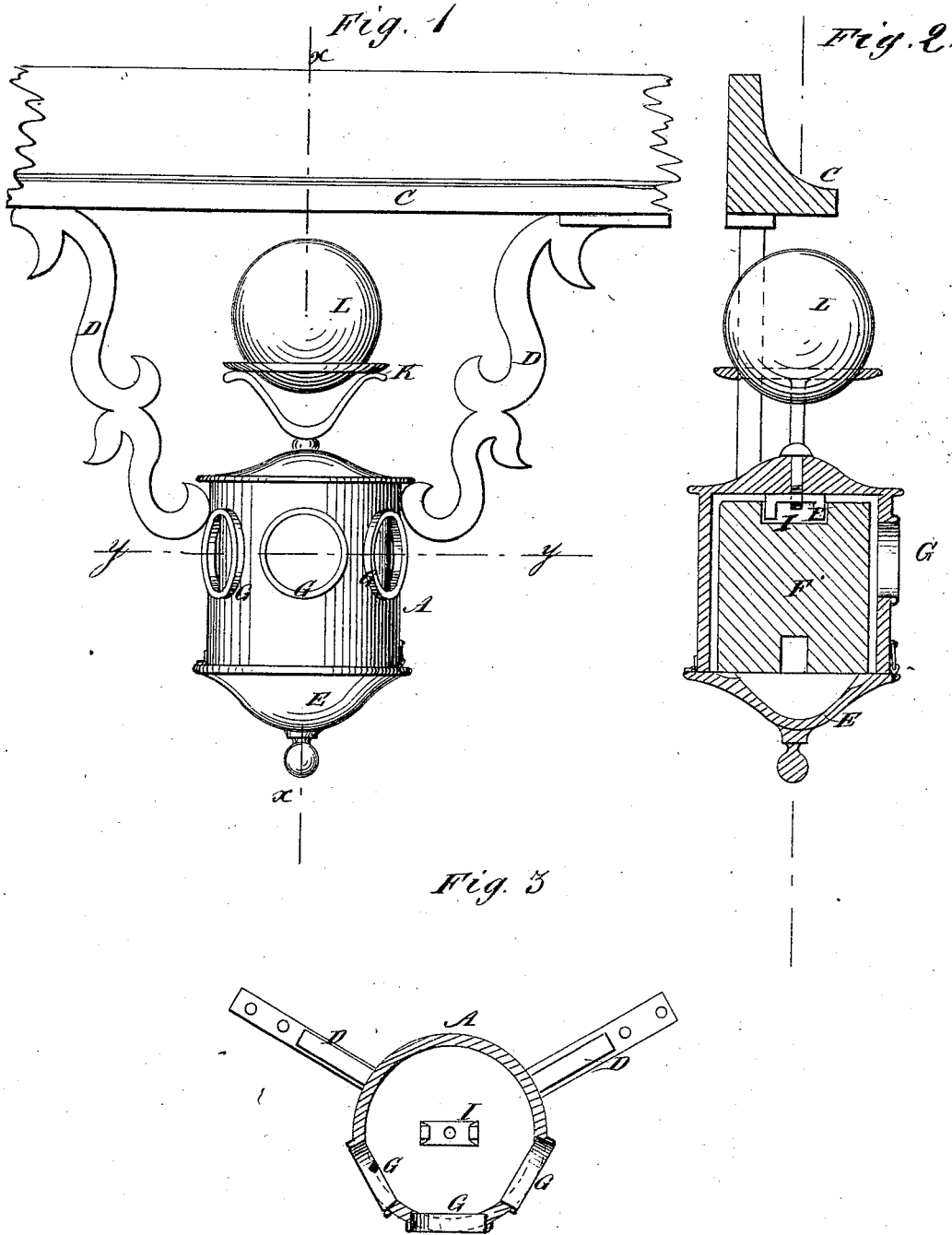


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IMPROVEMENT IN BILLIARD CHALK AND BALL HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAFAEL MARTINEZ, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Cue-Chalking Attachment to Billiard-Tables, of which the following is a specification:

My improved cue-chalking attachment for billiard-tables consists of a little case for holding the chalk, combined with a billiard-ball holder, the case having one end contrived to open and close for putting in and adjusting the chalk, and having one or more holes through the side for inserting the cue-tips against the chalk, and also having a stud or key for preventing the chalk from turning while the case is closed, the said case being attached to the table at any place and in any way, as may be preferred, so that the player can at any time chalk his cue-tip without taking the chalk in hand, also without scattering it on the floor, and the chalk is so confined that it is not wasted so much, and it cannot drop or fall on the floor and be crushed under the feet of the player, as when the ordinary cups are used.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved chalking attachment, represented as suspended from the side of the table. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

A represents an upright hollow case, preferably of round form, which is attached to the

bottom rail C of the table-top by brackets or hangers D, of any approved kind. The bottom E is hinged to the case, or may be otherwise attached for opening it to put in the chalk F, and closing it in. The side of the case has one or more (preferably three) openings, G, through which to present the tips against the side of the chalk for chalking them by turning the cue with the tip resting against the side of the chalk. H is a stud or key projecting from the top of the case to enter a socket, I, in the chalk, to hold it so that it will not shift out of position. The case may, of course, open at the top, if preferred, for putting the chalk in; but I have preferred to have the bottom open in order that I may mount a holder, K, in it for the ball L, which is removed from the table in what is known as the "French game," and also because the powder can be removed more readily.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A chalk-holder for billiard-tables, provided with side openings G, end opening E, key I, and ball-holder K, arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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