

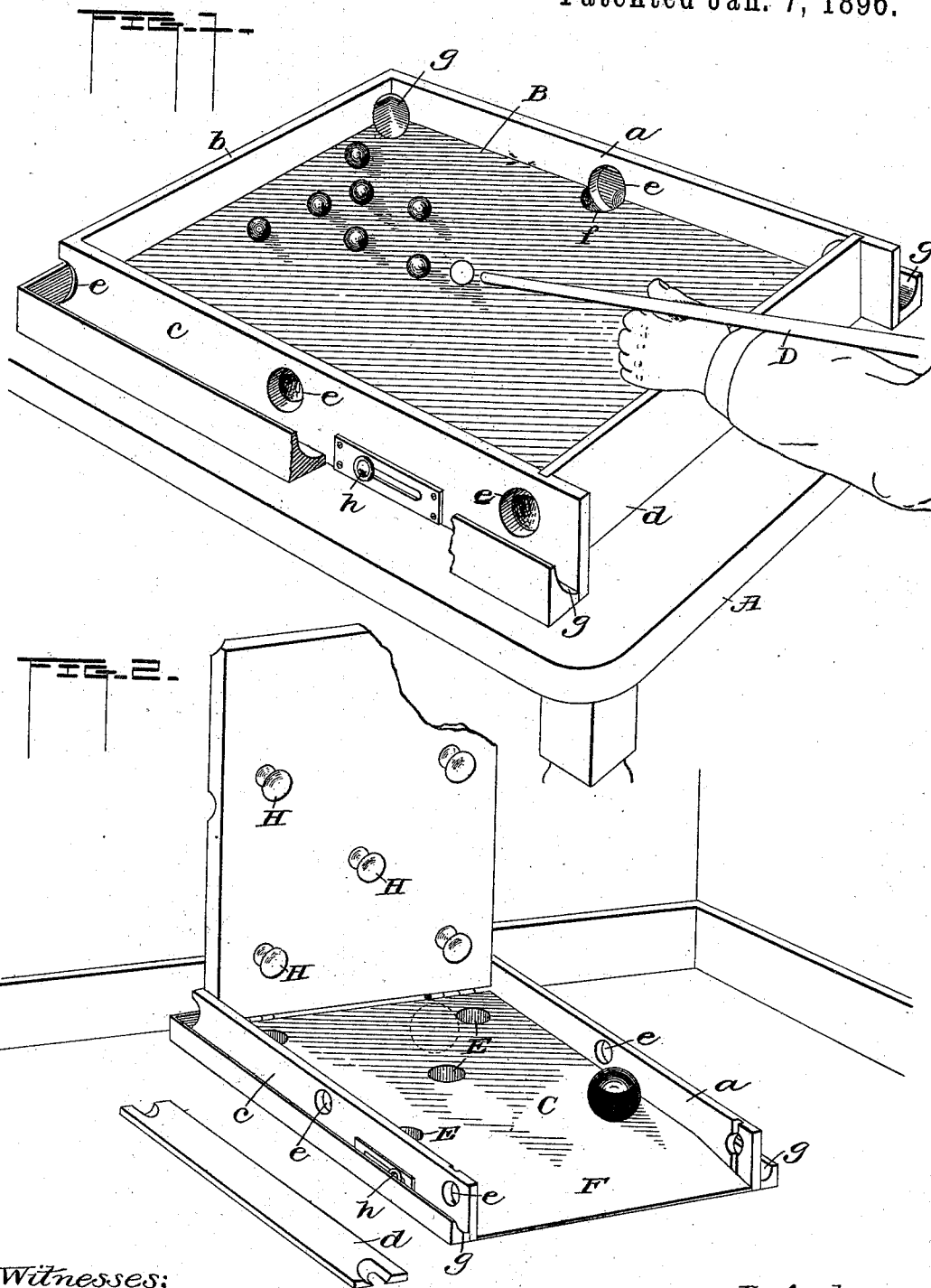
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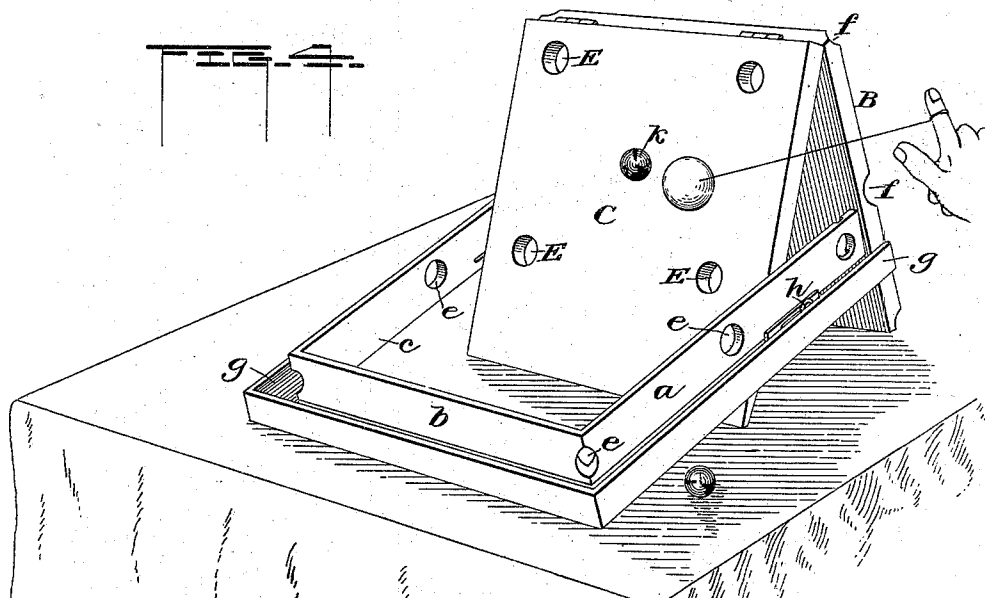
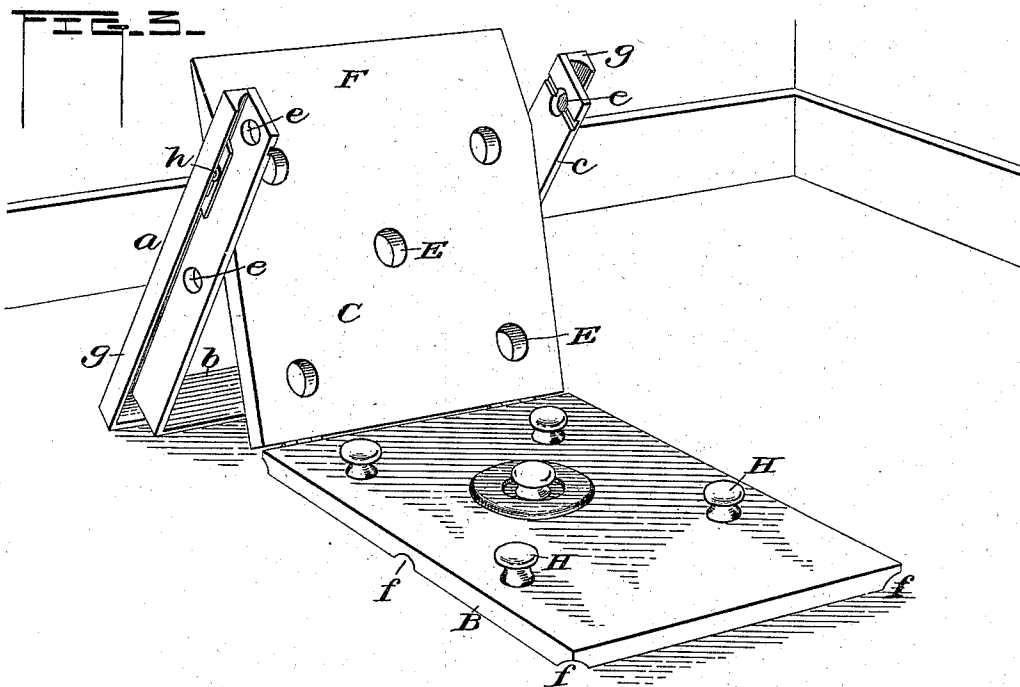
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER G. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roslyn, in the county of Queens, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to an improvement in game-boards, and its object is to provide an apparatus in a compact and neat form so as to be readily folded and packed for shipment, and upon which a series of games suitable for indoors can be played.

