

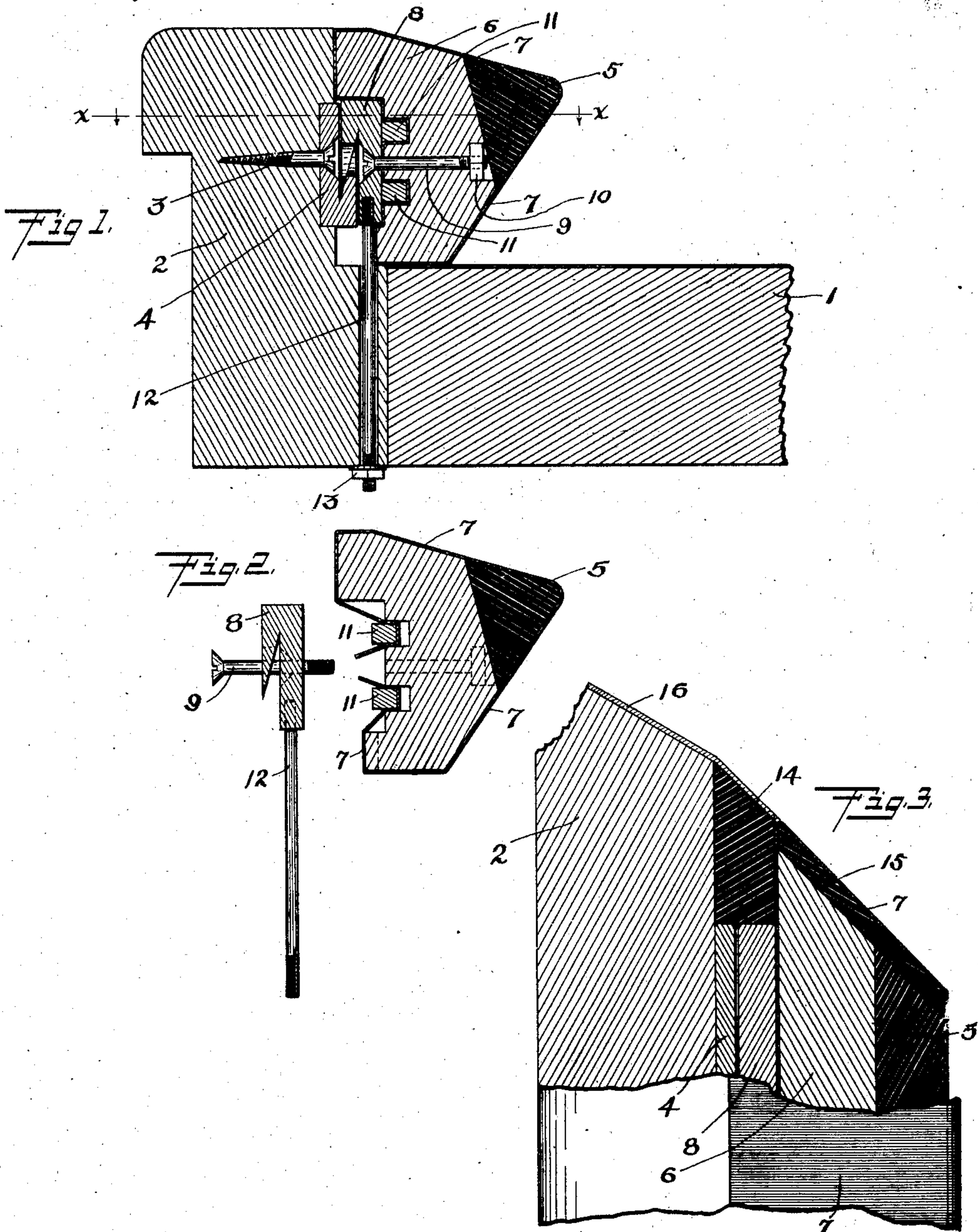
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. LANG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pool and Billiard Table Cushion-Rails, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pool and billiard tables and more particularly to the cushion-rail fastenings and cushion-cover fastenings of such tables.

