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Fig. 1

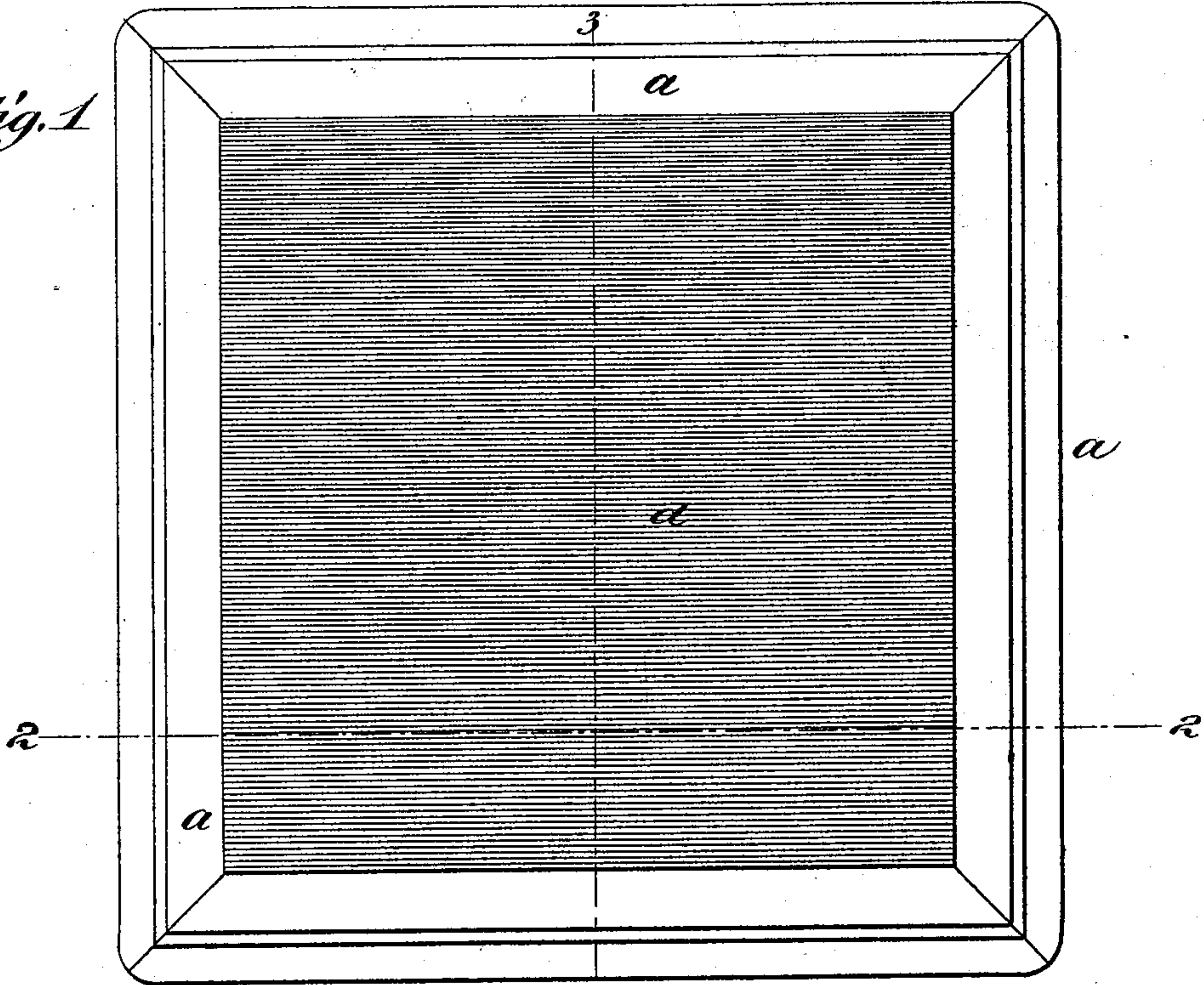


