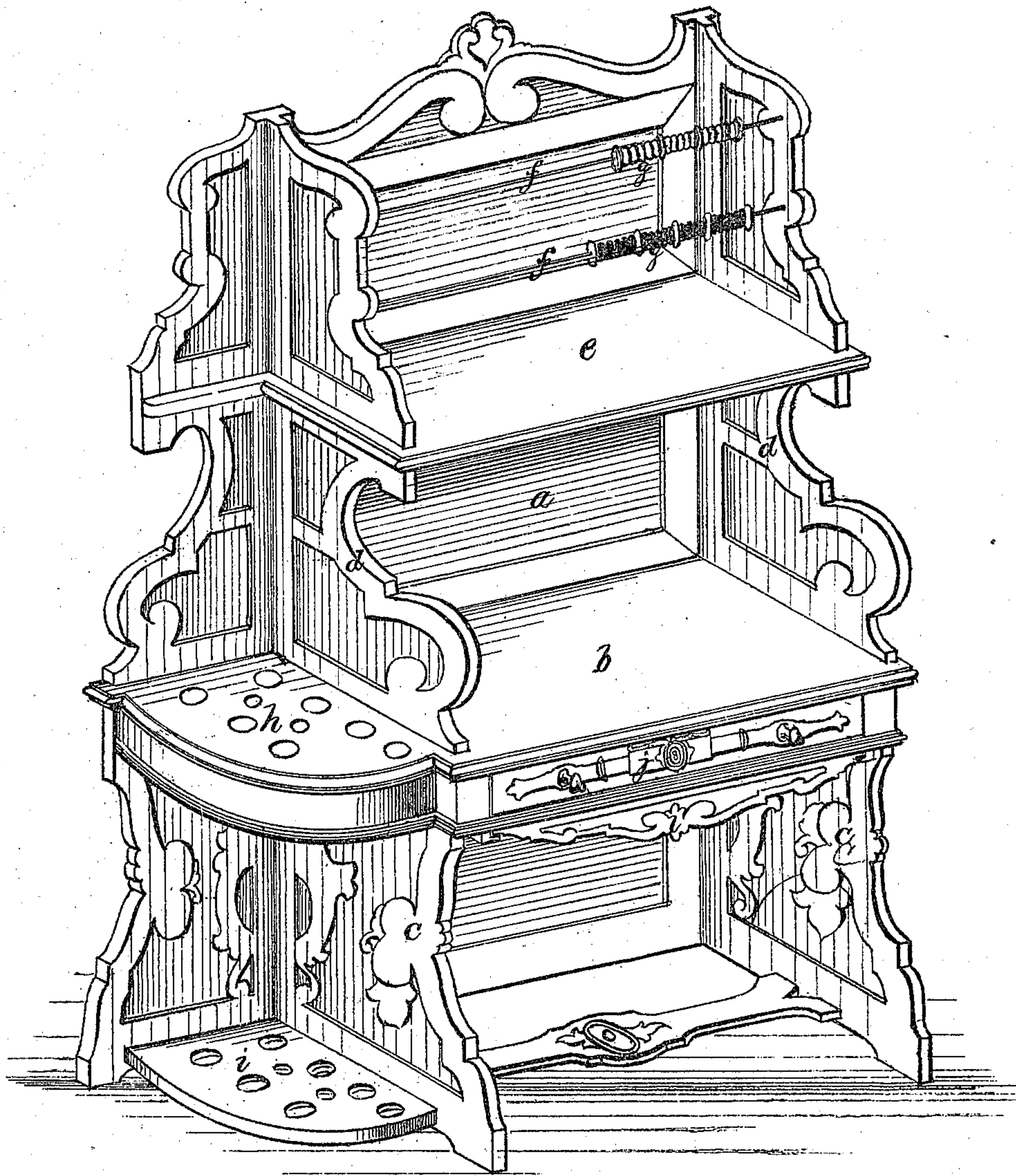


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IMPROVEMENT IN CUE-RACKS FOR BILLIARD-ROOMS.

