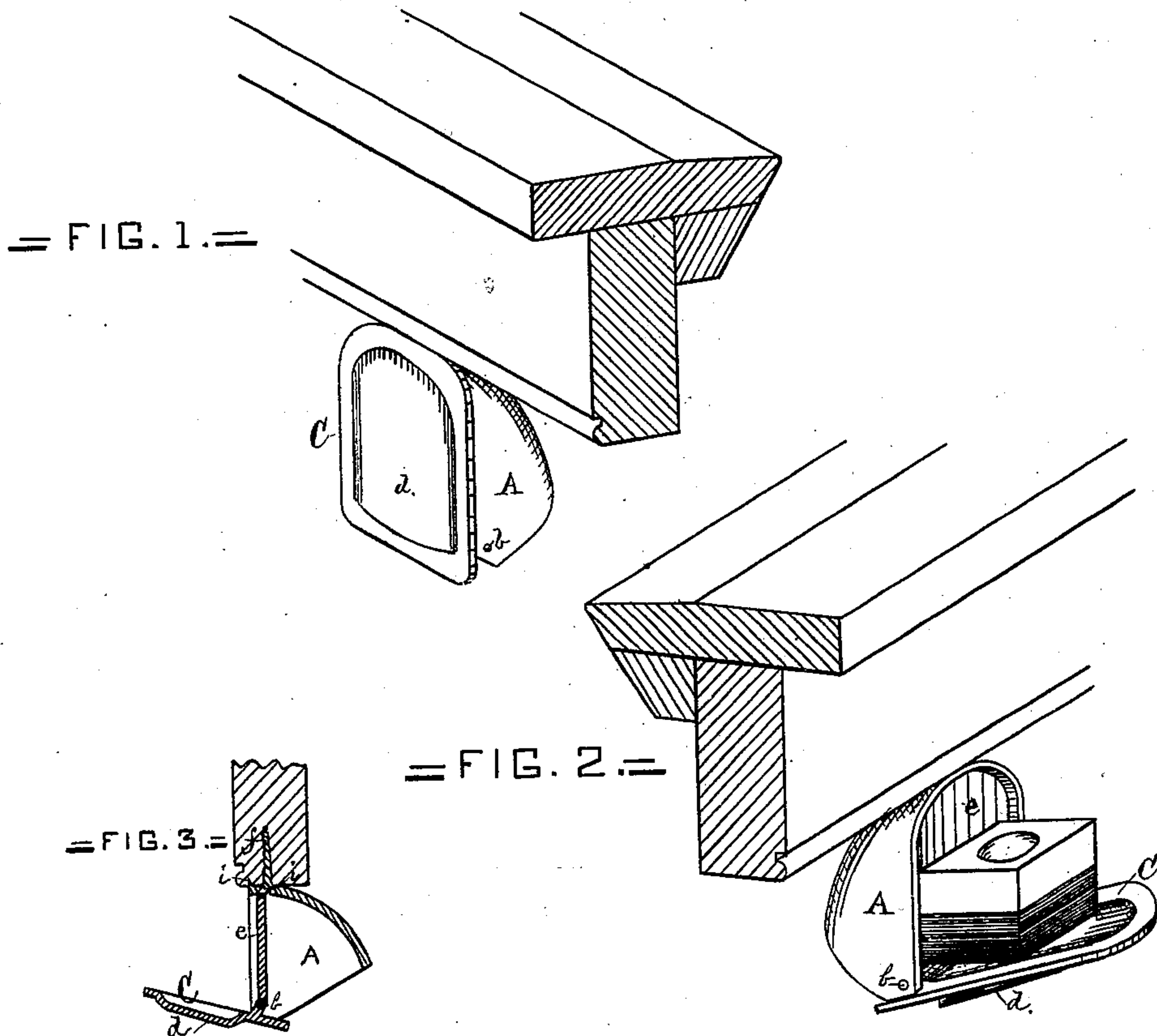


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IMPROVEMENT IN BILLIARD-CHALK HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ZAEHRINGER, a resident of the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, and State of Louisiana, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Billiard-Chalk Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an oscillating device which, combined with a suitable casing, forms a new and improved chalk-holder for billiard-tables.

On the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 represent perspective views of the holder and that portion of the rail to which the same is attached. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of both rail and holder.

The device is shown in the first figure as being closed, while in the second one it is represented as opened and provided with an ordinary billiard-cue chalk.

The casing A is formed in one piece, of cast metal or other suitable material, with arched top, curved back, and parallel sides. Near the lower ends of the latter perforations are made for the reception of the journals *b* of the oscillating section C, the latter consisting of a face-plate or lid, *d*, (upon the front of which may be constructed any desired ornamental design,) and of a projecting rear or bottom plate, *e*, the edges of which are made to conform to the inner surface of the casing, so as to freely operate therein.

As shown in Fig. 3, the casing of each device employed is secured by means of a single screw, *f*, which is inserted in a perforation made for this purpose in the uppermost part thereof.

In order to effectually guard against the loosening or turning of the device on its screw-fastening, the upper surface of its casing should be provided with sharp projections, as shown at *i*, which, when the said casing is screwed to its rail, become buried therein, and hence prevent its turning in either direction.

To obtain the chalk when the holder is closed, it is but necessary to press inward the lower part of the face-plate or lid *d*, thereby causing the oscillating section to tilt forward to the position shown in Fig. 2.

From the above description it will be perceived that my invention is composed of fewer parts, is more readily applied, and more durable than the cups or holders heretofore employed, while at the same time it provides for an even distribution of the chalk, inasmuch as each holder affords room for but a single piece of the said material.

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

1. In a billiard-chalk holder, a case containing a lid and bottom, made integral and practically at right angles, and pivoted therein, substantially as described.

2. In a billiard-chalk holder, a case containing a pivoted bottom plate, adapted to tilt the chalk forward upon the covering-plate when the case is opened, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

WM. ZAEHRINGER.

In presence of—

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