Fig. 2

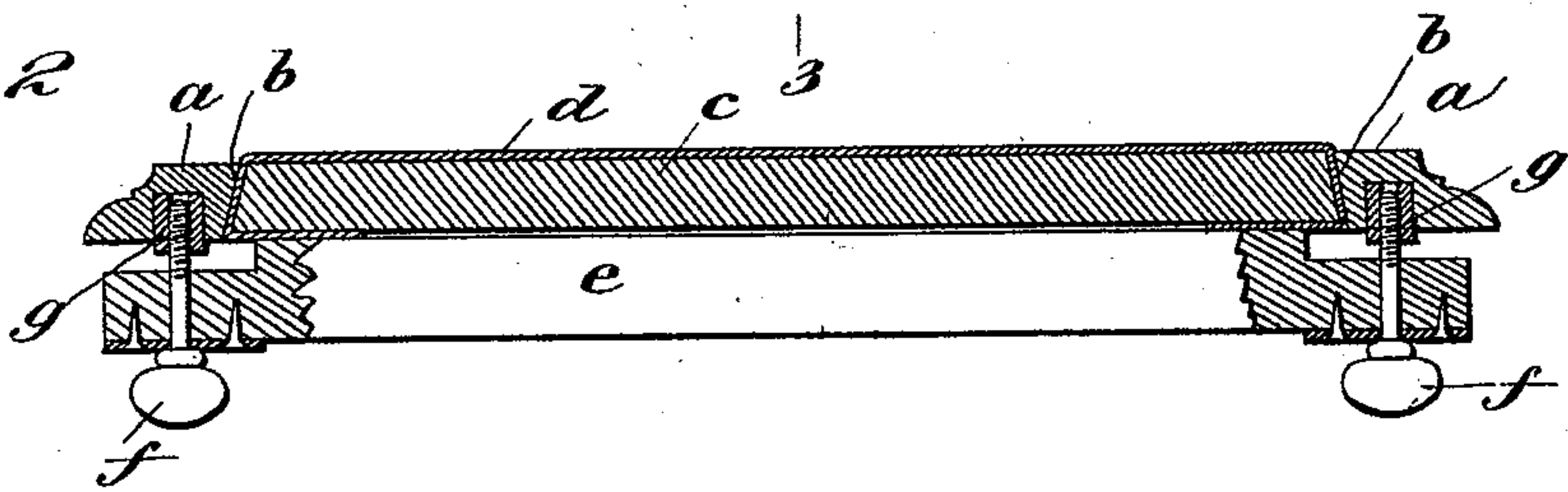
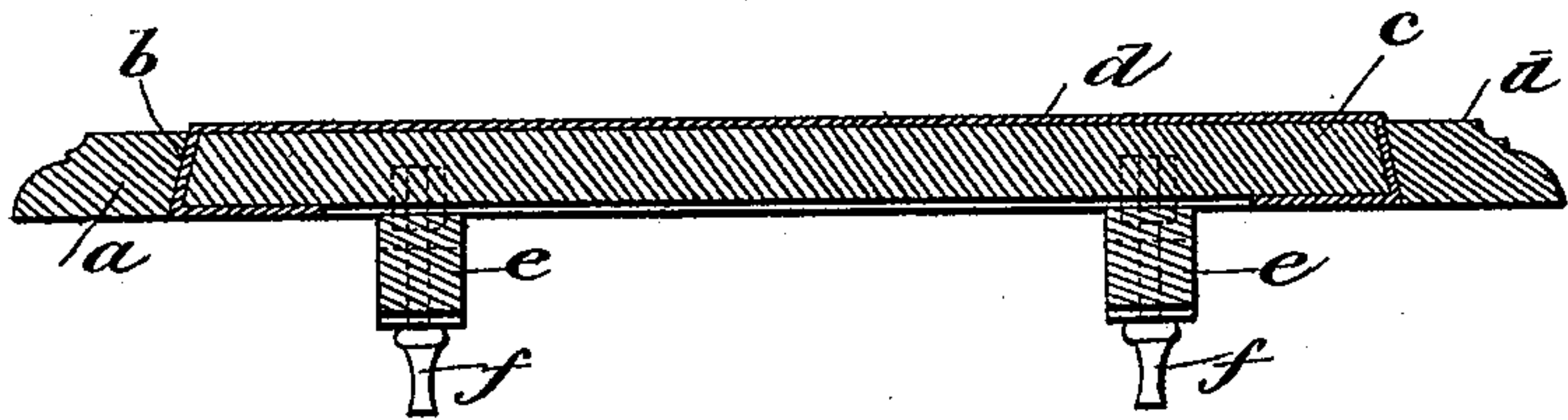


