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GAME BOARD.

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Fig 1

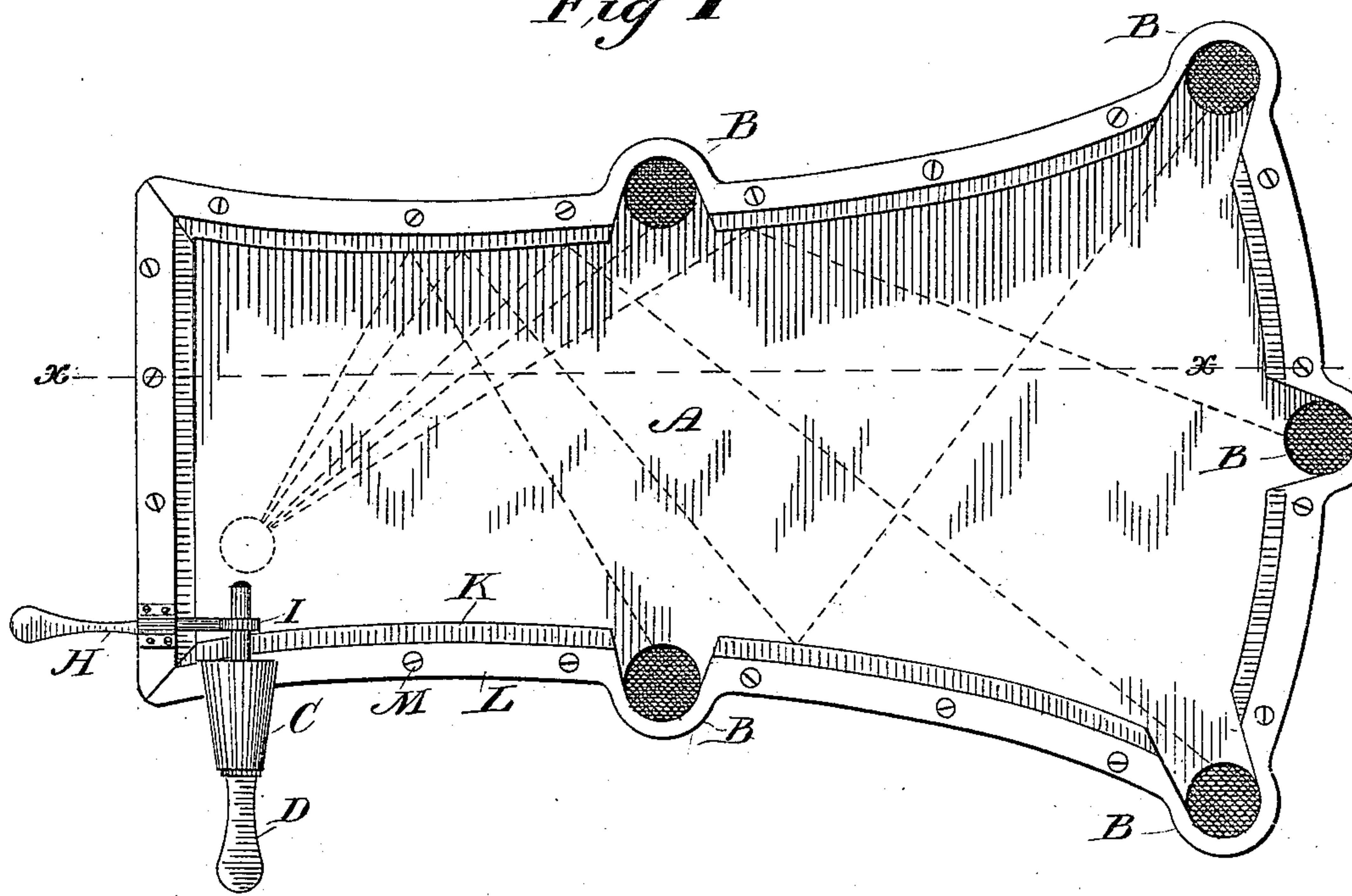


Fig 2

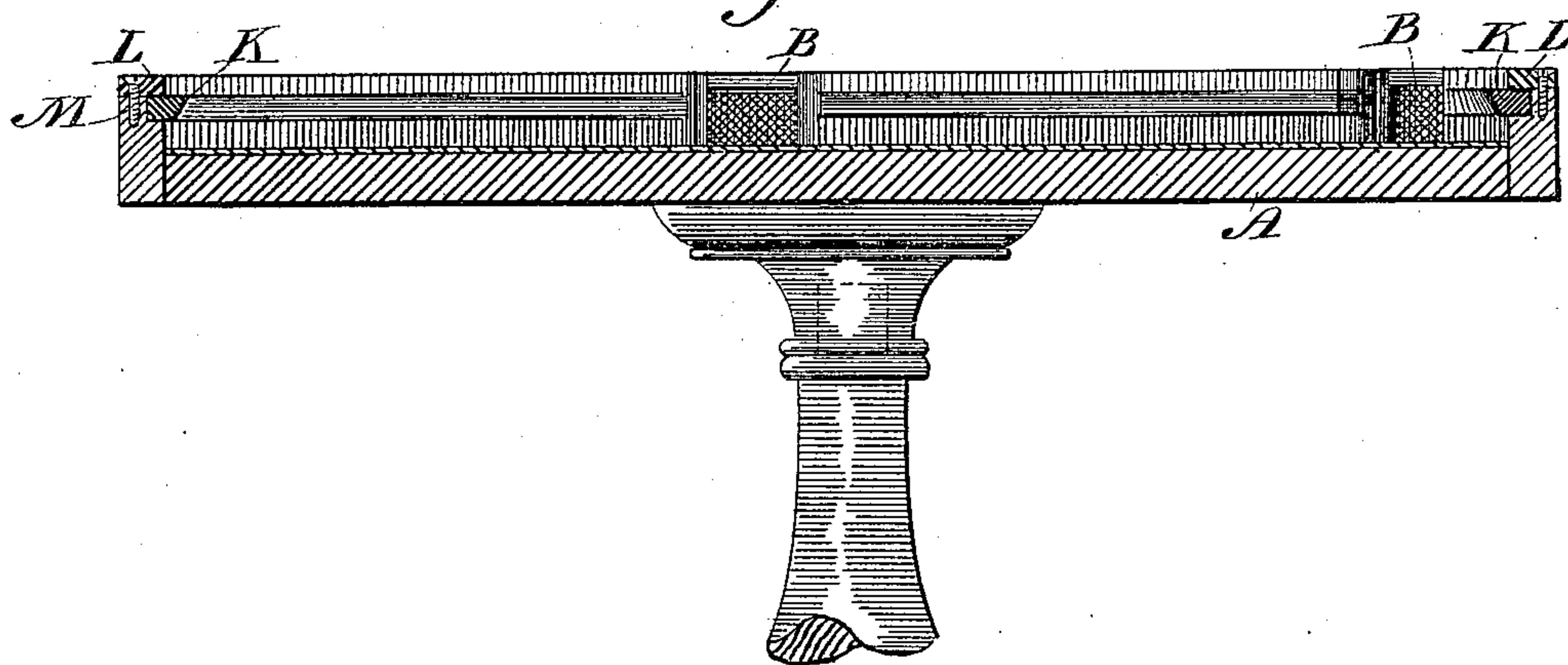
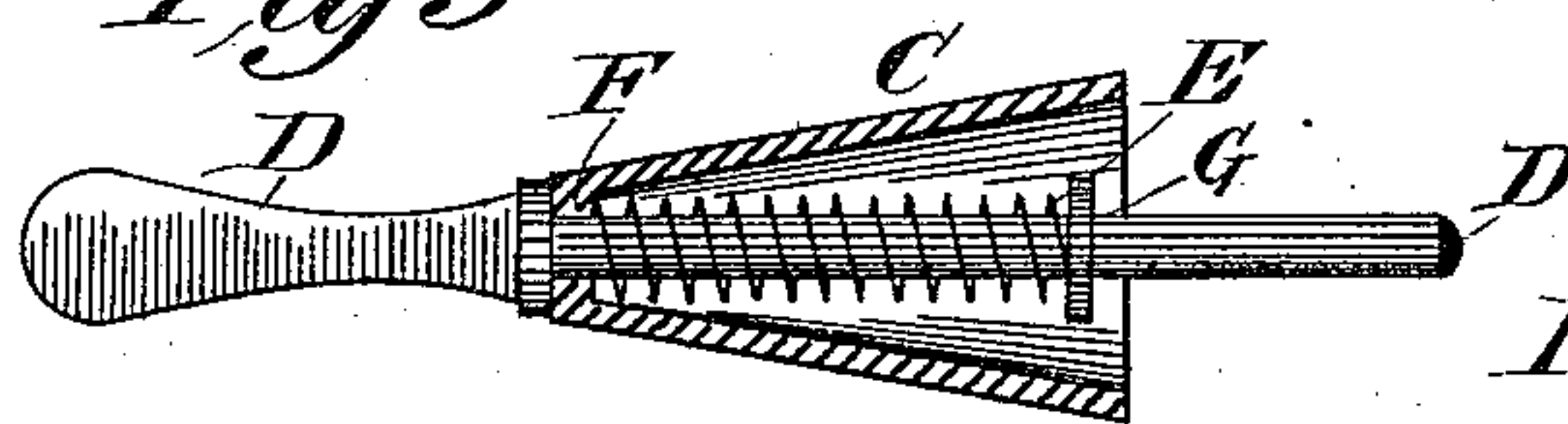