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SPECIFICATION.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH W. COLLENDER, of New York, of New York county, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Combination Table, Cue-Rack, &c., for Billiard-Rooms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this application.

My invention has for its object the combination or combined arrangement, in a single and useful piece of furniture, (for a billiard-room,) of numerous necessary and convenient articles and parts of the apparatus used in connection with the billiard-table. My new combination table, marker-stand, cue-rack, &c., is more particularly designed for use in private billiard-parlors, but may be adapted to and used, if desired, in any place; and my invention in the same consists in the combination, with a suitable table, side-board, or other piece of furniture adapted to be used as such, of each of several apparatus used in connection with the games played on a billiard-table—such, for instance, as the strings for markers, a ball-rack for fifteen-ball pool, a pin-pool board, a cue-rack, &c.—as will be hereinafter more fully explained; and also in the combinations of various of these apparatus or appurtenances of a billiard-table in one article of convenient shape, and adapted to answer the several purposes of the elements it embraces, as will be hereinafter more fully explained.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to explain it more particularly, referring by letters to the accompanying drawing making part of this application, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view or elevation of a piece of furniture made something in the fashion of a table and side-board, and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same at *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same at the line *y y*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the drawer removed from the table. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the pin-pool board removed from the table; and Figs. 6 and 7 are detached views of a folding pool-ball "triangle." At Fig. 8 is shown, in perspective, another form of apparatus em-

bracing my same invention, or showing merely another mode of carrying it out, and in which the design or shape of the piece of furniture is different from that shown in the other figures of the drawing. The combination of the various parts and apparatus is just the same in this modification, and a description, therefore, of the detail construction of such an apparatus (or combination furniture piece and billiard-table appointments) as is shown at Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, will answer also for such an apparatus as is shown at Fig. 8, and for all other designs and modifications embracing my invention.

In the first seven figures the same parts are designated by the same letter of reference.

a is a piece of furniture formed somewhat in the fashion of an *étagère*, and which may be varied infinitely in pattern, or design, and ornamentation, size, &c. I have shown it with its table portion *b* of about rectangular contour, and with fancy carved and open-work supports *C*, and vertical standards *d*, and shelf *e*. Near the top (or at a convenient height to be reached) I place two wires, *f*, on which are arranged the markers or usual "buttons" *g* for marking the game of billiards, and at either end of the table portion *b* are semicircular projecting portions *h*, which are perforated for the reception of cues, maces, &c., while near the base of the piece of furniture are located correspondingly-shaped projecting portions *i*, which support the cues, and which, together with the portions *h*, constitute what are called "cue-racks." The table portion *b* is made with a drawer, *j*, and this drawer is formed and provided with ball-holders and shifting partitions, in such manner (as will be presently explained) that it may be conveniently used as a rack for holding the balls and keeping the scores in playing "fifteen-ball pool." In this drawer are provided, also, receptacles for keeping the set of billiard-balls to be used on the table, the pins for pin-pool, a folding "triangle," (for fifteen-ball pool, &c.) This drawer, when used as a pool-ball rack, may be either drawn nearly out, or may be pulled quite out and placed on the surface of table *b*, the latter being so sized (relatively to the drawer) that the said draw will just fit nicely in between the standards or upright portions or sides *d*. Beneath the drawer *j* is arranged