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEREMIAH O'MEARA, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Card-Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a card table by means of which the card-receiving surface may be maintained at an elevation above the border of the table so as to prevent the catching of the cards in the border of the table as they are drawn off from the playing surface toward the player. As is well known, tables and other furniture, however well protected with varnish, paint, or other coverings, are subject to atmospheric changes. In those tables wherein a center is inserted in a border, the atmospheric changes separate the border and center so far apart as to leave openings between them, into which the cards stick and through which they sometimes fall to the floor. In a great many cases, these atmospheric changes and the shrinking and warping of the wood effect a variation in the level between the center and the border so that the level of the center is below the level of the border, and hence in any attempt to pull the cards from the center toward the player, their edges come in contact with the inner edges of the border and are pulled from the hands of the player and oftentimes torn.

In my invention I provide against the separation of the center from the border by beveling the adjacent edges of the center and border, in parallel planes, and providing means for crowding the center up tight against the border, and thereby always insuring a tight and close joint between the center and the border. In order to insure a higher level of the center than the border has and thereby prevent the cards in being drawn from the center from catching in the edges of the border, I mount the center upon adjusting mechanism.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, in the several views of which like parts are similarly designated, Figure 1 is a plan view; Fig. 2 a cross-section, taken in the plane of line 2—2, of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is

a cross-section taken in the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

A table top only is shown in the drawings, and this is sufficient for the purpose of illustration of my invention. I have selected the form of table quite commonly used by card players. This table top consists of a border *a* framed together in any approved manner, but having its inner edge *b* beveled outwardly from top to bottom. The border *a* of the table may be of any suitable hard or other ornamental wood finished in varnish or other suitable finish.

c is the center, which may be of any suitable material, such as soft pine, or other wood, covered with baize, or other upholsterer's cloth, *d*; and I have shown such cover *d* brought down around the outer edges of the center to its bottom and secured to the bottom of such center. The outer edges of the center are beveled in planes parallel with those of the bevel of the border. In order to make and keep a tight joint between the center and the border, and also to insure an elevation of the top of the center above the top of the border, and also in order to support the center within the border, I provide transverse bars or battens, *e*, in the ends of which are thumb screws *f*, which thumb screws are fitted to nuts *g*, let into the border. It is obvious that by adjusting the thumb screws *f*, pressure is put over the battens *e* and the center, and the center is thereby crowded up in the beveled opening in the border, and the joint between the center and the border made tight and close and the proper elevation of the top of the center above the top of the border insured.

The construction described admits of the ready removal of the center for the purpose of upholstering. It also admits of providing a table with a number of different kinds of centers, as, for instance, centers having different game boards for different kinds of games, as for checkers, chess, backgammon, as well as cards.

I have shown and described my invention as applied to card tables, but, obviously, the invention is applicable to other articles of furniture where a movable or a removable center is arranged within a hollow frame or border.

What I claim is—

1. A card table having a border provided with a beveled inner edge and a center having a correspondingly beveled outer edge and
5 fitted within the said border, and means for adjusting the said center within the said border to make and maintain a tight and close joint between the center and the border, substantially as described.
- 10 2. A table having a border and a movable center, the adjacent edges of the border and center being beveled in parallel planes, in combination with battens applied to the under side of the center to support it, and

screws arranged in the ends of the battens 15 and engaging nuts in the border to effect an adjustment of the center so as to insure not only a tight, close joint between the border and center, but also to enable the maintenance of the top surface of the center above 20 the level of the border, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of January, A. D. 1894.

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