

LINE-NURSE DD

DALY'S BILLIARD BOOK 1913

Haz a good chapter on the Line-Nurse. Daly kalls it the balk-line nurse. He said that it began az an 8" line in 1883, to make the rail-nurse more difficult, but it soon had to be mooved to 12" then 14" then 18" az the top Yanks perfected it & continued to make long runs. Don't forget that the large balls & small tables make it eezyer than in English billiards. Daly sez that the Line-Nurse iz the Rail-Nurse at longer range. Daly writes..... *In the old days we used to trust, almost entirely, to the kiss to stop the returning object-ball. Now we play also to get the speed just right..... To George Sutton must be given credit for perfecting this method of playing the line-nurse.*

TOM REECE DAINTY BILLIARDS 1925

Tom shows a *High-Class "Nurse"*, in which some shots look like a cushion-drive for a Line-Nurse (but he duznt uze this term). Tom shows about 6 shots where the object-ball returns & kisses the qball onto a cannon. But he never mentions kissing the qball well out (ie for a Line-Nurse), or of uzing screw or pique to get the qball well out directly, & he duznt mention a pure run of the Line-Nurse kind.

MANNOCK BILLIARDS EXPOUNDED 1904

Haz one page on the basics of *the American "baulk line" game*. He writes..... *But that it may be made to yield large runs of cannons the American professors have given abundant proof..... With the balls in the positions shown, the stars of the Transatlantic billiard world would consider that they had them well placed..... The finer the touch on the second object-ball the longer the reign of the sequence of cannons.*

LINDRUM GETS A FAT CHEQUE News Snippet

Before the start of Thursday's play between Lindrum & Davis at Thurston's, London, Lindrum was presented with a cheque for one hundred guineas by the management of the firm in recognition of his world-record break of 4,137. He was also informed that he might have the balls with which he made the break when the present match is ended.

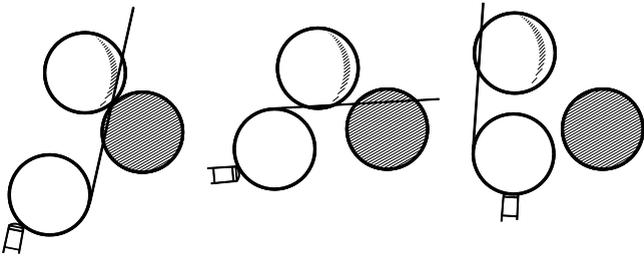
As a variation to breaking the world record, Lindrum in the afternoon session gave an exhibition of baulk line billiards such as he will be called upon to play on occasion during his coming visit to the United States with Newman.

It was in a break of 688, & he got his favorite nursery cannons position, but just a little over a foot from the top cushion. He played the first object with such strength as to cannon & bring it back to its original position.

In the American style of billiards a line runs parallel with each cushion, & cannons inside that line are forbidden, excepting if one of the balls happens to be outside the line. Evidently the veto will not hamper Lindrum a great deal.

THE LINE-NURSE

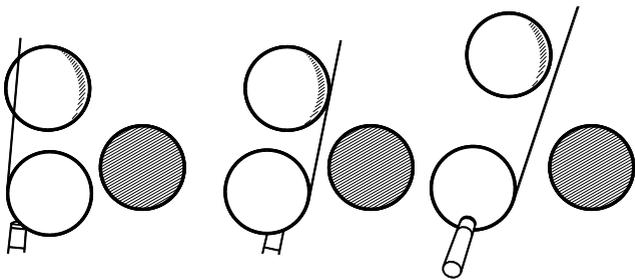
Geza Gazdag writes in *The Accomplished Cue-man* (1991) that this iz the first nurse u should learn, not the last. Theze 3 basic shots giv us a Line-Nurse.



D1A Play thin on red to leev D1B or D1C.

D1B This iz the pozzy we uzually see after D1C. Play thin on yellow to leev the drive in D1C. The qball-to-yellow line in D1C haztabe just off square.

D1C Daly kalls this the Drive-In-&-Out, or a Cushion-Drive, or a Drive-&-Draw. It leevs something like D1A or D1B. Daly kalls this the keystone-shot U kan play a screw-drive to leev D1A, the yellow kumming back at dead pace. Or u kan play harder, the returning yellow kissing the qball, again leeving D1A.



DRIVES

D2 A stun-drive with check to make sure we don't leev yellow behind (ie westish). Also run-throo a little, to shield the red.

D3 A screw-drive with running to make sure yellow duznt go too far eastish.

D4 Here the yellow iz very far, & the angle severe. We play a piqué-drive. A little running (rhs here) helps to judge the aim & pace of the qball. U kan suck the qball back a little or a lot, or leev it to shield the red.



A short-range line nurse iz eezy, & it duznt eat much cushion.