a sliding board, K, the front edge of which is provided with an ornamental piece, *l*, (see Fig. 1,) that constitutes, when the board is in its seat or place in the table, what appears to be the usual finish beneath the table-drawer *j*. This board K is a complete "pin-pool board," made about in accordance with Letters Patent for pin-pool boards granted to me June 20, 1871. It is provided with the necessary holes, ball-cups *m*, &c., and, when required for use, may be drawn out and placed right side up on the table *b*; or it may be suspended in the room. When placed in its seat its face is downward, and is hidden beneath the table and drawer portion of the piece of furniture. At Fig. 5 is clearly shown a face view of this pool-board, and its details of construction (which may be varied) and uses need not be further explained here. At Fig. 4 is shown the internal arrangement of the drawer *j*, which I utilize also as a pool-ball rack. This drawer I propose to make, as shown, with perforated racks *n n* for holding the pool-balls, and with a series of removable and adjustable slats, *o o* and *p p*, by the placement of which, in various positions, the pool-rack may be divided into as many compartments as there may happen to be players. Each one of the division-slats *o* may be numbered to designate the player, and each may also be perforated with a series of small holes, *s*, for accommodation of the pegs *t* to designate the number of "marks" a player may have—that is, the number of times he may have "holed" the cue-ball.) In this drawer is provided also a box or rack, *q*, for keeping the set of billiard-balls, a compartment for the brushes, place for the pool "triangle" *w*, and other conveniences to suit the taste of the constructor, and the place or person the furniture may be designed for. The triangle for placing the pool-balls, in the usual manner, on the billiard-table, I propose to make so that it can be folded up and thus occupy less space in the drawer *j* where it is to be kept; and at Figs. 6 and 7 is illustrated one method of making folding triangle. Its sides are hinged together at their adjacent ends, and one of them is made in two parts hinged at *y*, and provided with a clasp or hook, *z*, in such a manner that when distended, (as seen at Fig. 7,) the triangle may be made rigid, and by unfastening the hook *z* the sides may be folded in together, as indicated at Fig. 6.

It will be understood that each one of the contrivances or appurtenances of my combination table, (or side-board, &c.) and billiard-table apparatus may be varied in its construction and shape, or design, without departing from my invention, as shown for instance in Fig. 8, where the cue-racks are in the contour of a quadrant, in lieu of being semicircular, (as in the other figures,) and it will also be understood that any number less than all the elements, or separate articles, or contrivances I have shown, may be combined

in one piece of furniture with more or less advantage. The contrivances shown may be all combined with a suitable piece of furniture, or so as to embody and constitute a piece of furniture adapted to the uses of a table, side-board, or what-not; or any one or more (less than all) may be combined with such article of furniture; or any two or more of the elements may be combined without the table-portion—as for instance, a cue-rack, pin-pool board, and pool-ball rack or drawer; or these parts may be so arranged together by placing the drawer beneath the pin-pool board, that when the latter is not in use its back side will serve the purposes of a shelf or table-surface in the article of furniture.

Various combinations may be formed with more or less advantage, and adapted to the particular place or uses for which the combination piece of furniture is designed. For instance, in a private billiard-room having only a carom-table the "pool-ball rack" would be superfluous, and in this case the drawer should be dispensed with, or fitted up for other uses or purposes, (such as cigar-case, &c.)

I do not therefore wish to be understood as limiting my claim of invention to any particular design, shape, or pattern of the piece of furniture, or to the combination in one article of all the elements or devices I have shown, nor to any particularity of construction of any one of the billiard-table tools, or appurtenances shown. I am aware, however, that one or more of the elements claimed by me in combination with a table, have been used in combination with a billiard-table, (or portable billiard-table,) and I do not wish to be understood as embracing any such table in either of the combinations named in my first and second claims; but

Having illustrated and described the mode of carrying out my invention as I have so far practiced it, and wishing to secure my invention in all its various modifications, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a table, a marker-stand or markers for keeping the game of billiards, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.
2. In combination with a table, racks for holding the cues, substantially as set forth.
3. In combination with such table, a drawer designed and adapted for use as a "pool-ball rack," as hereinbefore described.
4. In combination with such table, a "pin-pool board," arranged substantially as described.
5. A cue-rack and marker-stand, in combination, substantially as set forth.
6. A cue-rack and holder, in combination with a pool-rack drawer, substantially as set forth.
7. A cue-rack, in combination with a "pin-pool board," arranged substantially as described.

8. The combination of a pool-rack drawer, a marker-stand, and a cue-rack, substantially as described.

9. The combination of a pin-pool board, a marker-stand, and a cue-rack, as and for the purposes set forth.

10. The combination of a marker-stand, cue-rack, ball-drawer, and pin-pool board, as and for the purposes set forth.

11. The combination of a marker-stand, cue-

rack, pool-board, drawer, and table or étagère, as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of January, 1872.

HUGH W. COLLENDER. [L. S.]

In presence of—

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