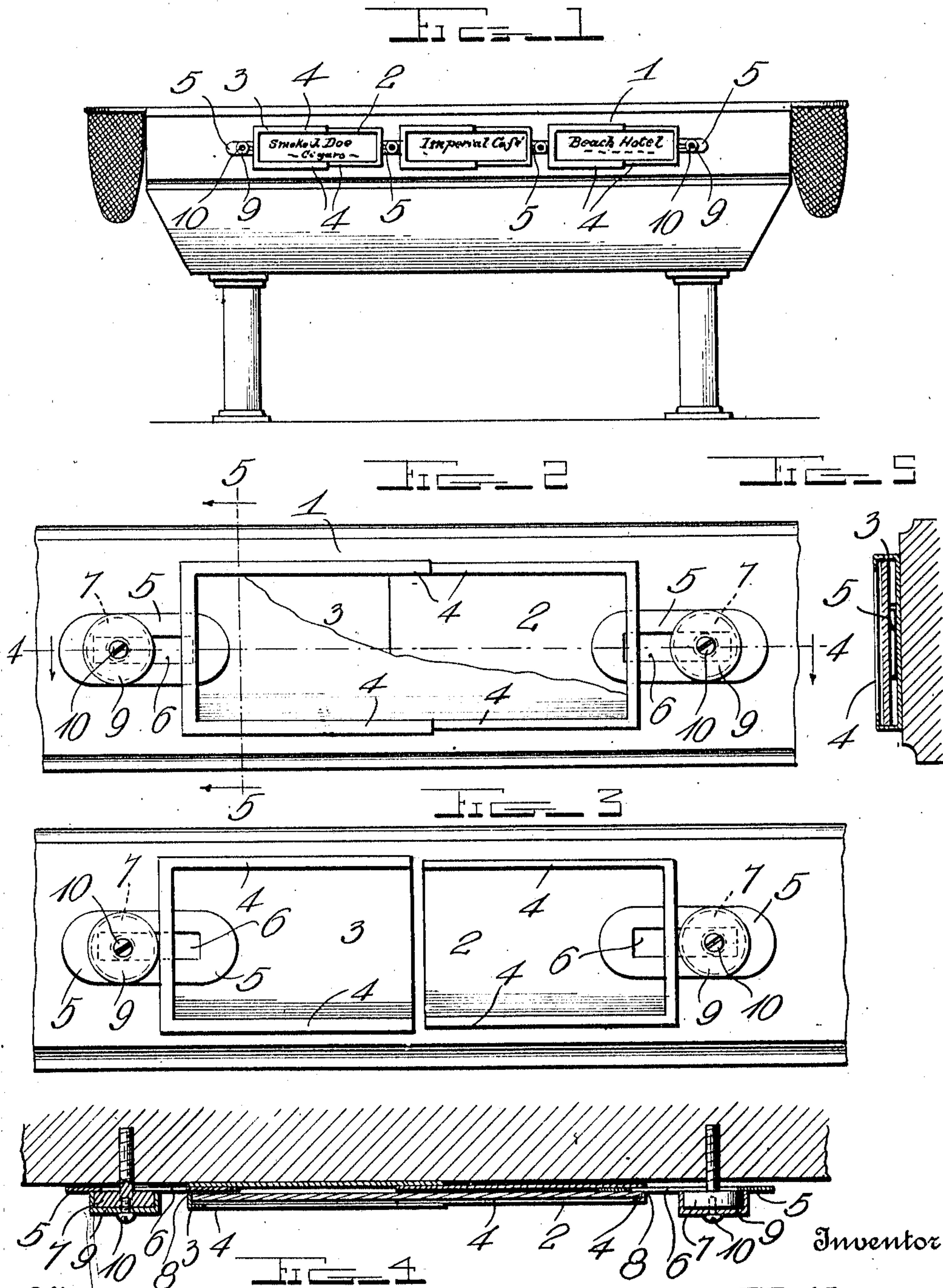


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERRY D. WATKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Muscogee and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Frames for Pool-Tables; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in advertising frames for pool tables and the like.

One object of the invention is to provide a frame or series of frames adapted to be secured to the sides of pool tables, billiard tables and the like whereby advertising matter may be secured thereto in position to be prominently displayed without forming an obstruction or in any way interfering with the use of the table.

Another object is to provide a frame of this character formed in adjustably engaged sections whereby the length of the frame may be increased or diminished to suit the size of the advertisement to be supported thereby.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is an end view of a pool table illustrating the application of the invention, and showing three frames in position thereon; Fig. 2 is an enlarged front view of one of the frames and a portion of the end of a table showing the parts in position for holding an advertising card; Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the parts separated or in retracted position; Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section of the frame taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view of the same on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 1 denotes the frames each of which consists of an inner section 2 and an outer section 3. The sections 2 and 3 have their opposite side edges and the edge at one end bent upwardly and inwardly to form inwardly projecting flanges 4 beneath which are inserted the edges of the card or

cards containing the advertising matter. Inwardly projecting flanges of the side edges also serve to form interlocking fastening devices whereby the inner ends of the sections 2 and 3 of the frames may be adjustably connected together. When the inner ends of the sections are brought together the flanges on the side edges of the inner section telescope with the flanges on the side edges of the outer section and the back plate of the inner section overlaps and slidably engages the back of the outer section as shown. The frames are adjustably secured to the sides of the pool table or other object by means of clips 5 which are in the form of oblong plates of suitable length and width and have their ends rounded as shown. In the center of the plates are formed longitudinally disposed oblong slots 6, which are adapted to be engaged with the bolts 7 in the sides of the table. When the clips or plates are thus arranged and engaged with the bolts 7 the heads of the bolts will overlap the edges of the slots 6 and thus hold the plates in position to secure the frames in place. The ends of the clips when the latter are secured in the manner described are engaged with slots 8 formed in the upwardly bent edges of the ends of the frames and engage back plates thereof thus clamping the frames in position against the sides of the table. The slots in the clips and the heads of the bolts are preferably covered by caps 9 secured by screws 10 to the heads of the bolts 7 said heads having threaded holes to receive the screws 10.

The frames may be formed of any suitable thin sheet metal and in any desired size and when constructed in the manner described may be readily adjusted to various lengths to suit the length of the advertising card to be displayed. When two or more frames are arranged in line the adjacent ends of the same are secured by the same plate or clip, as shown.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention may be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

5 An advertising frame for pool tables and the like, formed in sheet metal sections having their side edges and edges at one end bent inwardly to form card holding flanges, the adjacent open ends of the sections having a telescoping engagement, said flanged ends having formed therein clip receiving
10 slots, fastening clips comprising flat plates having formed therein longitudinal slots, and bolts in the sides of the pool table and

passing through the slots in the clip plates whereby said clip plates are secured in position to engage the slots in the ends of the frame sections to adjustably secure the frame sections in position. 15

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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