

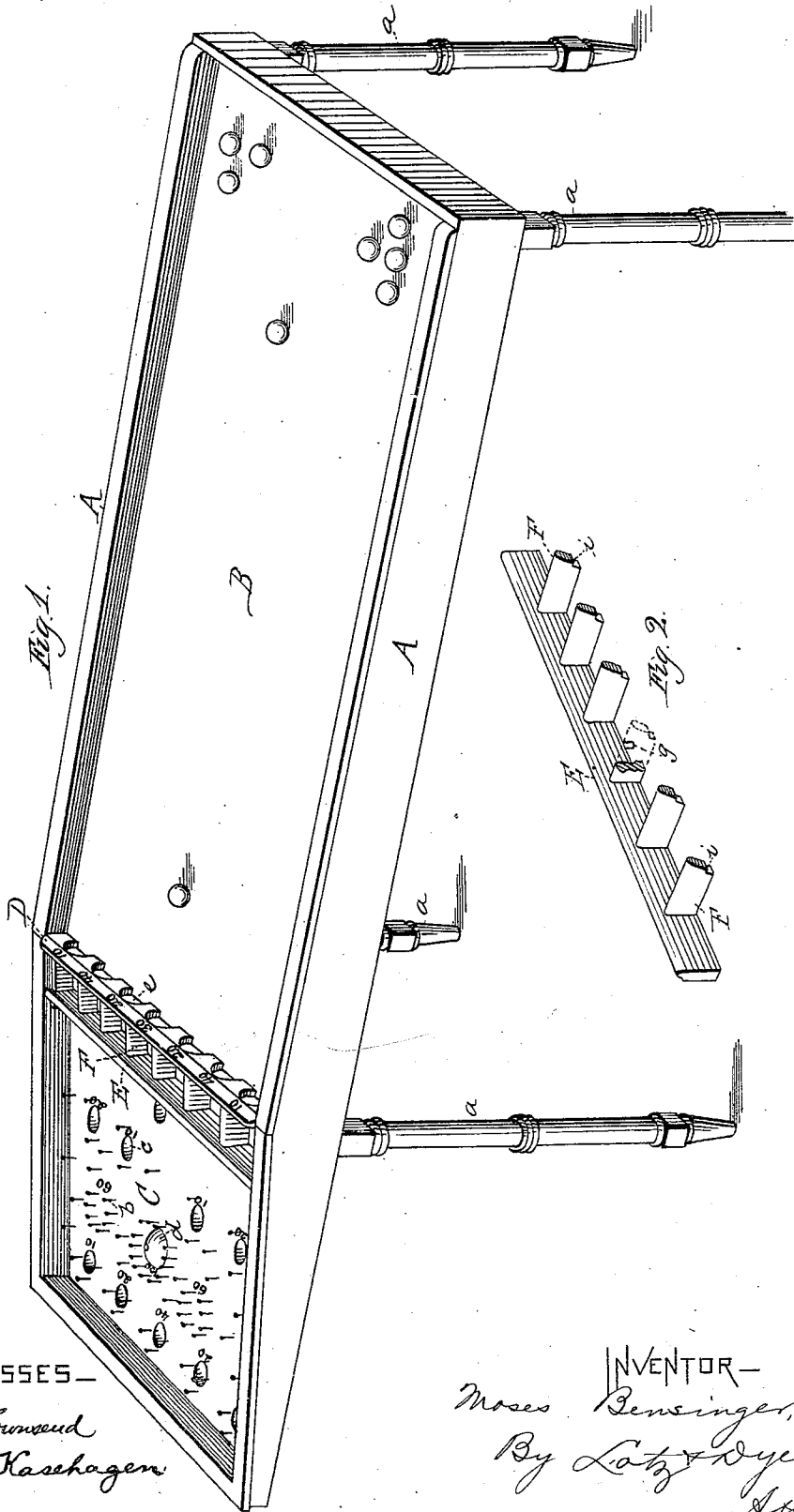
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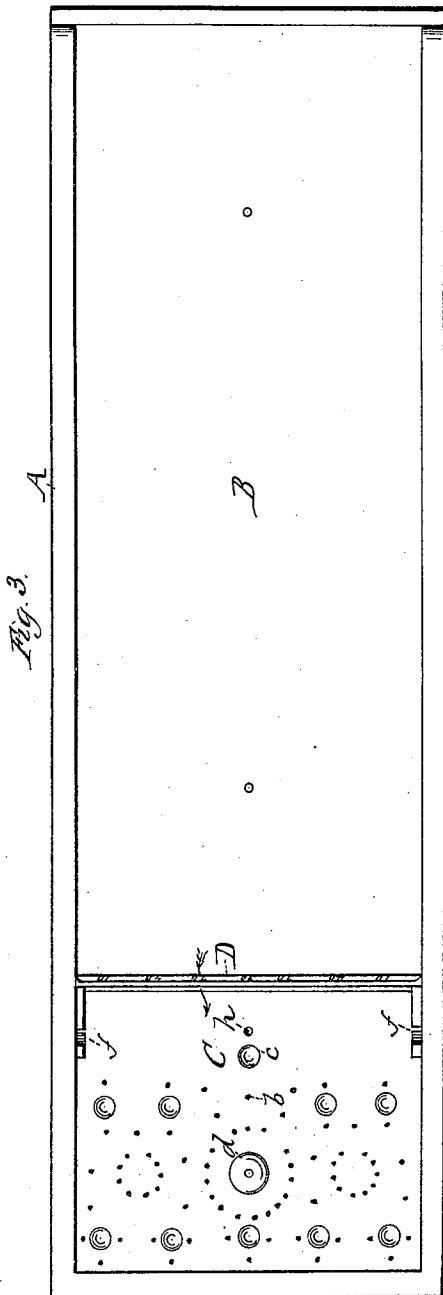