My invention, therefore, comprises broadly an arrangement combining in one apparatus a series of boards upon which different games can be played.

Secondly, it comprises a game apparatus having a series of folding sections, each adapted for some different game.

Thirdly, it comprises a game apparatus having two sections hinged together, one section arranged for the game of quoits and the game of pool upon opposite sides.

Fourthly, it comprises a game apparatus having a framework, a base-piece having holes, and guided thereon a board hinged to said base-piece and arranged for pool on one side and for quoits on the other.

Fifthly, it comprises a game apparatus having a framework, a section having perforations attached thereto, a second section hinged to said first section and arranged upon one side for the game of quoits and upon the other side for pool, said second section being adapted to be raised upon an incline and supported by the first section and framework, the holes therein being filled with balls adapted to be forced out by a return ball in the hand of the operator.

Sixthly, the invention consists of a surrounding framework having a removable side, a perforated section pivoted to and sliding in guides upon said framework, and a second section hinged to said first section.

Finally, the invention consists in the matters hereinafter described, and referred to in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective

view showing my game-board when used for parlor or table pool. Fig. 2 represents the same when used as a roly-poly—that is, when used in a game the object of which is to roll rubber or wooden balls into the perforations in the section. Fig. 3 represents the invention when used in the game of parlor quoits, and Fig. 4 when used in the game the object of which is to drive rubber balls which are placed in the openings in the upright section through the same by means of a return-ball held in the hand of the operator.

In the drawings, referring first to Fig. 1, A represents the table upon which my apparatus is supported when it is desired to play parlor or table pool.

B represents a piece of board or other suitable material, preferably covered with felt, hinged to a section C, of similar material, connected to the sides of the surrounding framework *a b c d*. This framework surrounds the pool-playing surface or section B, and the sides *a c* have openings *e* cut through them registering with depressions *f* in the section B, so that a ball or marble when pushed into said recess will go through the opening *c*. Secured to the framework and surrounding it on three sides are gutters *g*, which catch and retain the balls forced through the openings *e*.

D represents a cue for acting upon the balls in the ordinary game of pool.

The section B, having the pool-playing surface, is hinged at one end to the section C, of board or other suitable material, provided with perforations E. This section C is beveled off at its forward end, as shown at F, so as to admit of the ready passage upon the board of a ball rolled from a distance, the object of the operator being to have it lodge in one of the holes E. To permit the passage of the ball up the incline F, the part *d* of the framework above described is removable, fitting grooves in the parts *a c*, so that it can be readily lifted out. The section C is pivotally attached to the sides *a c* of the framework by means of a screw or stud *h* passing through slots G in said sides, whereby also limited sliding movement is given the section C. In order, therefore, to make use of the section C to play the game for which it is intended, it is necessary only to raise the part *d* of the

framework, slide forward the sections C and B together, and elevate the section A, thus exposing the said section C. Upon the opposite side of the section B from the pool-playing surface are arranged pins or knobs H, which are made together with the perforations E in the section C, so that when the apparatus is closed and not in use or used for the purpose of playing pool only, these pins or knobs will fit the holes, thus enabling the section A to fold close and lie flat on the section C. The pins or knobs are to be used in playing quoits or ring, the parts assuming the position shown in Fig. 3, in which the pool-playing surface of the section B rests upon the floor, the section C being raised together with the framework *a b c*, the latter being then swung backward on the pivot-pins *h* and acting as a support for the section C.

In Fig. 4 I have shown the position assumed by the parts of my apparatus in playing another game in which small rubber balls *k* are placed within the perforations E, the operator standing off at a distance and using a return-ball, as I, for knocking them through said holes. In playing this game the sections B and C are simply raised from the position shown in Fig. 1 by being swung up together on the pivots *h*, the unconnected ends thereof being then drawn apart, the section B serving as a prop to support the section C, the framework *a b c* also aiding in this respect. Although what is known as the "return-ball" has been in use for many years, so far as I am aware I am the first to apply it to use in a game of the character described.

In the use of the apparatus in playing the games illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4 I have shown a table for supporting it, while in playing the other games it is intended to rest it on the floor. I do not wish to be limited in this respect, however, as it may be supported in any suitable manner, and, indeed, in playing the game illustrated in Fig. 4 I may hang the apparatus on the wall.

While I have herein shown various sections of my apparatus as adapted to be used in playing certain specified games, it will be understood that so far as actual mechanical construction of the parts is concerned the boards may be adapted to a variety of games.

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

50 1. A game apparatus comprising a frame

work, a section pivoted thereto between the sides thereof, and a second section hinged to said first section, and each adapted to be used as a game board; substantially as described.

2. A game apparatus comprising a frame work having slots *h* formed in the sides thereof, a section C having a stud secured thereto and pivoted in said slot, and a second section hinged thereto; substantially as described.

3. A game apparatus comprising an inclosing frame work, and a sliding and swinging section C pivoted thereto; substantially as described.

4. A game apparatus comprising a frame work having one of its sides removable, and a game board pivoted to said frame work; substantially as described.

5. A game apparatus comprising a frame work having one of its sides removable, a game board section pivoted to the frame to have a sliding as well as swinging movement, and a second section hinged to the first; substantially as described.

6. A game apparatus comprising a frame work having one of its sides removable, a section C pivoted to the frame work so as to have a sliding movement and provided with perforations, and a section B hinged to the first section and having projections fitting into said perforations; substantially as described.

7. A game apparatus comprising a frame work with openings in it for the passage of the balls, gutters secured to said sides, a section C pivoted thereto, and a section B hinged to section C and having recesses adapted to register with the openings in the sides of the frame work; substantially as described.

8. A game apparatus comprising a frame work with openings in it for the passage of the balls, and a section B supported by intermediate connections from the frame work and having recesses registering with the openings in the sides of the frame work; substantially as described.

9. In the herein described apparatus, the sections B and C, the former having projections registering with perforations E on the latter; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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