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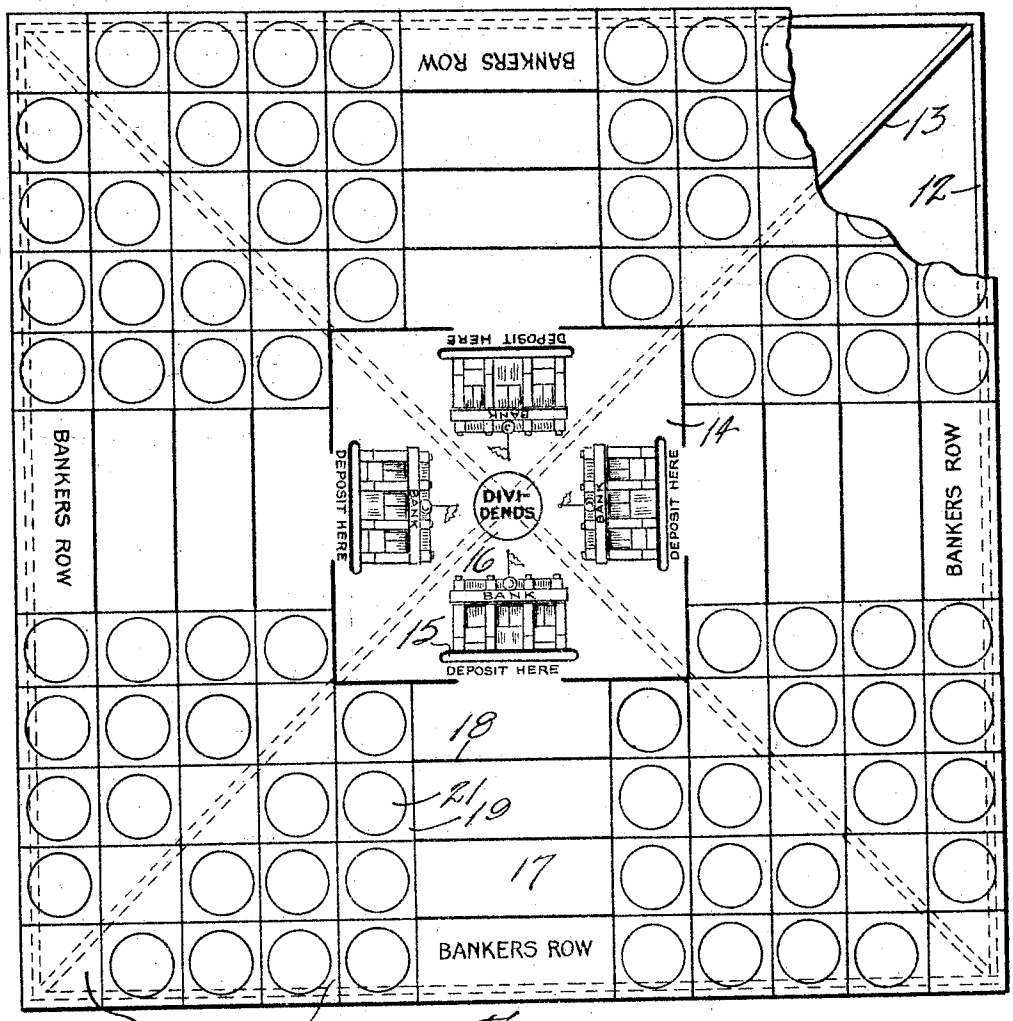
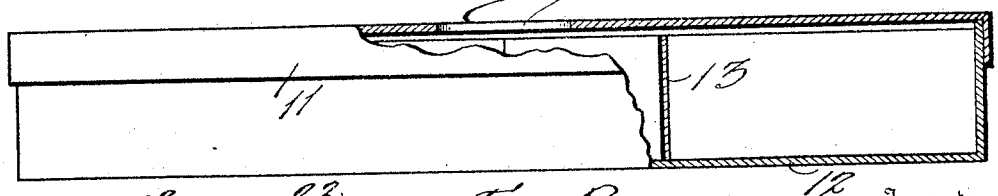


Fig. 1



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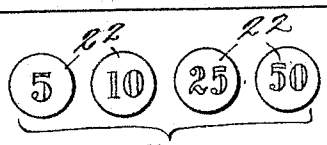

Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DON L. STERLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in games.

The invention has particularly to do with a game involving the features of a savings bank and its purpose is not only to provide a form of amusement, but to stimulate interest in the saving of money. The game involves a plurality of players' positions, each having spaces for the placing of a number of disks representing money values; together with a panel leading to a central field or space. A depository for the disks is associated with each player's position in which the winner of the play deposits his winning, together with other novel features.

In carrying out the invention a game board is arranged with a plurality of players' positions, each position having a central panel with spaces on each side in which disks printed with numerals representing money values are placed. In playing the game the disks are moved into the central panel. Each central panel leads to a field at the center of the board in which a slot is provided through which each player may deposit the disks he wins into a receptacle underneath the board. A space may be provided at the center of the board in which the disks are placed provided no player wins a play, these being called dividends and being taken by the next player. The panels may be designated each as "banker's row" and the board may be suitably ornamented. It is preferable to make the game in the form of a box with the game board on the cover and the interior of the box divided so as to segregate the disks which each player deposits from his winnings.