Fig 3



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS P. VALIQUET, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in game-boards, and has for its object to construct and arrange such a game as shall require skill in playing, while at the same time its cost shall be trifling; and with these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter fully and in detail explained, and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may more fully understand its construction and operation, I will proceed to describe the same in detail, referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improvement, showing the style of board and the preferred arrangement of the pockets; Fig. 2, a central vertical section taken at the line *xx* of Fig. 1, and showing the board swivelly connected to a stand or support; and Fig. 3, a detail sectional view of the cue and its socket or housing.

Similar letters denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

A is the board, constructed after any approved pattern, but preferably as shown.

B are pockets arranged at any suitable points in the table, and similar in construction to the ordinary pool-pockets.

C is the cue-housing arranged within the side of the table, and D the cue.

E is a coil-spring around the cue, and confined between the shoulders F G on the socket and cue, respectively. The socket is so constructed that the cue will fit snugly therein at

the rear portion, while the forward end is flared, as shown in Fig. 3, to permit of the lateral play of the cue.

H is a cue-guide secured within the side of the table, in a position at right angles to the cue, in such manner as to permit of a free longitudinal play. This guide terminates in a ring, I, through which the cue passes, thereby insuring a steady movement of the latter, while at the same time it may be swung laterally for the purpose of striking the ball at a particular angle, if desired. The sides of the board are recessed, as seen at J, Fig. 2, and the cushion K seated therein and confined by a strip, L, secured to the top of the sides by means of screws M. By this construction I am enabled to form a suitable cushion with the use of less rubber, and at the same time said cushion is not on a level with the top of the sides of the table, which, of course, is an advantage in this instance, since the cue itself is below the top of the sides.

The operation of my improvement is as follows: But a single ball is used ordinarily, although any number may be placed on the board, if desired. The ball is usually placed on a spot or in the arc of a circle within reach of the cue. By causing the cue to strike the ball at different angles different results will follow. The cue may be held in the same position and the location of the ball changed, or the cue may be swung around at different angles to the ball and the latter remain stationary. I preferably mount the board upon a stand or support, N, as seen at Fig. 2, in such manner that said board may be revolved, which is a great convenience, as the cue may be successively placed opposite to the proper players without the necessity of walking around the table.

I am enabled to make a game-board of this description very elaborate by mounting it in this manner, and it forms a very desirable ornament for the drawing-room.

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

1. A game-board provided with pockets at the sides, a cue arranged within a stationary

housing, and a cue-guide adapted to operate at right angles to the cue, substantially as set forth.

2. In a game-board provided with pockets,
5 the cue-housing flared at the forward extremity and secured within the side of the board, and having interiorly arranged therein the spring-cue, in combination with the guide

adapted to act on the cue at right angles, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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