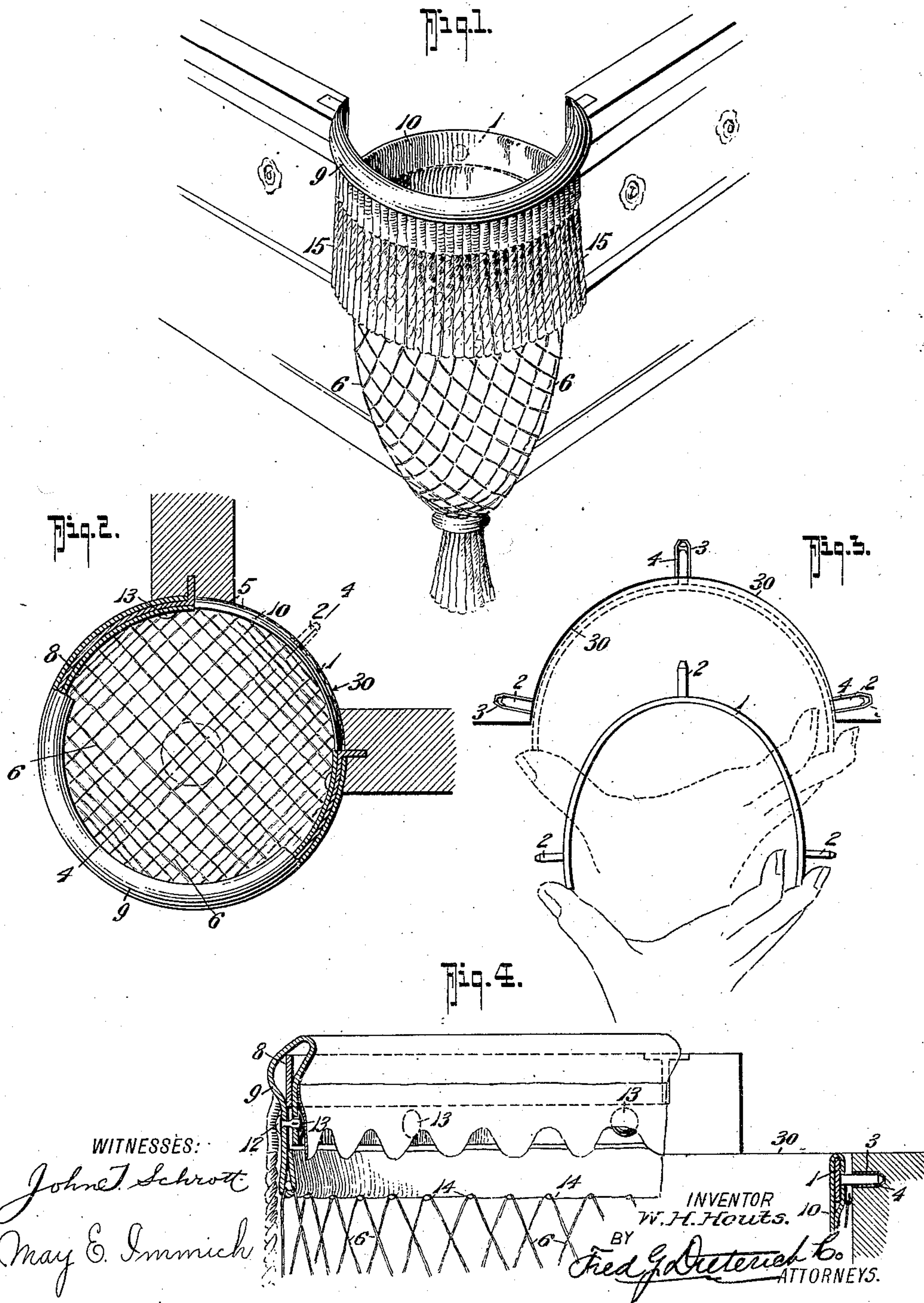


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