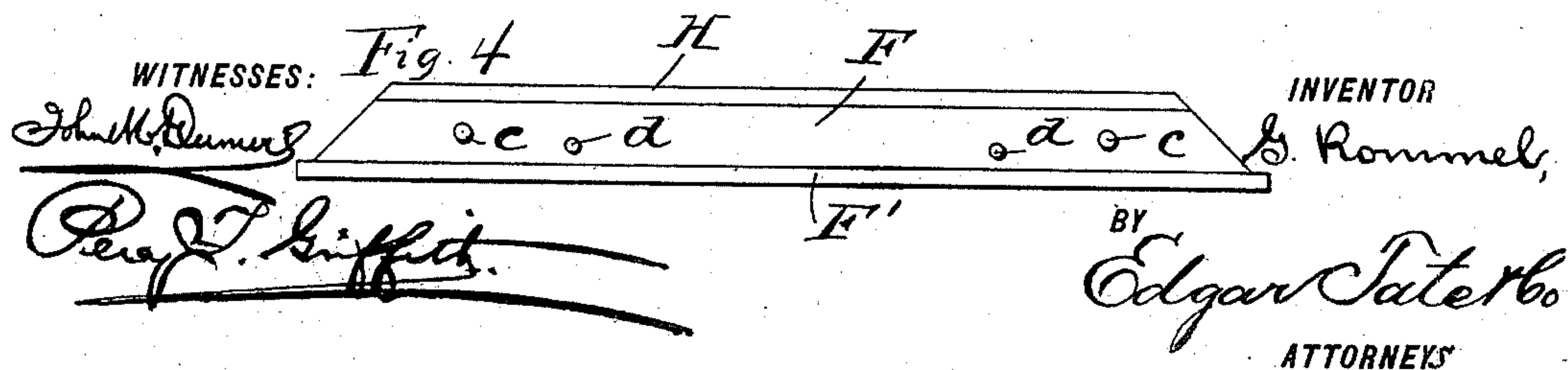