The invention will be more readily understood from a reading of the following specification and by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which an example of the invention is shown, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board and box constructed in accordance with this invention,

Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same with a portion in section, and

Fig. 3 shows face views of the disks which are used in playing the game.

In the drawings the numeral 10 designates a game board which has a depending marginal apron 11 and forms the cover of a box or receptacle 12. The interior of the box is divided into four triangular compartments by means of intersecting diagonal partitions 13. Each compartment constitutes a depository. At the center of the game board a rectangular panel or field 14 is provided. The field 14 is provided with four slots 15, one at each side and each slot communicating with one of the depositories of the box under the board. The pictorial representation of a bank may be printed in the field contiguous to the slot. At the center of the field 14 a circular base 16 is provided and printed with the word "Dividends".

From the center of each side of the field 14 a path or panel 17 extends to the edge of the board and each path may be printed with the title "Banker's row". The game board is printed with a plurality of intersecting lines 18 parallel to the side of the field 14 and equally spaced from each other. By means of the intersecting lines a plurality of squares 19 and 20 respectively are formed on the game board. The squares 20 are disposed in rows and extend diagonally from the corners of the field 14 to the corners of the game board and these latter squares may be printed in a distinguishing color or otherwise differentiated from the other squares to form divisional marks or boundaries between the players' positions. The squares 19 are each printed with a concentric circle 21 or it may be a circular space. It will be noticed that each player's position or space conforms to the general shape of his depository and thus four persons may play the game.

The spaces 19 are equally disposed on each side of each banker's row and are in concentric relation to the field 14. The different portions of the game board may be printed or otherwise ornamented to make the same very attractive and to distinguish the different parts. This, of course, is optional and it is obvious that various changes in the arrangement could easily be made. It is also

to be understood that the location of the slots 15 in the field 14 is not essential. It is also pointed out that it is not necessary to have the game board form part of the lid of the box 12, but this has been found to be more convenient.

In order to play the game I provide a number of disks 22 which are illustrated in Fig. 3. These disks are printed on one side only with numerals indicating the denominations of coins, as for instance, five cents, ten cents, twenty-five cents and fifty cents. It is to be understood that these amounts may be varied. The disks being printed on one side only, are placed on the game board with their blank side upward so as to conceal the figures printed on their faces. Enough disks are provided to cover all of the circles or spaces 21. After the disks have been placed each player turns his disk over so that the amount printed on each is displayed. In playing the game the first player is required to move the disk which is nearest to the field 14 and of the lowest value into banker's row. The next player must do likewise and so on. The first player whose move brings out a disk the value of which when added to the disk previously played totals twenty-five cents or a multiple thereof wins the hand; however, the other players must continue the play and it is possible for another player to win during the same play. When a player wins he takes the disks which he wins and passes them through the slots 15 into his depository. Should all four of the players move their disks and no player wins all of the disks played are placed in the space 16 called Dividends and the first player to win on the next play takes the dividends as well as the disks which he wins. The disks are moved into banker's row from the spaces nearest the field 14 until all have been deposited in the depository. The lid or game board 10 is then removed and the player whose winnings or deposits total the highest amount wins the game. It will be seen that this game is very interesting and will certainly promote the thought of saving. No attempt has been made to explain the different manners of playing as it is obvious that various rules for playing the game could be made.

What I claim, is:

1. Game apparatus of the character described, comprising a box divided into a plurality of separate compartments, a board detachably mounted upon the box and serving as a cover, said board being provided in its central portion with a plurality of representations of banks, said board having a slot adjacent each bank adapted to communicate with a separate compartment in the box, said board being provided outwardly of the central portion with player positions, and marked player pieces for coaction with the board.

2. Game apparatus of the character described, comprising a game board, said game board having a central field provided with a base designated "Dividends," said board being provided between the central field and its sides with intercepting lines providing clear positions at the corners of the board and panels between the sets of player positions, the player positions at each corner being marked and divided by the marks into separate sets whereby there is a pair of sets at each side of the board upon opposite sides of the panel, the number of marked player positions in each set increasing outwardly in number, and marked player pieces for coaction with the board.

3. Game apparatus of the character described, comprising a game board, said game board having a central field and provided between the field and its sides with intersecting spaced lines, the lines upon each side of the board extending substantially parallel with such sides, said intersecting lines forming player position blocks at each corner of the board, said blocks in each corner being marked to divide the same into a pair of separate sets, the marked blocks in each set increasing in number outwardly, said lines forming a ruled panel between a pair of sets of marked blocks on each side of the board, and marked player pieces for coaction with the board.

4. Game apparatus of the character described, comprising a box divided into a plurality of separate compartments, a board serving as a cover for the box, said board being provided with a central field having panels radiating therefrom and leading to the sides of the board, said central field having the representation of a bank formed thereon at the inner end of each panel and a slot formed adjacent the bank and leading into one of the separate compartments, said board being provided at its corners with player positions, the player positions at each corner being divided into separate sets, the player positions in each set increasing in number outwardly, and marked player pieces for coaction with the board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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