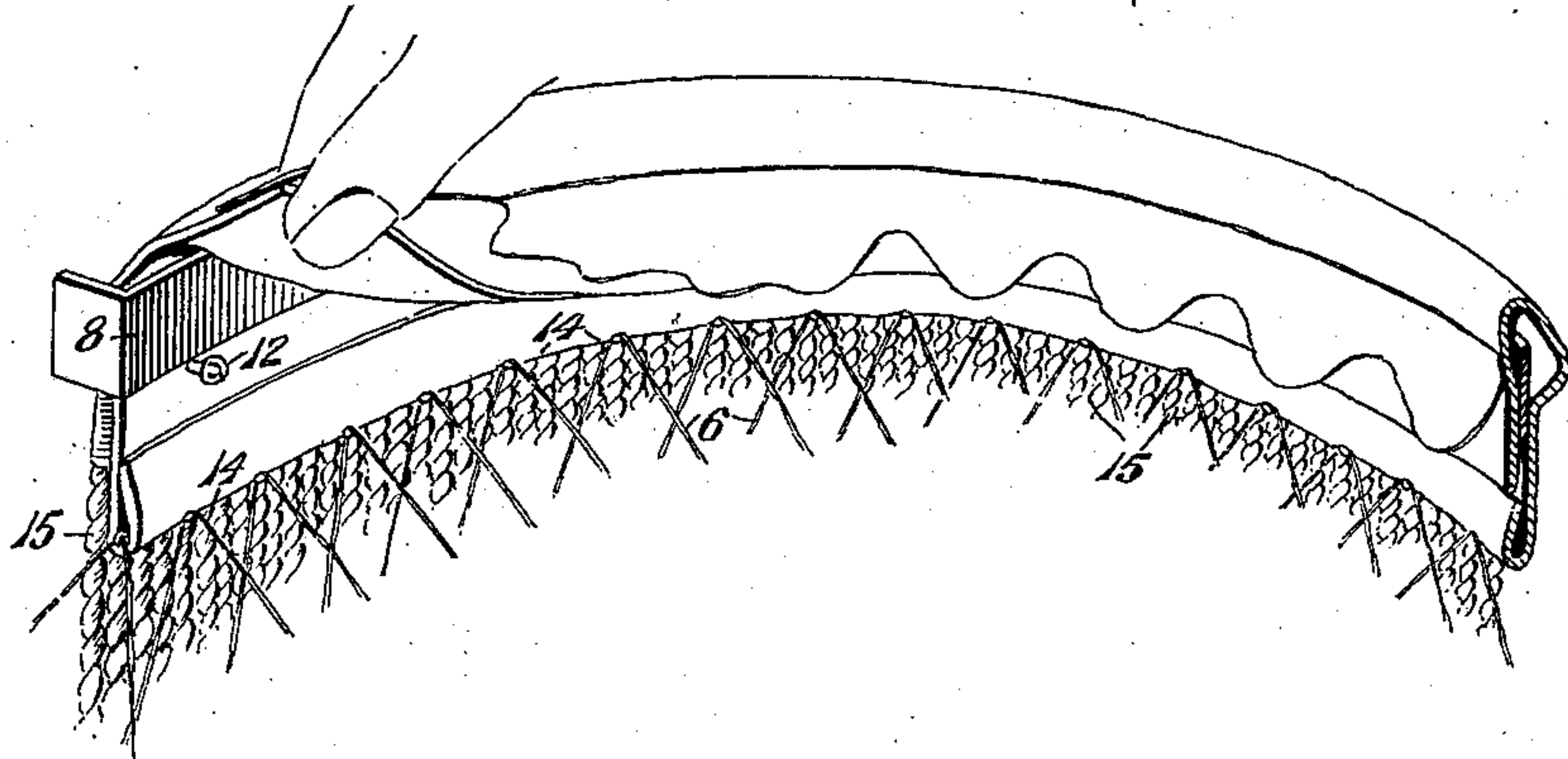


