

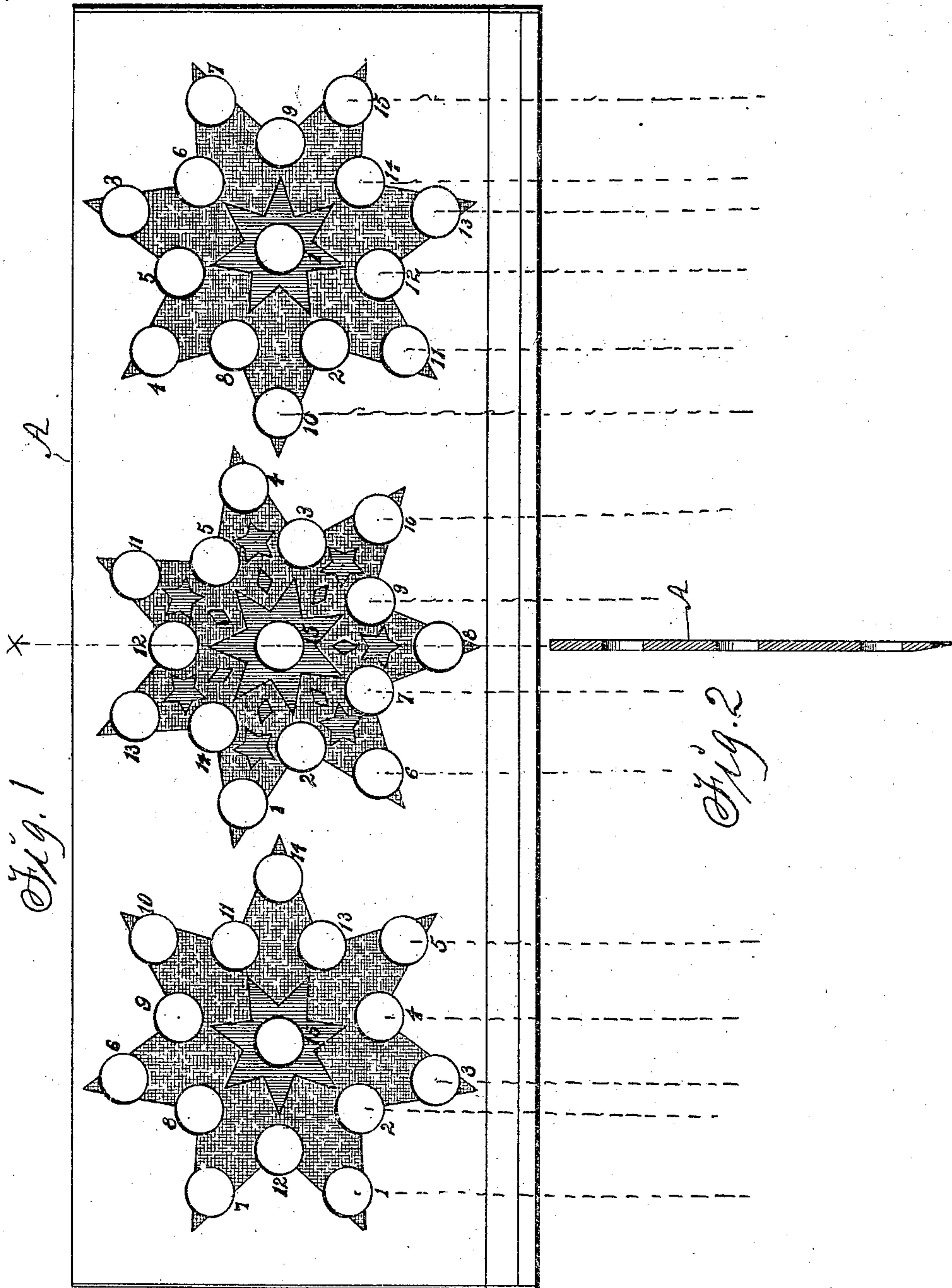
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. ELLIS, citizen of the United States, residing at Perry, in the county of Dallas and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Game Device, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient, strong, durable and ornamental device especially adapted for making a game with balls more interesting for testing and improving the skill and efficiency of persons who indulge in the art to which my invention pertains by directing the rolling balls to prove their skill as required in winning a game.

My invention consists in the portable device hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a top view of the device and Fig. 2 a transverse sectional view on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

The letter A designates a flat board about four feet long, about a foot wide and about one inch thick. The front edge is beveled and bound with sheet metal, preferably brass, as required to produce a good finish and to protect the thin edge of the wood. The top surface of the board is preferably white and on that surface are three seven-pointed stars in alinement with each other and uniform in size, about sixteen inches in circumference and each one has a two inch hole in its center. An auxiliary small star is in concentric position with each one of the three larger stars. The large stars are preferably yellow and the inner small stars red. The colors are produced by painting or in any style of art by which the board can be made ornamental in appearance. In each of the seven points of the central large star are additional small stars. Each large star in addition to the two inch hole in the center of the small star has a two inch hole in each one of the seven points and also at the junction of its seven points thus aggregating fifteen two inch holes in each large star and forty five holes in the complete device ingeniously located relative to each other and to the beveled edge of the board. The five two inch holes in each star that are nearest

the beveled straight edge are all accessible for the entrance of a billiard or pool ball that may be driven in a straight line extending out from the center of the hole at right angles to the beveled front edge of the board as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. This is also true of holes 10 and 14 of the outer stars.

The advantage of having forty five pool holes in the board and fifteen in each one of the three seven-pointed stars affords an opportunity for prolonging a game and to incite the exercise of skill in winning a game. It is obvious that a ball must be driven by manual force in a different line of advance fifteen times in order to enter the fifteen holes in each star and that a rare exercise of skill is required.

The special advantage of having five pool holes in position nearest the beveled edge of the board over which balls must be forced to enter the holes consists in their specific arrangement and location that makes five holes in each star and fifteen holes in the board accessible to balls placed on a table in parallel position with said holes so that a skilled or scientific player may force the balls in straight lines direct into the fifteen holes and win a game of fifteen counts, or more points in a game of a greater number of counts, at the very beginning of the game.

It is therefore obvious my pool board is adapted to stimulate players to exercise skill and to increase interest in a pool game and in promoting scientific education for those who seek exercise and entertainment in playing pool games.

Having thus set forth the purposes of my invention and the manner of its construction and use the practical and advantageous operation thereof is obvious.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A game device comprising a board for arrangement at one end of a pool table, a seven-point star centrally delineated on said board and having one point directed perpendicularly to the front edge of the board, a seven-point star on either side of said centrally disposed star and having its points obliquely directed with respect to the front edge of said board, said stars having central

depressions and a depression at each point,
and at the angle formed by the junction of
said points and a beveled edge on one side
of said board to form the entrance to the
5 board, the disposition of the five forward
holes in the central star and five holes in
each of the other stars being in a position to

prevent access to the rear holes by travel
parallel with the table.

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