

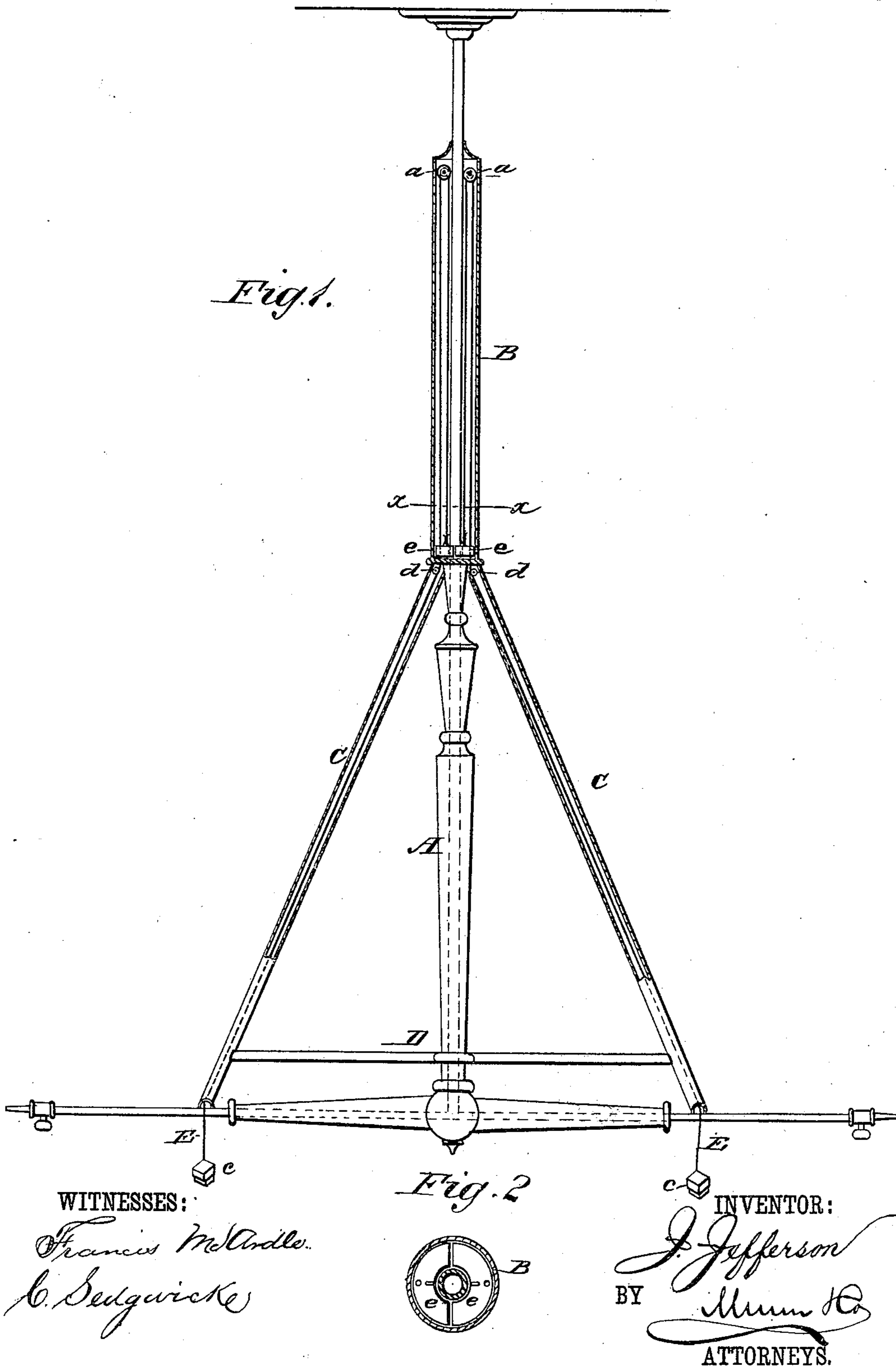
(No Model.)

J. JEFFERSON.

Chalk Holder for Billiard Tables.

No. 238,591.

Patented March 8, 1881.



UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN JEFFERSON, OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.

CHALK-HOLDER FOR BILLIARD-TABLES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 238,591, dated March 8, 1881.

Application filed February 2, 1881. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JEFFERSON, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Chalk-Holder for Billiard-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view, partly in section, showing the device attached to a gas-fixture; and Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the large tube or casing, showing the weights.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to a device for holding the chalk used for chalking the ends of billiard-cues.

The invention consists of cords, weights, and pulleys attached to and moving in suitable casing and tubes or other guides which are attached to the gas-fixture, chandelier, or other object over the billiard-table, whereby the chalk is suspended above the table and may be drawn down to a convenient position for use, and when released will be automatically returned to place.

The large casing B, of proper length, surrounds the gas-pipe above the ordinary ornamental casing A, and is provided on the inside near the top with the pulleys *a a*. The small tubes C C, which lead from the bottom of the large casing diagonally down near to each of the gas-jets of the fixture are preferably held in position by the cross-piece D, which is attached to them, and in the center to the gas-pipe, as shown. The cords E, one end of each of which is attached to each of the weights *e* in the casing B, are passed over the pulleys *a a* and down through each of the tubes C C, and have the spring chalk-holders *c c* secured to them, so that the pieces of chalk will be suspended a short distance from the gas-burners, as shown.

The lower ends of the tubes C C may be fastened to or made to fit over and rest upon the gas-fixture, thus doing away with the necessity of the cross-piece D, and there should be as many small tubes C C as there are gas-jets, with cords and weights and pulleys to correspond, and the pulleys *d d* may be placed at the point where the cords enter the small tubes C C from the casing B above.

Instead of the casing and tubes shown and described to support the pulleys and for the cords and weights to move in, the pulleys might be fastened to the gas-fixture or other support from the wall by a clamp or screw attachment, the weights might move on wire or other guides, and the cords might pass through loops on the gas-fixture or other support and not depart from the spirit of my invention; but the casing and tubes are preferred, as they are ornamental and add to the appearance of the billiard-room; and instead of the weights which move in the casing it is obvious that springs might be used for returning the pieces of chalk to place and not depart from my invention.

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

1. The automatic chalk-holder herein described, consisting of the cord E, pulley *a*, weight *e*, and the casing or guides, substantially as described.

2. The casing or guide B, having the pulleys *a a* and weights *e e*, and the tubes or guides C C, in combination with the cord E and the chalk-holder *c*, substantially as specified.

JOHN JEFFERSON.

Witnesses:

CHARLES E. KELLY,
EDGAR N. LAYTON.