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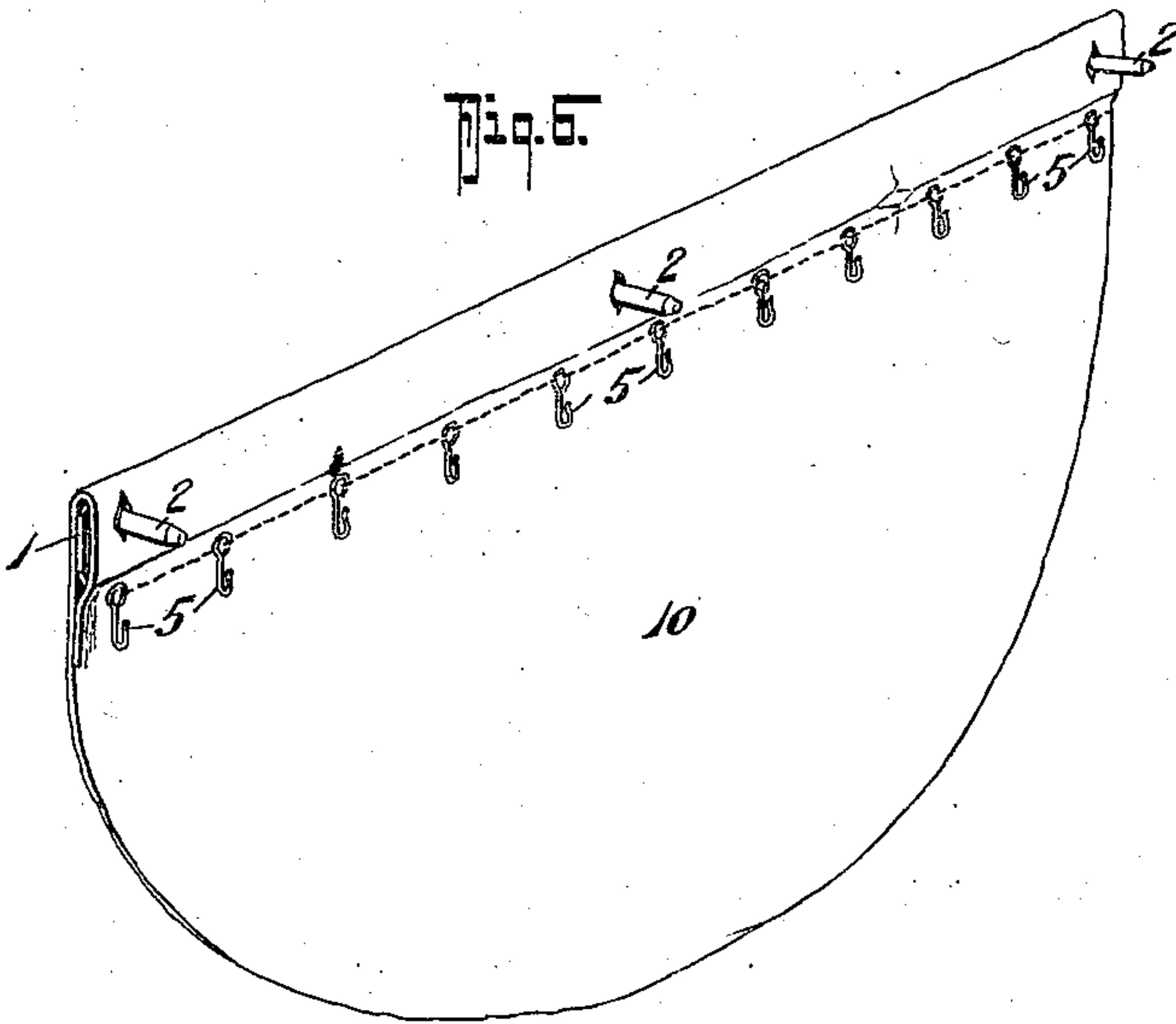
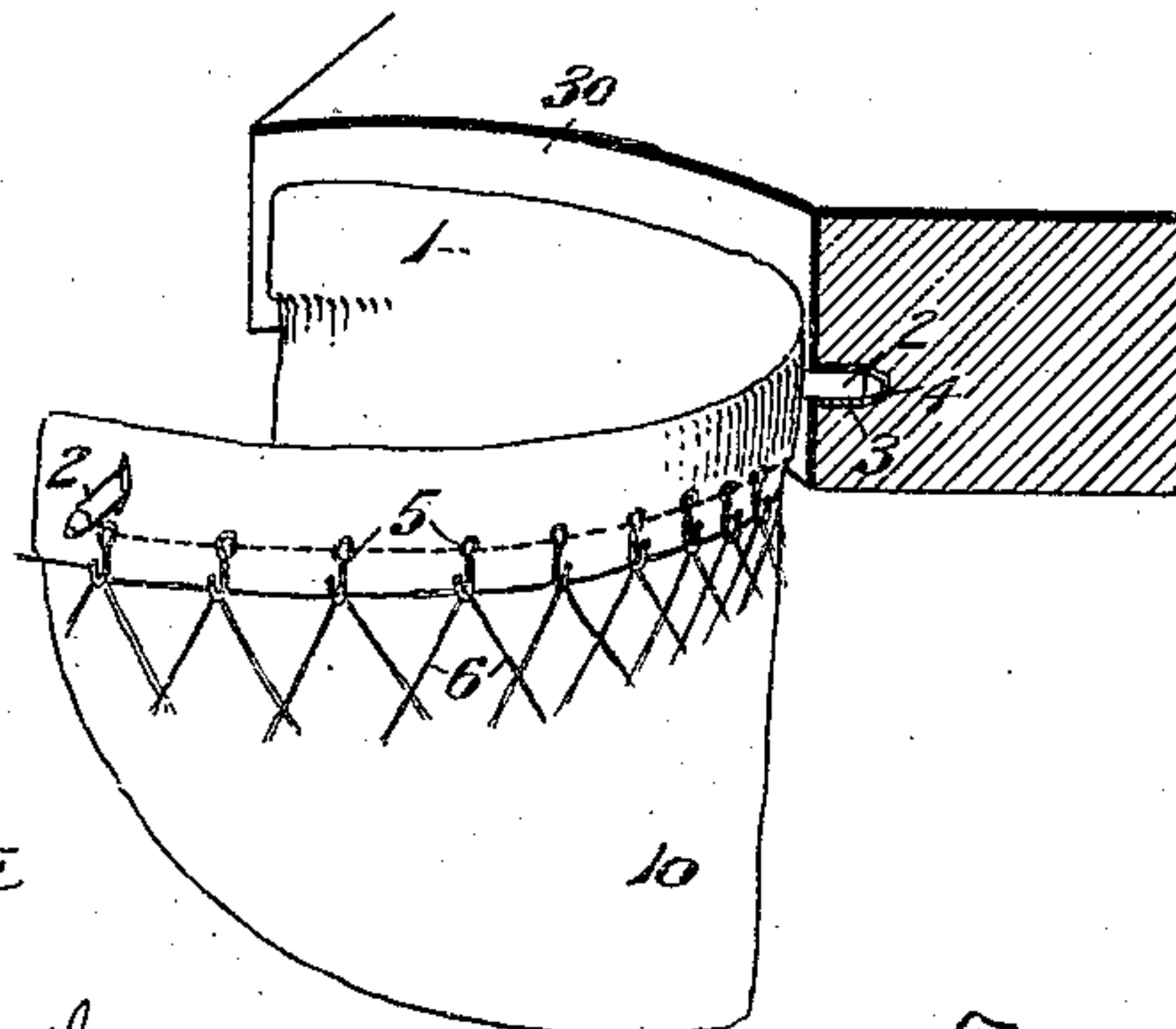