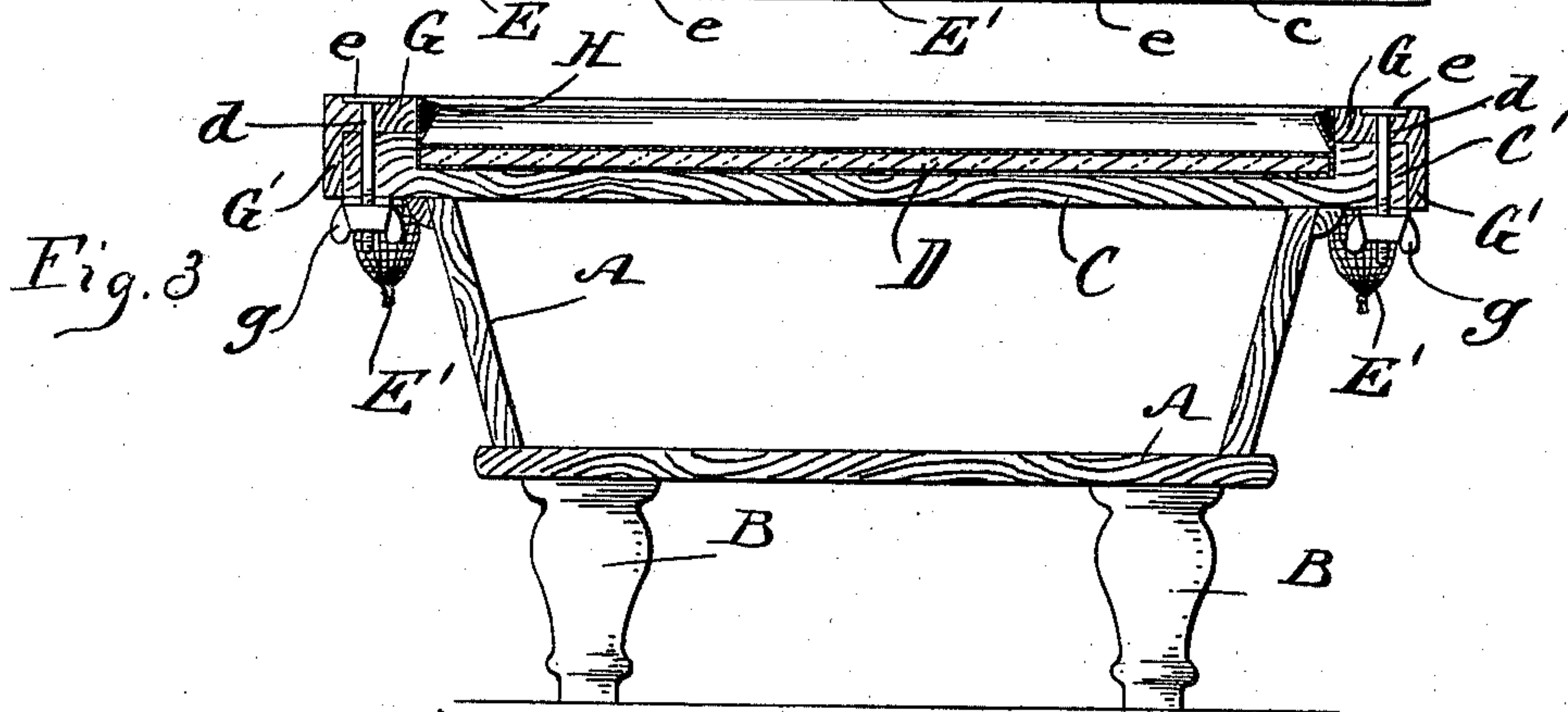
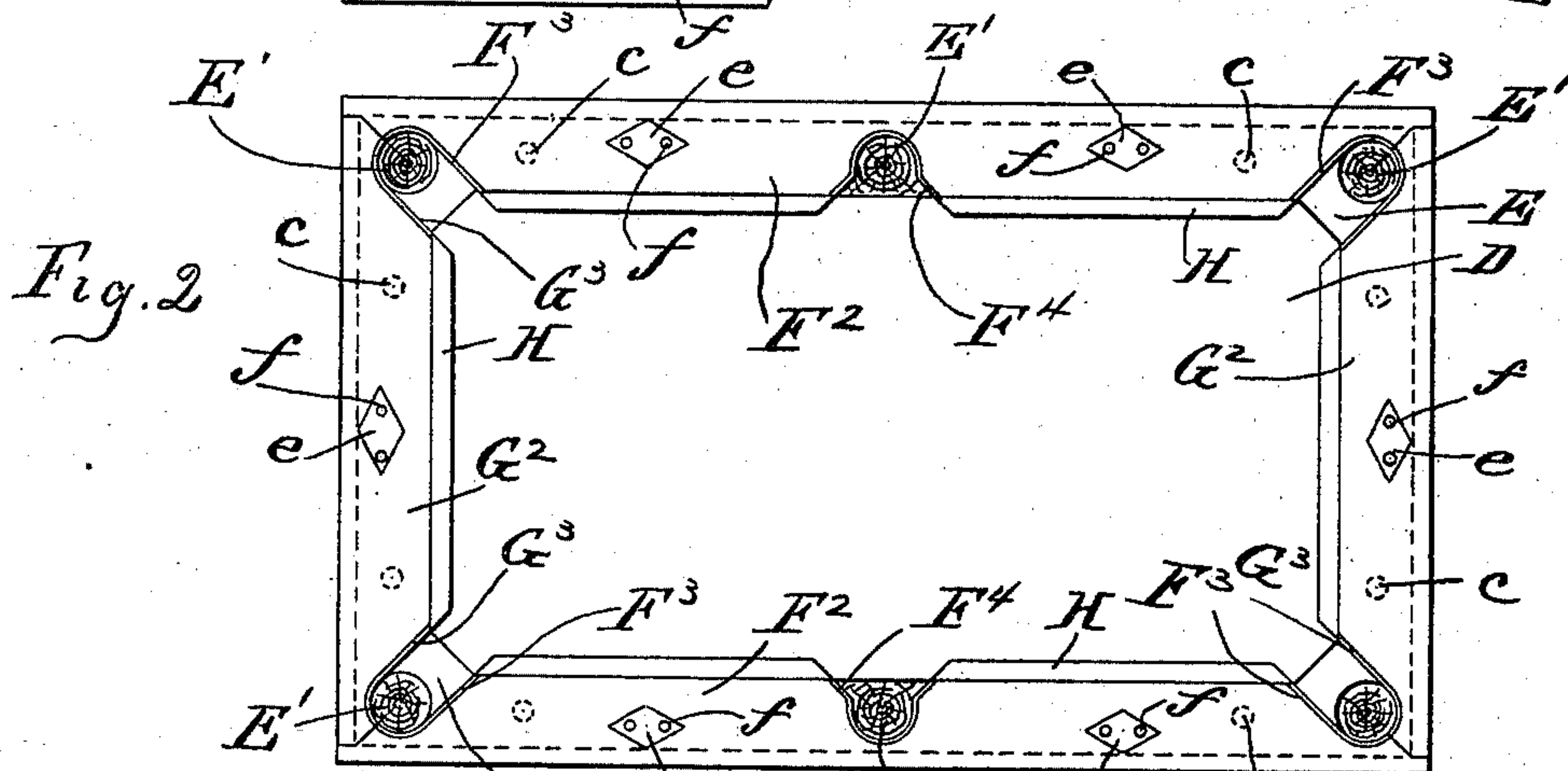
