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Fig. 1

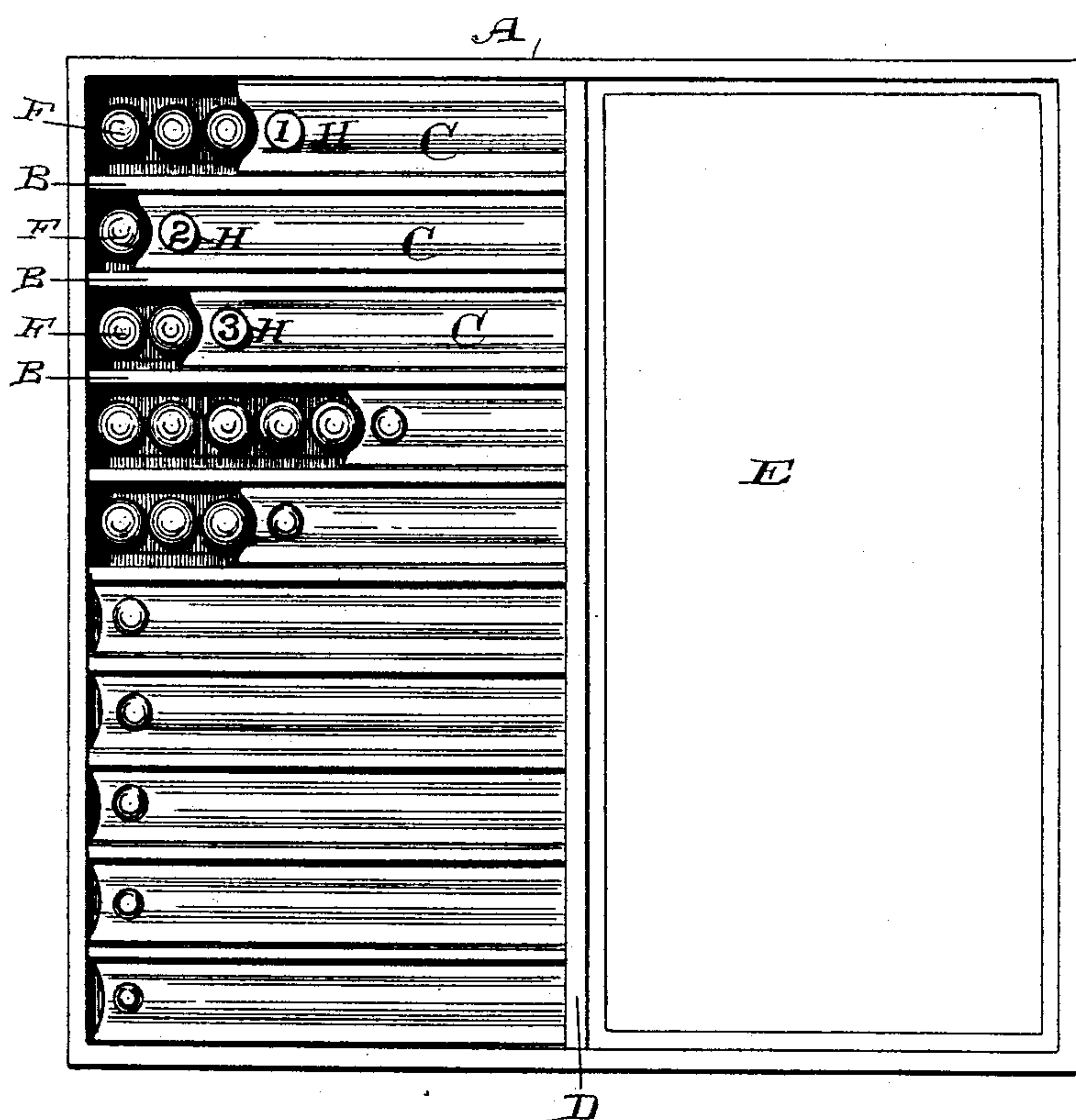
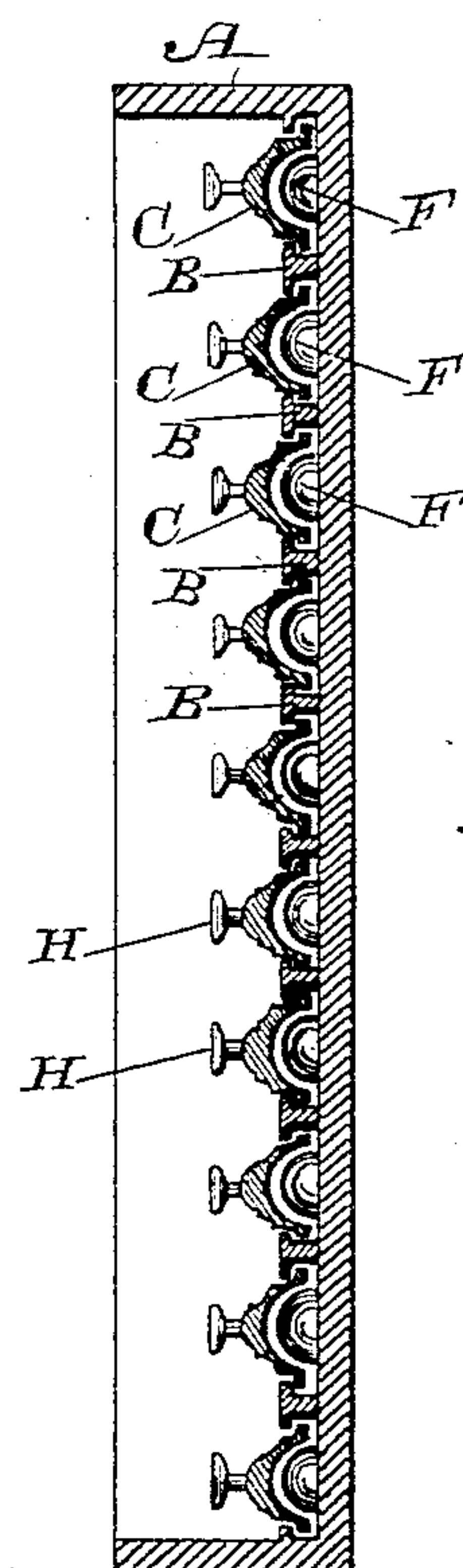