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HOUTS, residing at San Bernardino, in the county of San Bernardino and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pool-Table Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention, which generally relates to improvements in the construction of pool-table pockets, primarily has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive, and easily-applied means for detachably securing the pockets on pool-tables and the like, and it comprehends in its broad sense a holder adapted to be sprung in place into a pocket, recess, or opening in the edge of the table and which coöperates with the pocket iron or corner for detachably sustaining a flexible or lace pocket-body proper.

My invention in its complete make-up embodies a means for detachably sustaining the outer portion of the flexible pocket-body and means combined therewith for detachably sustaining the inner portion of the said pocket-body arranged to be sprung into position in the recess or opening in the table edge and having members for holding the said inner-pocket-portion-sustaining means detachably interlocked with the table.

My invention also includes in coöperative connection with the means for sustaining the inner portion of the table-body a means for sustaining the outer portion of the pocket-body detachably upon the pocket-iron of the pocket; and in its more subordinate features my invention consists in certain details of construction and peculiar combination of parts, all of which will be hereinafter more fully explained, be pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pool-table pocket in which is embodied my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, parts being in horizontal section. Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic plan view which illustrates the manner in which the resilient holder that detachably sustains the inner portion of the pocket is applied to the pocket-recess in the table. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the pocket with my improvements applied, taken on the line 4-4 on Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of combined fringe-holder, corner-iron cover, and sustaining member for detachably holding the outer portion of the pocket. Fig. 6 is a detail view of the resili-

ent pocket-supporting member in its normal or extended form. Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, illustrating the fastening means for securing the combined fringe, pocket-holder, and corner-iron covering hereinafter referred to.

In carrying out my invention I provide a supporting member 1, formed of a plate of very resilient spring-steel of suitable length, width, and thickness, which is provided with a series of projections 2, three being illustrated in the drawings, one near each end and one midway of the said member.

The member 1 is covered with leather or other suitable material 10, such as is now commonly used, which is lapped over the plate 1 and has its ends secured over the back face of the said member by sewing the ends together, and in stitching the said ends I utilize the thread for securing to the back of the plate 1 a series of hooks 5, upon which the inner portion of the pocket material or lacing 6 is detachably hung, as shown in Fig. 7.