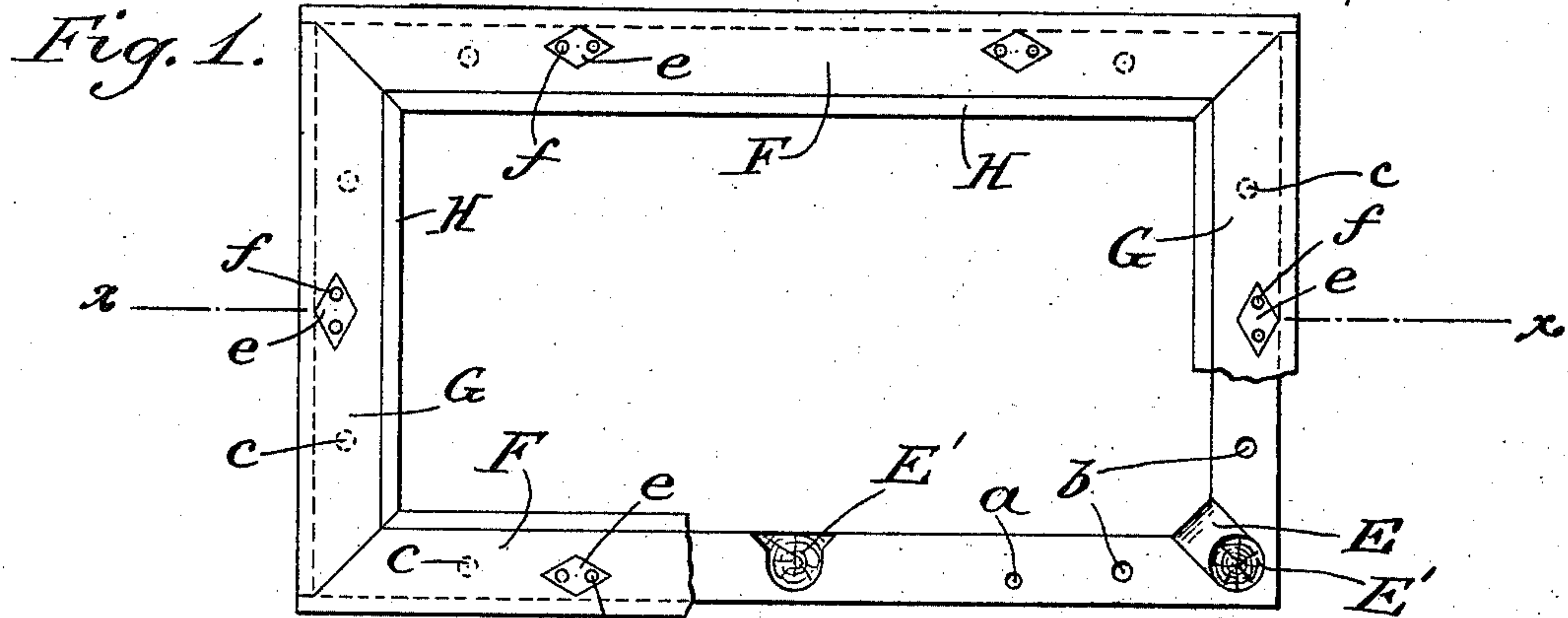