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD R. ROBBINS, of Sacramento, Sacramento county, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Fifteen-Ball-Pool Registers and Advertisers; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device for indicating or registering the points made in the game known as "fifteen-ball pool," and in connection therewith of an advertising device, all of which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention with a part of the covers drawn back to expose the balls. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section.

Similar letters of reference in each of the drawings indicate like parts.

A is an exterior frame or case having the horizontal guides B arranged across the back, so that the sliding caps or covers C may travel in these guides and when closed they will cover the spaces between the guides, and when open they will expose these spaces. A partition, D, is fixed vertically across the center of the case, so that only one-half is open to expose the slides and the other half may be used as an advertising-space for any form of advertising-card or other device, which is fixed across the front and supported above the line of travel of the sides, so that they may travel through the vertical partition D and beneath the advertising-card or other device E.

Within the space covered by the convex slides C are fixed eight balls, F, which are of the same size and general appearance as those which are used in playing the game of pool. Each of the slides C has a knob, H, by which it can be moved, and upon the top of the knob (which is of sufficient diameter and flattened for the purpose) is marked or engraved a figure, these figures running progressively from one to ten or more, which would be the highest number that might engage in the

game at one time. As it is only necessary to pocket eight balls to win a game, only eight are shown in each of the compartments, and as each competitor has a number assigned to him it is only necessary for the game-keeper to move the slide corresponding to any number backward, so as to expose as many balls as have been pocketed by the competitor, and the condition of the game is thus easily shown at a glance.

The balls with which the game is played do not need to be removed from the receptacle in which they run from the pockets of the table, and thus considerable trouble in moving balls about is avoided. The whole forms an attractive and convenient registering device.

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

1. A pool-registering device, consisting of a case having horizontal channels with balls fixed permanently therein to one-half their length, slides traveling in guides, so as to conceal or expose the balls, and an inclosed or uncovered chamber into which the slides run when the balls are exposed, substantially as herein described.

2. A registering device for ball-pool, consisting of a case having channels, within half of which balls are fixed, slides traveling in guides over said channels, and having numbered disks fixed to them, substantially as herein described.

3. A case having a vertical central partition, horizontal channels extending across the case and containing balls upon one side of the partition, in combination with covers sliding in grooves and through the central partition, and having numbered disks or knobs upon them, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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