

I got this one back in 2000 from Allan "Doc" Meyers. As we have seen in other "Illegal Of the Day" posts, Henderson, KY had a cluster of illegals that ran up to the Kefauver Commission hearings in the early 1950's. The Kasey Club had a "Big" band so my guess is, it was a nice place. As you will see Hoffman Kasey was also an inventor.

Before you read on, take a guess at what he patented in 1941. <g> Be honest and make a post if you got it right. I would never have guessed it. Hint: It has to do with gambling.

Enough of that:

Kentucky:

The Kasey Klub

Hoffman Kasey

US Route 41


Henderson, KY

Chips delivered in 1940-41



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Name THE KASEY KLUB SPECIAL MONOGRAM  
 Address RURAL ROUTE #2  
 Town HENDERSON State KY  
 Per \_\_\_\_\_



Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
700	#3 Red	YES	SPEC.				GOLD	12-12-40
200	Bl Orange	"	"				SILVER	" " "
100	CHOCOLATE	"	"				GOLD	" " "
700	#3 RED	"	"				"	4-9-41
200	Bl Orange	"	"				SILVER	" " "
100	CHOCOLATE	"	"				GOLD	" " "
700	#3 RED	"	"				"	6-16-41
200	YELLOW	"	"	Returned 7/25/41			SILVER	" " "
100	CHOCOLATE	"	"				GOLD	" " "
200	Bl Orange	"	"				SILVER	7-28-41

**Kasey Klub**

The proprietor of the Kasey Klub was Hoffman Kasey, a Kentucky native who died at Louisville in 1964 age 61.

The Kasey Klub was located northeast of what is today the intersection US 41 and US 60. Its location was part of the area along US 41 between Evansville, IN and Henderson, KY which was loaded with clubs.

My note. Per Ulvester Walker son of Bill Walker, owner of Walkers Tavern and subject of "Illegal Of The Day Kentucky 11" posted on 1/23/11, The Kasey Klub was not on the "Strip."

Per Ulester:

You should be aware the Kasey Klub was not located on the strip. It was on highway 41 but it was south of the City of Henderson approximately 2 miles. The strip was the area between the North city limits (Of Henderson) and Evansville, IN.

In 2005, an old-timer recalls 1940, the first date on the chip order:

Evansville Courier & Press (IN) - Saturday, November 12, 2005

**Author:** This column was prepared by Joni Hoke and taken from the microfilm archives of the Courier & Press.

I remember 1940 and some of the nightspots on Waterworks Road and Highway 41 north and south of the Ohio River. They were The Dells, Greenriver Gardens, Edgewood, Riverview, Alibi, Little Commando, Walker's Tavern, Trocadero, Kasey Club and others.

They are all gone now, and all we have is the memory.

Ray Hillenbrand, Evansville

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My note: Article mentions a number of clubs on or close to the Henderson, KY "The Strip." Several of them, I never heard of. Hopefully we will find chips from them someday. I do have The Dells chip and will look into getting some info on it. Greenriver Gardens, Edgewood, Riverview, Alibi, and Trocadero are all new to me.

Kefauver not good for business:

# Gamblers Near Evansville Quit

By Associated Press

HENDERSON, Ky., Aug. 30. —

A tight lid was sealed mysteriously today on all forms of gambling in the Henderson area, where bookmakers and bright casinos have operated openly for years.

Slot machines, dice and card tables and other gaming devices were hauled away by truck drivers who "wouldn't talk."

Especially affected were "upstairs bookies" and night clubs dotting an Indiana-Kentucky border area known as "The Strip."

The Strip is a neck of land where law enforcement jurisdiction has been in dispute for years. It runs between Henderson and Evansville, Ind.

One disgusted tavern operator suggested:

"It's that——Kefauver. Nobody wants to be investigated."

TheKaseyClub2att2

Ernie Hayden promotional photo which mentions Kasey Klub:



thekaseyklub3att2

A month before the April 1941 chip order, Kasey applies for a patent:

Outside of the center of the table may be narrower; I don't see anything that calls for a patent. Any of you have thoughts on the table? IMO, there is no room for a chip bank. I am guessing the table was for cash games only. In the 1960's I saw several crap tables in Newport, KY that was cash only but they were rectangle shape, only smaller than today's tables.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

128,261

## DESIGN FOR A GAME TABLE

Hoffman Kasey, Henderson, Ky.

