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Fig. 1.

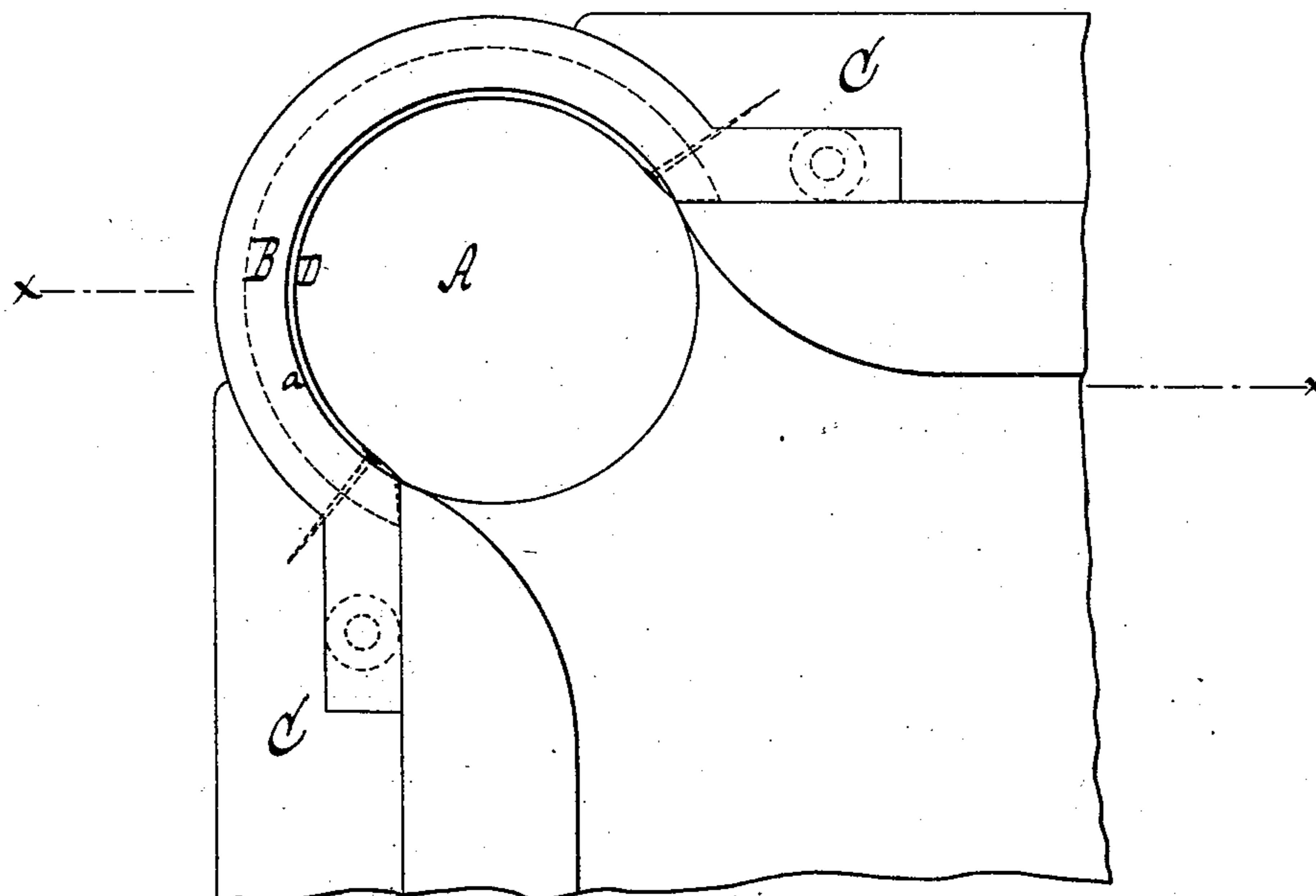
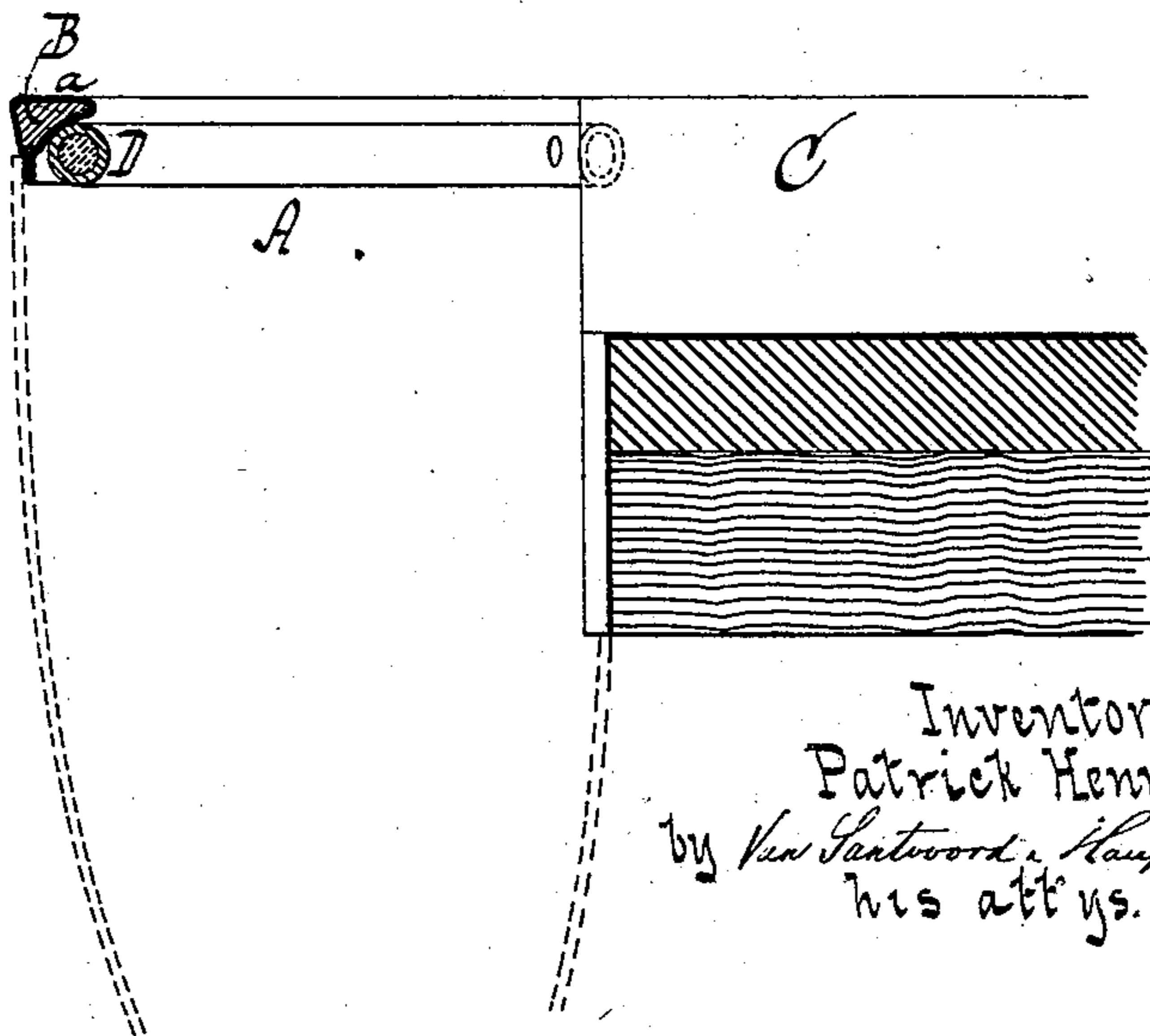


