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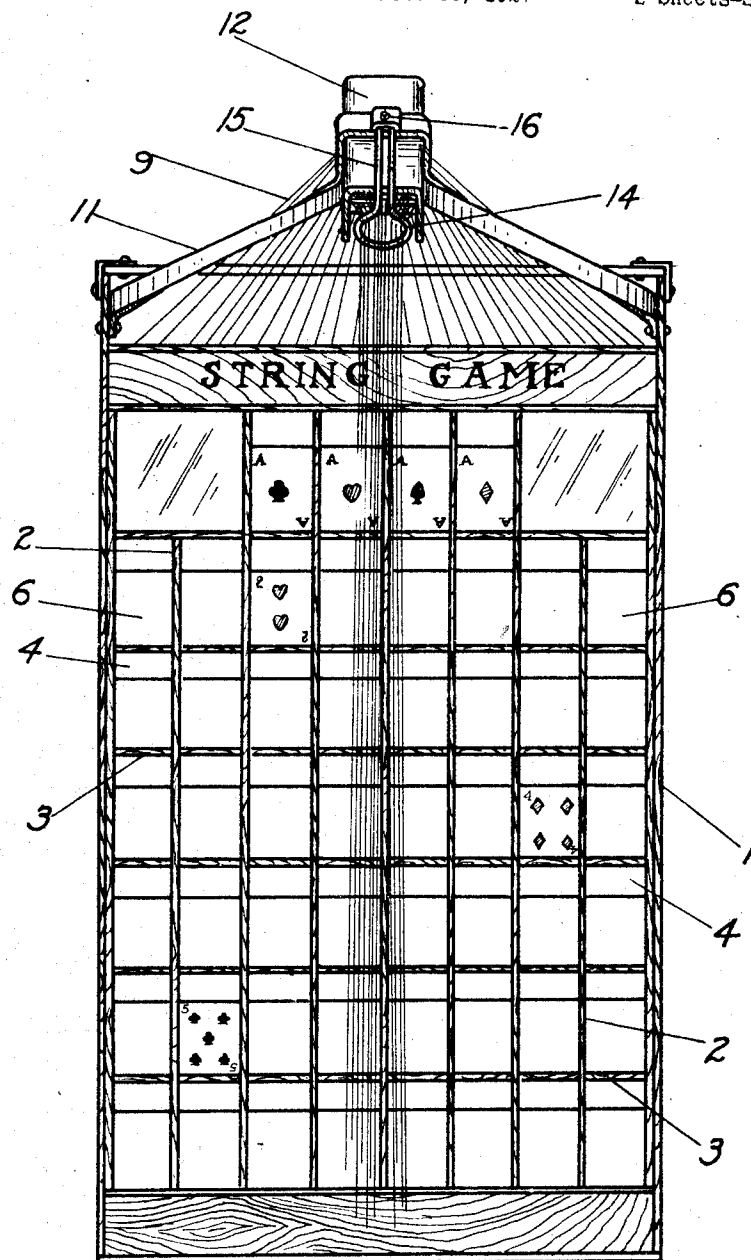


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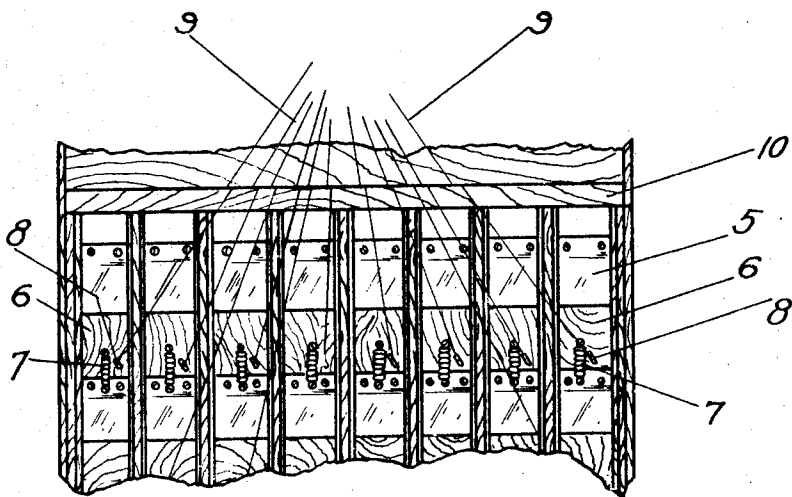
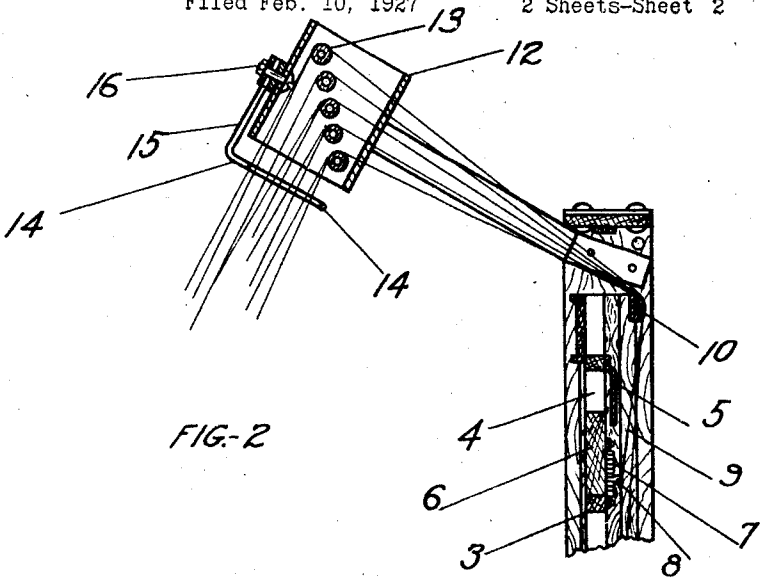
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My invention relates to a new and useful game of skill which may be used at fairs and bazaars and comprises a board, frame or other background upon which appear cards, signs, labels, marks, or any other indicia to which are attached strings, the strings themselves being bunched together in a confused mass from which the player culls the one of his choice and pulling it, raises one of the cards. The board is used in conjunction with a chart upon which are set forth the prizes corresponding to the card or indicium raised by the string or cord.