It is the object of my invention to provide a cushion-rail for pool and billiard tables, which may be quickly and securely fastened to the table-rail and quickly and easily removed therefrom when it is desired to recover the cushions.

A further object is to provide means for fastening the cushion-rail coverings without the use of tacks or the like for holding either edge of the covering.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a transverse section of a rail embodying my invention, Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the fastening devices partly disassembled as in replacing the cushion covering, and Fig. 3 is a plan view, partly in section on the plane of the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1, of a portion of the end of a rail as arranged adjacent a pocket of a pool table.

In the drawings 1 represents the table-top to which the table-rail 2 may be permanently attached by any suitable means. Set in the inner edge of the table-rail and permanently secured thereto by screws 3 is a longitudinally extending metal bar 4 having a pointed or wedge-shaped upwardly extending lip thereon, between which and the main body of the bar is a groove of form similar to that of the said pointed lip.

The rubber cushion 5 is secured on the inner edge of the rail 6 and the cushion and rail have a cloth covering 7 over the same, the external form and appearance of the cushion-rail thus being as usual in tables of this class. In the outer edge of the rail 6, adjacent the table-rail, is a longitudinally extending groove in which a metal bar 8, of form similar to the bar 4, is removably held by screws 9 which pass through the rail 6 and engage the nuts 10 set in the inner edge of the said rail. In the rail behind the bar 8 are two narrow longitudinal grooves in which are laid the edges of the cloth covering 7, the same being held down into said grooves by the strips

11 fitting therein, and said strips being in turn held down into the grooves by the bar 8. The manner of stretching the cloth over the cushion-rail and securing the edges thereof in the said grooves by means of the strips 11 is clearly shown in Fig. 2, from which it will also appear that the cloth will be further stretched and drawn perfectly taut over the cushion-rail when the bar 8 is placed and secured in position.

In the lower edge of the bar 8 are small studs 12, as shown. In securing the cushion-rail upon the table the pointed lips of the bars 4 and 8 are interengaged, the lip of one bar entering the groove in the other as shown in Fig. 1, the said studs 12 passing down through suitable openings in the inner ledge of the table rail, and the nuts 13 are screwed onto the lower ends of the studs. The cushion-rail is thus securely held to the table and may be quickly and easily removed therefrom by unscrewing the nuts 13 and lifting the rail vertically.

In the cushion-rails for pool tables the bars 4 and 8 are not extended entirely to the beveled ends of the rail 6 at the table pockets, but said bars are cut off adjacent said ends, the space remaining being filled by a rubber plug 14, as shown in Fig. 3. The end of the rail 6 is cushioned by a layer of rubber 15 over which the covering 7 is carried, as usual, and the plug 14 may be covered by a portion of the pocket lining 16, as indicated.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a table of the class described, the combination with the table-rail and cushion-rail, of the interengaging bars secured respectively to said table-rail and cushion-rail, and means for removably holding said bars in interengaged position.

2. In a table of the class described, the combination with the cushion-rail and covering therefor, of a longitudinally extending bar set in the unexposed edge of the said rail, and means for retaining both edges of the said covering between said bar and the rail.

3. In a table of the class described, the combination with the cushion-rail and the covering therefor, of a longitudinally extending bar set in the unexposed edge of the rail and removably secured thereto, there being grooves formed in the rail behind said bar, the edges of the covering each being placed in one of said grooves, and strips for holding

said edges of the covering in the grooves, said strips being held in position by the removable bar.

4. In a table of the class described, the
5 combination with the table-rail, the cushion-rail and the covering therefor, of a bar removably held on the unexposed edge of the cushion-rail and adapted to retain thereunder both edges of the covering of said rail, a
10 second bar secured to the table-rail, inter-

engaging portions carried by said bars, and means for removably holding said portions in interengaged position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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