Fig. 2.



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## POCKET FOR BILLIARD-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PATRICK HENRY BARRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pockets for Billiard-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists in the combination of an independent or separate cushion with the metallic rail of a pocket for billiard-tables, said cushion being arranged below and projecting inwardly beyond the inner edge of the pocket-rail, so that the force of a ball which is pushed into the pocket is partially intercepted by said cushion, and injury to the leather covering of the pocket-rail, and eventually to the ball, is prevented.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of a pocket provided with my cushion. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same in the plane  $x x$ , Fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings the letter A designates one of the corner pockets of a billiard-table, but my invention is also applicable to the middle pockets.

B is the metallic pocket-rail, which is secured to the wooden rails C C of the billiard-table in the usual manner, and from which is suspended the pocket, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The pocket-rail B is protected by a leather covering,  $a$ , but if a ball is pushed with great force into the pocket this leather covering is liable to be cut, and eventually the ball, if it comes in contact with the bare rail, is liable

to be injured. In order to obviate this difficulty I apply beneath the edges of the pocket-rail an independent or separate cushion, D, which projects slightly beyond the edge of the rail, so that it intercepts and breaks the force of the ball before the same comes in contact with the edge of the rail. This cushion may be made of india-rubber, leather, felt, or any other suitable material, and it is fastened in position by any suitable means, such as nails or screws, which pass through its ends into the wooden rails of the table.

By means of my cushion the balls are prevented from striking the edge of the pocket-rail with undue force, the covering of said rail is not liable to be cut, and injury to the ball is avoided.

My cushion also serves to reduce the noise which is created whenever a ball strikes the pocket-rail.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the ordinary pocket-rail of a billiard-table, of an independent or separate cushion arranged below said rail and projecting inwardly beyond the inner edge of the rail to intercept and break the force of the ball before the latter strikes the rail, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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