An object of my invention is to provide a skill game suitable for playing at fairs and bazaars which is easily comprehensible to the novice and provides real fun and clean sport.

Another object of my invention is to provide a skill game simple in design and reliable in operation wherein the prizes to be won are determined by card or other indicium which the player raises by pulling a cord or string at random from a confused mass of the cords or strings which lead to the various cards or indicia.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following detailed description.

I attain these objects by the mechanism described in the drawings wherein:—

Fig. 1 represents an elevational view of the playing board showing some of the cards in place.

Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the rear upper portion of the playing board showing the strings attached to the card-bearing blocks.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the playing board wherein by means of the vertical strips 2 and the cross pieces 3, runways 4 are provided. In Fig. 1, fifty-two of these runways are shown which is the number necessary to accommodate an entire deck of ordinary playing cards. As shown, there are six rows of 8 runways and 4 runways at the top, the aces being placed in the four top runways. In these runways are placed blocks 6 which are of such length as to allow clearance within the runways for the raising and lowering of the block. On these blocks are attached the cards, marks, signs, labels, or any other indicia which may be used. At the upper part of the board adjacent the

four aces on each side thereof may be disposed a mirror for ornamental purposes.

The blocks 6 are resiliently secured to the cross-piece 3 by a helical spring 7. Adjacent this spring at the lower part of the block is provided an eye hook 8 to which is attached the end of a cord or string 9. Each block on the board is set up in this fashion and the cords or strings which are secured to the eye hook on each block are led over the cross-beam 10. On the back of the playing board behind each block is a sheet metal guard 5.

Much of the fun which is derived from the playing of this game arises from the fact that the strings are all mixed up and this should be carried out to the fullest, if the real merit of the game is to be enjoyed. In order to accomplish this, I provide a yoke member 11 in the form of a bracket which is secured to the top of the playing board and extends outwardly and upwardly. At the outer end of this yoke or bracket is provided a box-like member 12, which has five rollers 13 therein, and the strings are divided into five sections, each section being led over a different roller, all the strings meeting at the lower opening of the box-like member and passing through a hoop or guide 14, which hoop or guide is attached to the box-like member by an angle arm 15 and bolt 16.

It is to be understood that this playing board which I shall call the "string game" is to be used in conjunction with a chart (not shown). The chart need not be of any particular or special design, suffice that it show the indicia and the corresponding prizes. A suggested form where playing cards are used is to have sixteen prizes, that is a different prize for each ace, and a different prize for each quartet of the remaining cards. In other words, each jack would have the same prize as the other jacks, each king the same prize as the other kings, each trey have the same prize as the other treys. The chart will show sixteen playing cards, the four aces and one each of the remaining twelve card quartets and these may be arranged either in the ascending or descending order of their values. In this way and by use of this or some similar chart a prize may be assured for every pull of the spring.

The manner of use of the hereinbefore described game may be assured for every pull of the string, which are attached to the card-bearing blocks are commingled by passing over the

rollers and through the hoop-guide. The player selects a string from the mass and pulls it and in doing so a card-bearing block is thereupon raised. By looking at the chart
5 which is juxtaposed to the playing board within the booth or stall or wherever the game is played, the player can tell at a glance what prize he has won.

All that has been said above in the description of my preferred embodiment is offered by way of illustration and not limitation. I do not wish to be limited to the exact structure of the preferred embodiment shown and described, or to any particular
15 material used in the construction of parts, or to the design of parts, but desire protection as against any variations in structure which utilize the principle of my invention and fall within the purview of my invention
20 and are within the spirit and scope of the following claims.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:

1. A game comprising a frame having a
25 plurality of runways therein, indicia-bearing

ing blocks slidably disposed within said runways, said blocks having strands attached thereto and leading therefrom, and means associated with said frame for commingling
said strands, said indicia-bearing blocks
30 being resiliently connected to said frame.

2. A game comprising a frame having a plurality of runways therein, indicia-bearing blocks slidably disposed within said runways, said blocks having strands attached
35 thereto and leading therefrom, and means associated with said frame for commingling said strands, said means for commingling the strands comprising a cross beam at the top of said frame, an outwardly extending
40 bracket secured to said frame, said bracket having at its outermost point a box-like member, a series of rollers disposed within said box-like member, and a guide ring secured to and extending below the box-like
45 member.

Signed at Fall River in the county of Bristol, State of Massachusetts, this eighth day of February, 1927.

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