Application March 1, 1941, Serial No. 99,273

Term of patent 14 years

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Hoffman Kasey, a citizen of the United States, residing at Henderson, in the county of Henderson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new, original, and ornamental Design for a Game Table, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

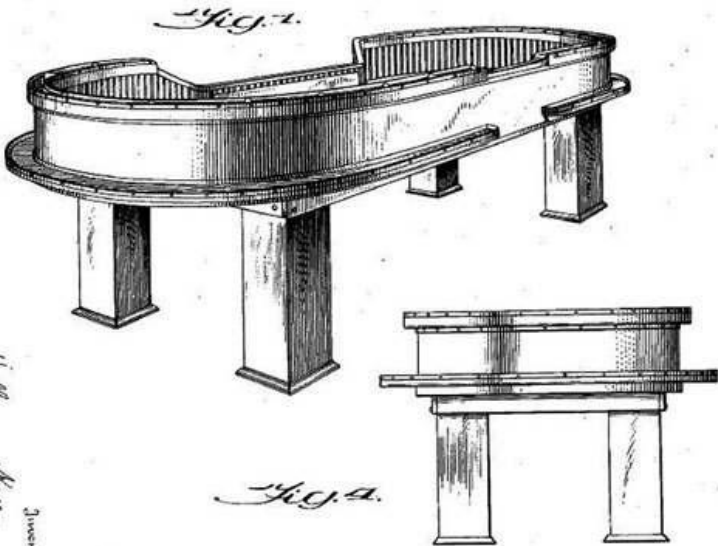
Fig. 1 is a view in perspective;

Fig. 2 is a plan view;  
Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation; and  
Fig. 4 is a view in end elevation of a game table showing my new design.

I claim:

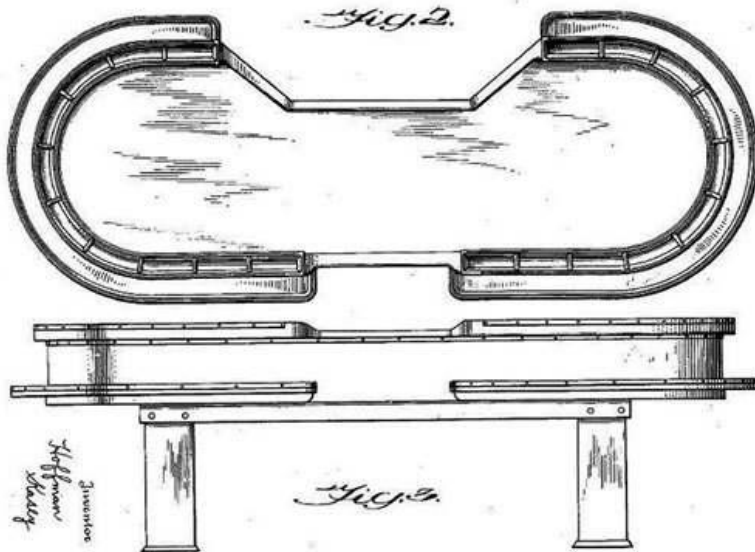
The ornamental design for a game table, as shown.

HOFFMAN KASEY.



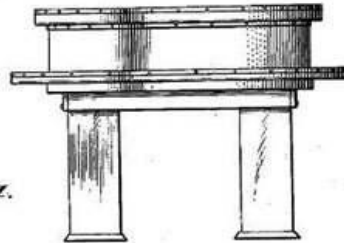
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*Fig. 1.*



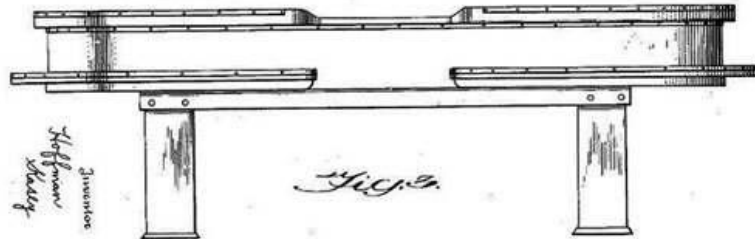
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*Fig. 2.*



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*Fig. 3.*



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*Fig. 4.*

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