For conveniently securing the member 1 a recess or pocket-opening 30 in the table edge is formed with three sockets 3, which are lined with metal tubes 4 to prevent wearing, and the said sockets 3 are relatively so disposed that by bending the spring member 1 in the manner indicated in Fig. 3 the projections 2 thereof can be readily slipped into the said sockets 3, and the said projections by reason of the member 1 straightening itself on account of its resiliency will be firmly locked in place and be held from falling out during the ordinary use by spring frictional contact of the said projections 2 with the sockets 3, as stated.

By reason of sustaining the inner portion of the pocket body or lacing in the manner described and sustaining the holder 1 in the table groove or recess, as stated, it is obvious that to remove the said holder it is only necessary to spring the same to draw the ends together sufficiently to draw the end projections from the sockets, after which the central projection can be readily drawn out of the central socket 2 and the inner end of the pocket body or lacing thereby quickly detached from the table, such arrangement of parts being provided for detaching the entire pocket without the use of tacks, fasteners, or other means.

To provide for similarly supporting the outer portion of the pocket body or lacing;

whereby the entire pocket can be readily removed and a new pocket substituted, I provide a special arrangement and construction of pliable covering for the corner-iron 8 which can be applied to or removed from the said iron without the necessity of disconnecting the said iron from the table edge.

By referring now more particularly to Fig. 4 it will be noticed that the iron-covering consists of a stout leather body 9, one end of which is bent inwardly whereby to form a loop for fitting over the pocket-iron 8, and the other or lower end of the said body 9 is drawn over and stitched, as shown.

The upper or looped end of the body 9 is provided with a series of headed studs 12, which when the said member 9 is looped over the corner or pocket-iron 8 are moved into a snap engagement with the spring-sockets 13, secured to the lower end of the body 9, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, the said fastening devices being similar in structure and operation to the ordinary glove fastener or lacing.

The lower or looped end of the body 9 is provided with a series of hooks or loops 14, to which the outer portion of the pocket body or lacing can be conveniently and detachably connected, as shown, and to the pendent or lower end of the said body 9 is stitched the usual pocket-fringe 15.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is believed the complete structure and the manner in which the parts can be assembled or detached and the advantages of such arrangement and construction will be readily apparent.

It will be observed that the entire pocket, including the sustaining means therefor, can be quickly disconnected from the table and a new pocket fitted to the sustaining means and the said new pocket applied to the table and made fast thereto without the use of tacks or similar attaching devices, and when the parts are fitted in position the pocket body or lacing proper will be sustained on the table in the usual manner.

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

1. A means for detachably connecting a pool-table pocket to the table, consisting of an inner member having means for interlocking with the table-bed, and an outer sustaining member having means for detachably connecting it with the pocket-iron, as set forth.

2. As an improvement in pool-table pocket, means for sustaining the outer portion of the pocket body or lacing to the pocket-irons and a resilient holder to which the other portion

of the pocket body or lacing is connected, having means for detachably interlocking with the table-body, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a pocket-holder for pool-tables, a resilient member adapted to be bent up to spring into the table-bed opening, said member having means for interlocking with the said table-bed.

4. In a pocket-holder for pool-tables, in combination with the pocket-iron, a pliable covering detachably looped over the said iron and having means for locking the same upon the iron and means for sustaining the pocket body or lacing, as set forth.

5. As an improvement in pool-table pockets, in combination with the table-bed having a concaved pocket-recess, provided with a series of sockets; a pocket having a resilient supporting member adapted to be sprung to fit into the concaved opening in the table-bed and having projections to engage the sockets in the said concaved opening, as set forth.

6. In combination with a table-bed, having a pocket-opening provided with end sockets and an intermediate socket; of a pocket comprising a spring-metal member having two end and an intermediate projection adapted to be slipped into the sockets of the table-opening, a covering for the said member and hooks pendently secured to the said opening, and a flexible pocket suspended from the hooks, as set forth.

7. As an improvement in pool-table pockets; the combination with the table having a concaved seat in its end and a fixedly-held upwardly-curved member that opposes the concaved seat; of an inner pocket-sustaining member having means for detachably interlocking with the concaved seat, and an outer pocket-sustaining member consisting of a flexible body adapted to loop over the outer concaved member and having means for locking itself upon the said outer concaved member, as set forth.

8. As an improvement in pool-table-pocket-sustaining means of the character described; the combination with the table edge having a concaved recess provided with a plurality of sockets; of a resilient member having series of projections adapted to be sprung into the sockets in the concaved seat of the table; a pliable covering for the said resilient member having its ends turned over and stitched and pocket-holding members secured to the covering by the stitching, for the purposes described.

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