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE ROMMEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Billiard and Pool Table, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to combined billiard and pool tables, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which may be readily transposed from one form of the table to the other by the mere removal of the top of the frame and the substitution of other members in its place, without inconvenience or unnecessary labor, or detriment to the accuracy of the table.

The invention consists in the novel inventive construction and arrangement of parts by which the above mentioned and other desirable results are attained and hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a table embodying my invention adapted for the game of billiards, the upper frame being partially broken away to more clearly illustrate the construction. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the table transposed for the playing of pool. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section taken upon the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an inverted plan view of one of the longitudinal members of the upper frame.

In the practice of my invention I construct the main body of the table in the usual or any other approved fashion, the same comprising the body *A* supported upon the legs *B*. Upon the body *A* is secured the bed *C* having formed thereon the oblong frame *C'*, upon the interior of which is secured the slate, marble, or other unyielding surface *D*, and at each corner of the frame *C'*, and in the sides thereof at the center, are formed the pockets *E*, extending wholly through the frame *C'* at their outer ends and having depending therefrom the usual receptacles *E'*. At the center of each end of the frame *C'* and in the sides, midway between the central pockets and each of the end pockets, are apertures *a*, and somewhat removed from these are similar apertures *b*

of any desired number, the apertures *a* extending through the frame and the apertures *b* either wholly or partially through the same, as desired.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, I construct longitudinal sections or side pieces *F*, which are of equal or slightly greater length than that of the frame *C'*, upon which the said sections rest, and are provided with downwardly projecting flanges *F'* which extend upon the outside of the frame *C'*. Between the ends of the sections *F*, which said ends are mitered, are the end sections *G*, having flanges *G'* similar to the flanges *F'*, the several sections *F* and *G* thus forming an upper casing which wholly covers the frame *C'*. Upon the under surface of each of the sections are secured studs *c* which fit within the apertures *b* in the frame *C'*, and serve to prevent movement of the sections either laterally or longitudinally upon the frame; and the said sections are further secured by spindles *d* thereon corresponding in number and position to the apertures *a*, through which they extend. These spindles are mounted upon the under side of plates *e*, secured in the sections *F* and *G* by means of the screws *f*, and the ends thereof which project beneath the frame *C'* are screw-threaded to receive thereon the thumb-nuts *g*. At the interior of the sections *F* and *G*, I secure a rubber or other cushion *H*, the sides and ends of which are of course unconnected.

In order that the device may also comprise a pool-table I form an additional set *F²* and *G²* of the upper side and end pieces respectively, as shown in Fig. 2, which said sections are shaped similarly to the sections *F* and *G*, and are provided with the same means of fastening. Each of the said sections are cut out at *F³* and *G³* to form when the sections *F²* and *G²* are in place, recesses which align with the pockets *E* in the frame *C'*, and the longitudinal sections *F²* also have in the center thereof recesses *F⁴*, conforming to the shape of the pockets *E* beneath. The sections *F²* and *G²* are also provided with a cushion *H* the said cushion being cut out in alignment with the sides of the several recesses in the said sections.

The operation of my combined billiard and pool table, and the advantages resultant from

its use, will be readily apparent from the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, especially to such as are conversant with the class of devices to which my invention appertains. It being, for example, desired to play the game of billiards, the sections F and G are placed upon the frame C' and rigidly fastened thereto by securing the thumb-nuts *g* upon the screw-threaded ends of the spindles *d*, whereupon the table is complete for use. Should it be desired, however, to play the game of pool, the sections F and G may be removed by unscrewing the thumb-nuts, the sections F² and G² then substituted, and the said nuts secured as before, the device thus being expeditiously transposed from a billiard table into a pool table; and furthermore in either form the invention is as complete and perfect in its operation as though designed for but one form of table, it being in fact practically impossible to detect the difference except by an examination of the structure, and the effect will in practice be heightened by the addition of the customary veneer upon each of the various sections.

I do not confine myself to the exact formation of parts and construction of details herein set forth and illustrated, as the same may be changed or varied in several particulars.

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

1. A combined billiard and pool table comprising a table body suitably supported and having pool pockets formed in the exterior edge thereof, longitudinal sections having recesses at the center thereof in alignment and conformity with the central pool pockets in the table body, and lateral sections between the longitudinal sections, both of the said sections being cut out at their points of junction to form recesses conforming to the corner pool pockets beneath, similar sections of a width to cover the pool pockets and form with the

body a billiard table, and means substantially as shown and described for detachably securing either of the said series of sections to the table body.

2. A combined billiard and pool table comprising a table body having a frame surrounding its bed, from which depend pool pockets, longitudinal and lateral sections having recesses at their point of junction and centrally, conforming to the pool pockets, similar sections of a width to cover the pool pockets and form with the table body a billiard table, recesses extending vertically through the frame outside the bed, studs or dowels attached to each of the sections and fitting into the recesses, spindles permanently secured to the underside of the said sections passing through the said recesses, and screw threaded upon their lower ends, and thumb nuts adapted to be secured upon the spindles, whereby the sections may be secured interchangeably to the frame, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a combined billiard and pool table, the combination, with a table body suitably supported, and a frame upon the outside thereof having pool pockets depending therefrom, of two series or sets of sections resting upon and of a width to wholly cover the frame, and means for detachably securing the said sections interchangeably to the table body, one set thereof, having recesses therein conforming to the pool pockets, and the other being of a width and length to wholly cover and conceal from view both the outside frame and the said pockets, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 27th day of July, 1894.

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