

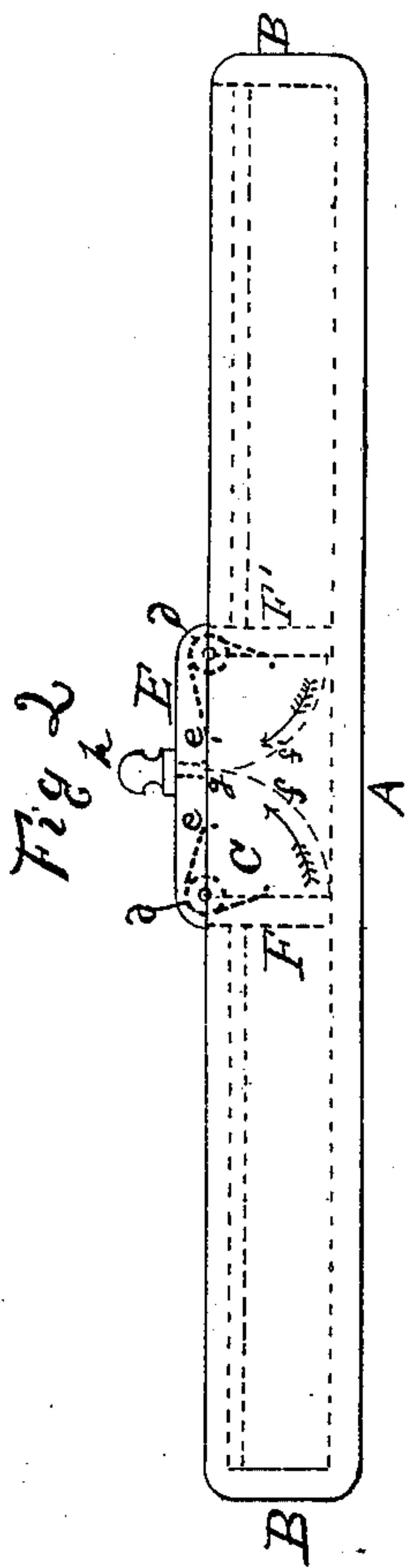
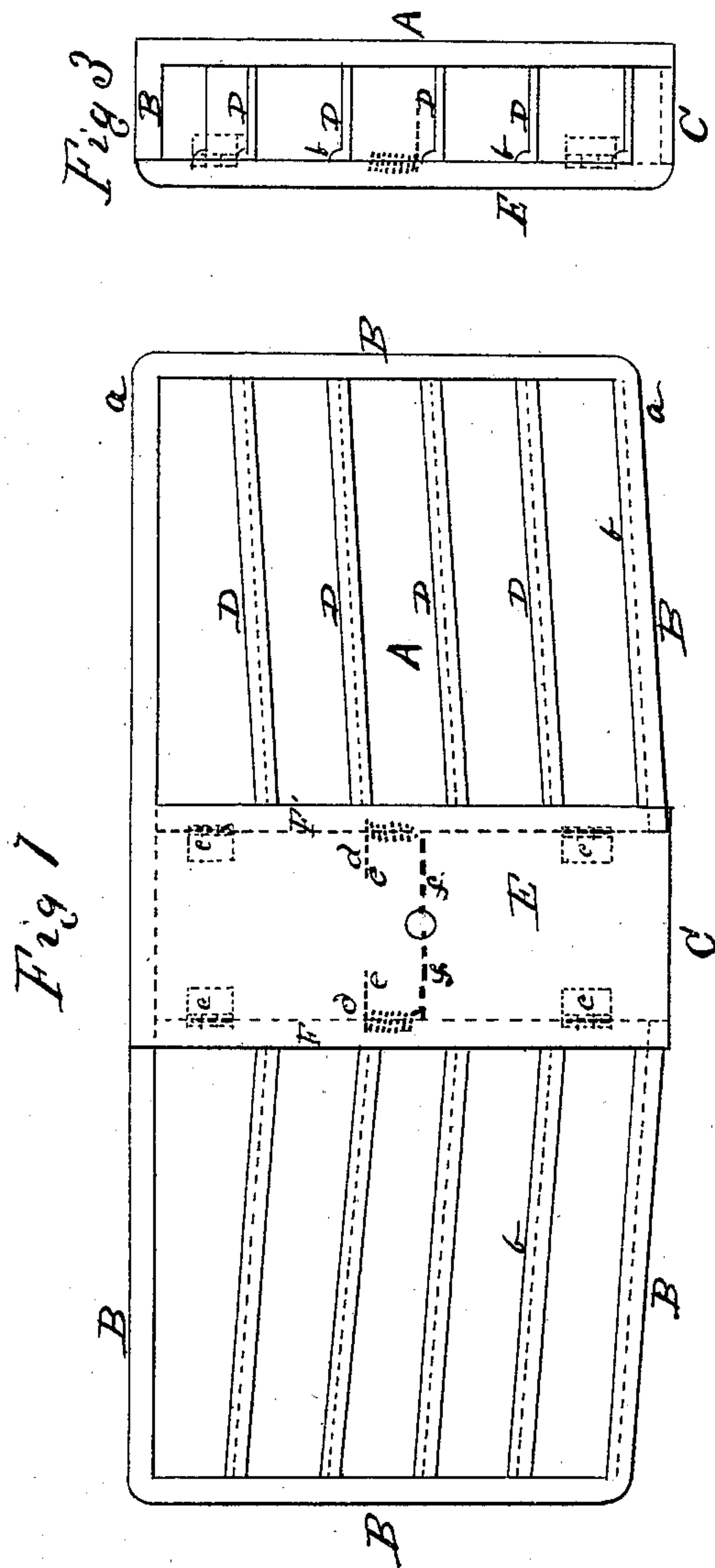
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. MARSHALL and CHARLES H. ANDERSON, citizens of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Pool-Ball Holder, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvement in the frames or holders used in pool-playing for holding the balls; and it consists in the arrangement of shelves inclined so that the balls will gravitate toward the center, and the arrangement of hinged stops held in place by springs and controlled by a pull and a discharge-opening at the bottom central to the frame.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is a top view. Fig. 3 is a section through *a a*.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The frame is constructed by attaching to the back piece *A* (which may be of any suitable material) the inclosing-band *B B B*, continuous around its edge to the discharge *C*. Onto the back we set the inclined plates *D D D*, which may be either fitted with a rib, *b b*, or pitch to the back by raising the front edge to a suitable angle. These plates *D* are secured to the sides of case and run to the cover *E*, (which is secured to the band *B B*,) leaving a space between them for a discharge. This end of the plates *D* is also secured to the cover *E*.

To the back of the cover *E* are hinged the

swinging stops *F* and *F'*, so hinged that they will abut against the ends of the inclined plates *D D* to hold the balls in place. The hinges *c c c c* are recessed into the cover *E* and stops *F F'*, so that the stops will swing close up to the cover *E* when open.

To hold the stops in place against the ends of the plates *D*, we arrange the coil-springs *d d* recessed into the cover and plates and one end or arm *c c* secured to the cover *E*. To operate these stops we attach a cord or wire, *f f*, to the outer edge of stops *F F'*, and connect centrally at *g* with the pull *h*. The balls are placed on the plates *D D*, and will roll down against the stop *F F'*, and will remain till wanted, when by opening the stops *F F'* by the pull *h* the balls will roll down into and out at the discharge *C* into a bag or dish.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The back *A*, the inclosing bands *B B B*, the inclined plates *D D D*, cover *E*, stops *F F'*, and discharge *C*, when combined substantially as described.

2. The combination of the cover, hinged stops *F*, the springs *d d*, and the pull *g*, when arranged and operated as described and set forth.

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