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Fig. 1.

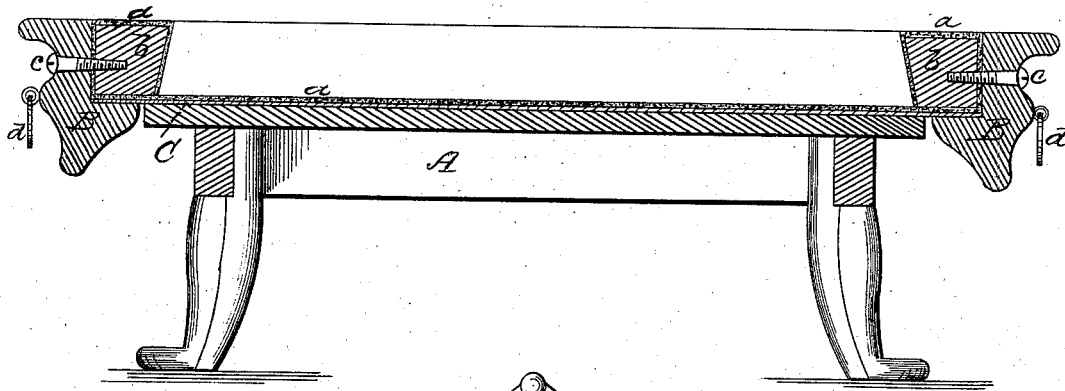


Fig. 2.



WITNESSES

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH F. LINCKE, of Oakland, county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a view of the under or picture side of the table.

This invention has relation to tables upon which a variety of games may be played, the construction shown being particularly adapted to the game of billiards; and the invention consists in a top or frame of a billiard-table, the under side provided with or having a suitable painting or other picture, so that when not in use said billiard-table or frame may be reversed after being removed from its support, and hung upon the wall or other suitable place, which will have in appearance a framed picture, thereby using the table or frame for two purposes.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a suitable stand or table of the ordinary construction, upon which rests a table-frame, B. This frame I prefer being made of walnut or other wood, properly stained or gilded to represent a picture-frame, and when intended to be used as a billiard table or bed the same has stretched over it a suitable cloth, rawhide, or other material that will bear sufficient weight of the balls, and upon this, if desired, may be placed a layer of cloth generally used upon billiard-tables. This cloth or rawhide, as represented at *a*, is brought around strips *b* to form the cushions, and is clamped between the strips *b* and frame B by screws *c*.

If preferable, the cushions may be lined with india-rubber, to cause the balls to rebound freely.

The outside molding of the frame B, when placed in position to be used as a game-table, need not necessarily be made to represent a picture-frame, but that portion of the frame B in view when the frame is hung up to represent the picture should be ornamental, to give to the whole the appearance of being a framed picture only.

The picture which is represented at C is placed upon the under side of the cloth *a*, and secured between the strips and flange of the frame B, said frame being provided with suitable screw-eyes *d* or other fastenings for the attachment of a cord by which the frame with picture may be hung against the wall or other convenient place.

I do not wish to be understood as confining myself to a square frame, as an oval or other form of frame may be used, as found desirable, and although I have shown and described a frame constructed to be used as a bed to play parlor-billiards, it is evident that it may be so changed in form and construction as to play other games, such as bagatelle, parlor-croquet, or any game that would require a large surface or bed, without departing from the gist of my invention.

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

A combined game-table and picture-frame, consisting of a portable bed, having on its upper side the frame B and cushions *b*, and on its lower side an ornamental molding formed by extensions of the frame B, and a picture, C, all constructed and adapted to be used as and for the purpose described and shown.

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