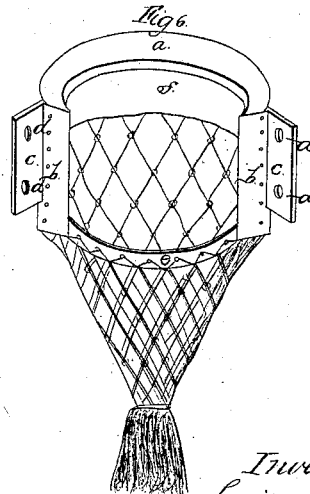
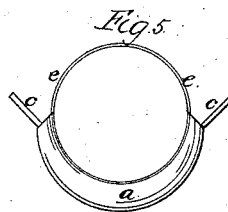
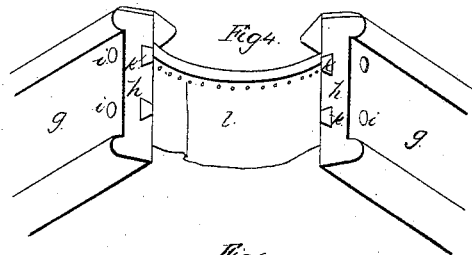
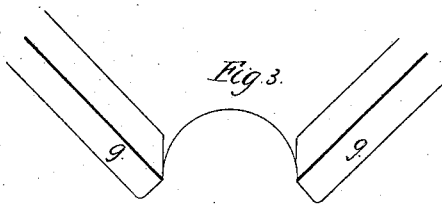
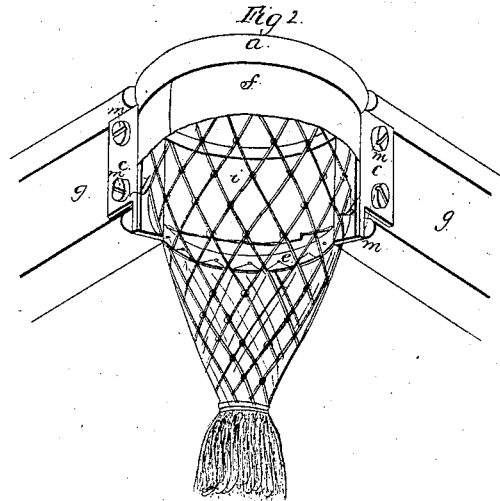
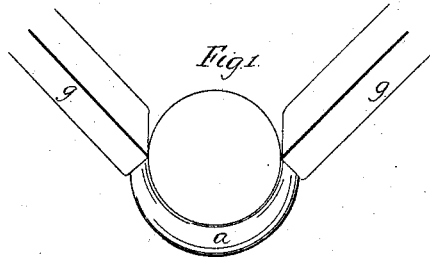


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MODE OF FASTENING POCKETS TO BILLIARD-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS PETERSEN, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Fastening the Pockets to Billiard-Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of a corner of a billiard-table with the pocket attached. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view of a corner of a billiard-table with the pocket detached. Fig. 4 shows Fig. 3 in perspective. Fig. 5 is a top view of the pocket detached. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of this pocket, showing the inner side of the same.

Similar letters of reference marked on the several figures denote the same parts.

The nature of my invention consists in fastening the pocket to a metallic frame of peculiar shape and in attaching the frame to the corners or the center of the bands of a billiard-table by means of screws running through the wooden parts of the bands and taking hold of metallic screw-nuts sunk into these bands. In the common way the pockets are fastened to the billiards by nailing them to the bands and to the inner circumference of the ball-holes. These nails very often protrude through the leather-work covering them, and thereby injure and ruin the balls which may strike them. Also, it is known that the main repairs are about the pockets and pocket-holders, and that by the repeated fastening and removal of the pockets the wood parts surrounding them become so perforated and cut up by nail-holes that it is very difficult to fasten the leather parts of the pockets. The object of my invention is to avoid these disadvantages.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The upper part, *a*, of my metallic frame is shaped and covered similar to the corresponding part of the common pocket-holders. It is provided with two vertical strips, *b b*, extending downward. These strips are connected at their lower ends by the metallic arc *e*, and are provided with flanges or wings *c c*, each of

them having two holes, *d d*, for passing screws, all constructed as exhibited in Fig. 6.

The strips *b b* and arc *e* are perforated with small holes for the fastening of the pocket to the same. The pocket is fastened to the upper part, *a*, in the common way and partly covered by the leather curtain *f*. The strips *b b* are also covered with leather.

Fig. 4 shows the construction of a corner of a billiard-table prepared to receive my frame with pocket. *g g* represent the bands, and *h h* their ends, intended to be inclosed by the strips *b b* of the pocket-frame, while the flanges *c c* will bear against the bands *g g*. The holes *i i* correspond with the holes *d d* of said flanges and will pass the screws *m m*, Fig. 2, to the metallic nuts *k k*, sunk into the bands *g g*. The inner circumference of the ball-hole is provided with a leather curtain, *l*, fastened to the wood-work of the table, which curtain will cover the lower arc, *e*, of the frame when the same is attached to the billiard-table. The pockets will be fastened by placing the strips *b b* between the ends *h h* of the bands *g g* by passing the screws *m m* through the holes *d d* of flanges *c c* and holes *i i* in the bands and screwing them into the metallic screw-nuts *k k*.

The advantages of my invention are, first, the pockets, with everything appertaining to them, can be removed and replaced with the greatest convenience and without injury to the wood-work of the billiard-table; secondly, the manufacturer is enabled to construct the billiard-table far more exact and strong and the pocket-holders more durable; thirdly, no injury to the balls will be caused by nail-heads or other metallic projections.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The peculiar construction of the metallic frame carrying the pocket, as described within, and the manner of fastening these frames to the bands of billiard tables by means of screws passing the wood work of said bands and screwed into metallic nuts sunk into them, substantially as specified hereinbefore.

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