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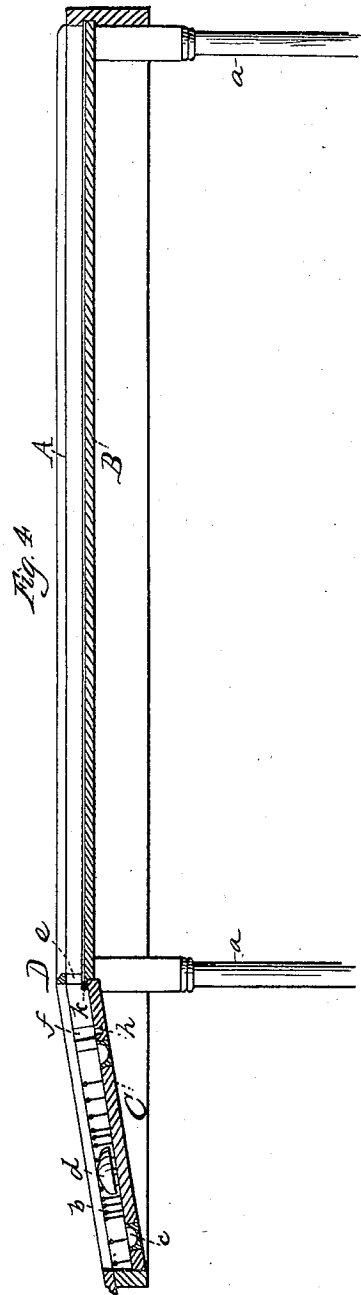


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GAME-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOSES BENSINGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Game-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

The object I have in view is to produce a simple and convenient bagatelle-table; and, further, to construct the same so that by the addition of a removable part the table can be adapted for playing pigeon-hole and other games.

My invention consists in the peculiar arrangement of the table for bagatelle; and, further, in the peculiar means for converting the same into a table for playing pigeon-hole and other games, all as fully hereinafter explained, and pointed out by the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the table arranged for playing pigeon-hole; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the removable pigeon-hole section; Fig. 3, a top view of the table arranged for bagatelle, and Fig. 4 a vertical longitudinal section of the same.

Like letters denote corresponding parts in all four figures.

A is a rectangular frame, which is supported upon legs *a* to form a table. The main portion B of the table-bed is made level or horizontal, while one end, C, of such bed is inclined downwardly from the edge of the level bed B to the end of the frame A. This inclined extension C is provided with pins *b*, cups *c*, and a bell, *d*, arranged in the manner usual in the ordinary bagatelle-table. At the end of the level bed B, adjoining the inclined extension C, is secured permanently a transverse partition, D, perforated by a number of holes, *e*, which are large enough to permit the balls to pass through them and are properly numbered, as shown.

The pigeon-hole section is composed of a transverse board, E, which is held removably across the inclined extension C, just in rear of the partition D, by means of vertical grooves *f*, formed by strips secured to the side pieces of the frame. The ends of the transverse board E slide into and out of said vertical grooves *f*, and are held thereby. This board E is held at the center by a pin or stud, *g*, which enters a hole, *h*, in the surface of the inclined bed C. The board E is provided with the requisite

number of partition-strips F, which project forward into contact with the rear side of the partition D, centrally between the openings *e*. These partition-strips F have notches *i* in their lower forward corners, which fit the edge *k* of the level bed B, such edge *k* projecting somewhat over and above the surface of the inclined bed C, so that in playing pigeon-hole the balls cannot rebound upon the level bed B.

For playing bagatelle the pigeon-hole section is removed from the table, and the balls are driven from the level bed B through the openings *e* in the partition D, and find their way among the pins on the inclined bed C.

For playing pigeon-hole the pigeon-hole section is placed in position on the table, and the balls are driven into the pigeon-holes formed thereby in connection with the partition D.

By placing the balls in the pigeon-holes, and then raising the transverse board E, so as to allow the balls to run down upon the inclined bed C, other games can be played, the result of which will depend wholly upon the number of points counted by the rolling balls.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A game-table having a level bed and an inclined bagatelle-extension separated from the level bed by a perforated transverse partition, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the rectangular frame A of a game-table, of the level bed B, inclined bagatelle-extension C, and the perforated transverse partition D, substantially as described and shown.

3. In a game-table having a level bed, an inclined bagatelle-extension, and a transverse perforated partition, the removable pigeon-hole section, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The inclined bed C, in combination with the vertical removable board E, substantially as described and shown.

5. The combination, with the level bed B, inclined bagatelle-extension C, and perforated partition D, of the removable transverse board E, having partition-strips F, substantially as described and shown.

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