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Fig. 1.

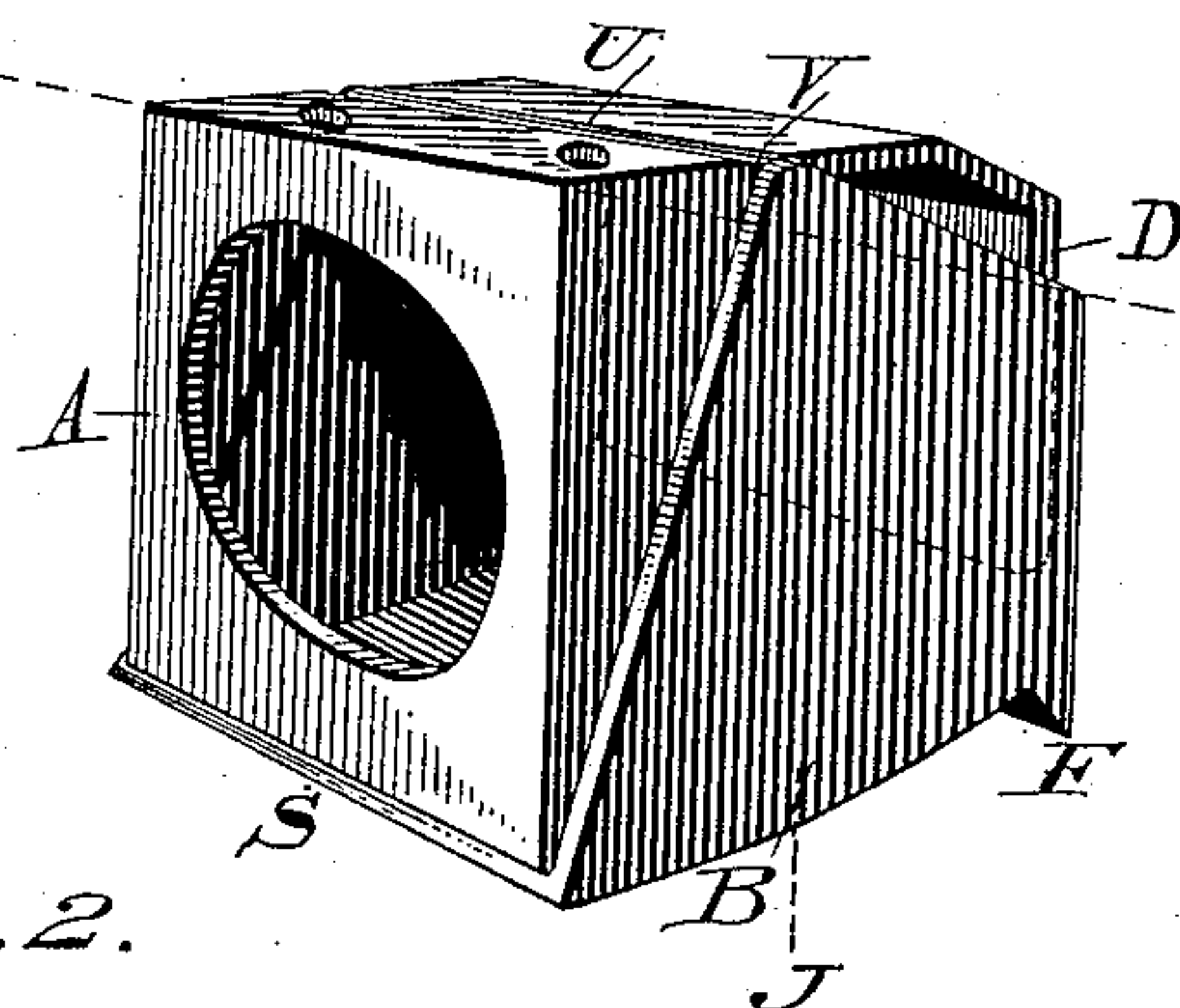
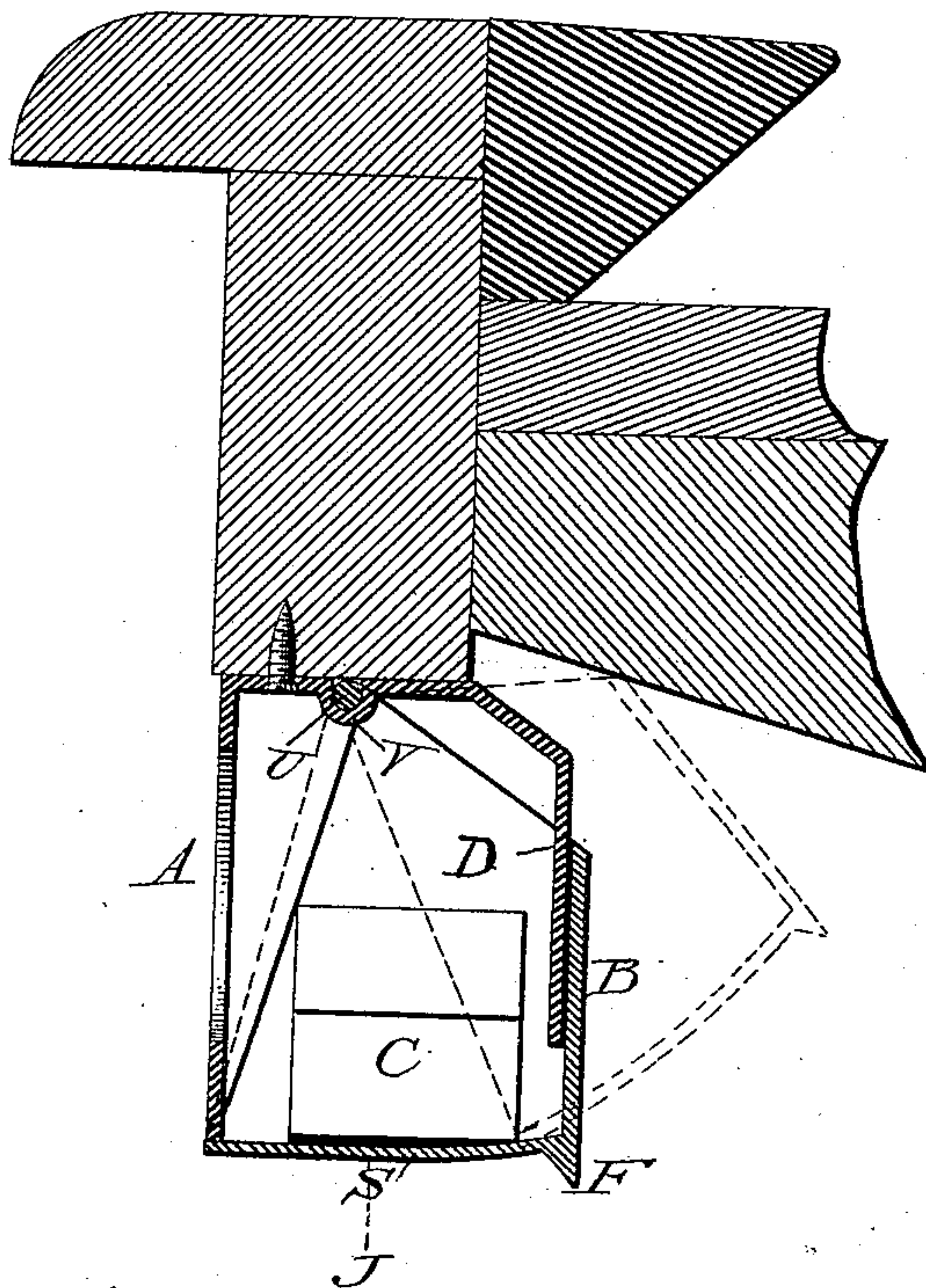


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WM. ZAEHRINGER, a resident of the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, and State of Louisiana, have invented
5 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 drawings, making a part
10 of this specification.

The objects of this invention are, first, to provide a chalk-holder that always remains open to receive a piece of chalk; second, a chalk-holder so simple and convenient that it allows
15 the chalk to be instantly removed for use; third, a chalk-holder that does not project out from the rail of the table, hence keeping out of the way of the players; and, fourth, a chalk-holder calculated to be ornamental, so
20 as to match the most elaborate styles of billiard-tables.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the chalk-holder. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the
25 holder and rail of the table.

The operation of this simple invention is easily understood, reference being had to the drawings. A player desiring to remove the chalk C from its recess simply places his open
30 hand below the holder and with the tips of his fingers against the flange F, Fig. 2, pushes the casing B inward until the oscillating bottom S is fully removed from under the chalk, compelling it to drop with certainty
35 into the palm of the player's hand. Upon withdrawing the fingers from the flange F, the casing B will, on account of its own weight, automatically assume its former position, and be prepared to again receive and retain the
40 chalk until wanted.

Regarding the construction of this novel chalk-holder very little explanation is necessary when we refer to the accompanying drawings. That part of the holder A which is to
45 be firmly screwed to the rail has an open mouth in its face, through which the chalk is introduced, falling and resting upon the bottom S of the casing B. The part A is provided with holes for screws, and has a groove,
50 V, at its top, which receives the brace or pivot U of the casing B, allowing the said

brace or pivot U to play freely in the said groove V when pushing against the flange F to remove the chalk C, as aforesaid. The interior surface of the bottom S of the section B has an upward curve in the rear to
55 nearly touch the lower edge of the back D, said curve starting at the intersection of the dotted line J with said bottom, leaving but little space between the rear interior edge of
60 said bottom S and the lower edge of the back D, (see Fig. 2,) preventing an ordinary small piece of chalk from becoming wedged in at that point when the bottom S is being opened; hence allowing the chalk to glide freely off
65 the said bottom and drop into the player's hand.

From the drawings and description it will be seen that my invention is composed of two parts, which may be cast, molded, or stamped
70 of suitable material. If preferable, to facilitate the construction as a whole, these parts may be subdivided and joined together by rivets or otherwise. It will be observed that I dispense with springs, the bottom S auto-
75 matically closing itself as soon as released by the hand of the player, thus making it a most compact, unique, and complete chalk-holder, designed to supply a want long felt throughout the "world of billiards."
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Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a billiard-chalk holder, the combination of the casting A, having an open front
85 and provided with a groove, V, in its top, with the box B, having a pivot-flange, U, adapted to fit in the groove V, substantially as set forth.

2. In a billiard-chalk holder, the combination of the casting A, having an open front,
90 a groove, V, in its top, and a back, D, with the box B, having a curved bottom, a finger-piece, F, and a pivot-flange, U, adapted to fit into the groove V, substantially as described.
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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