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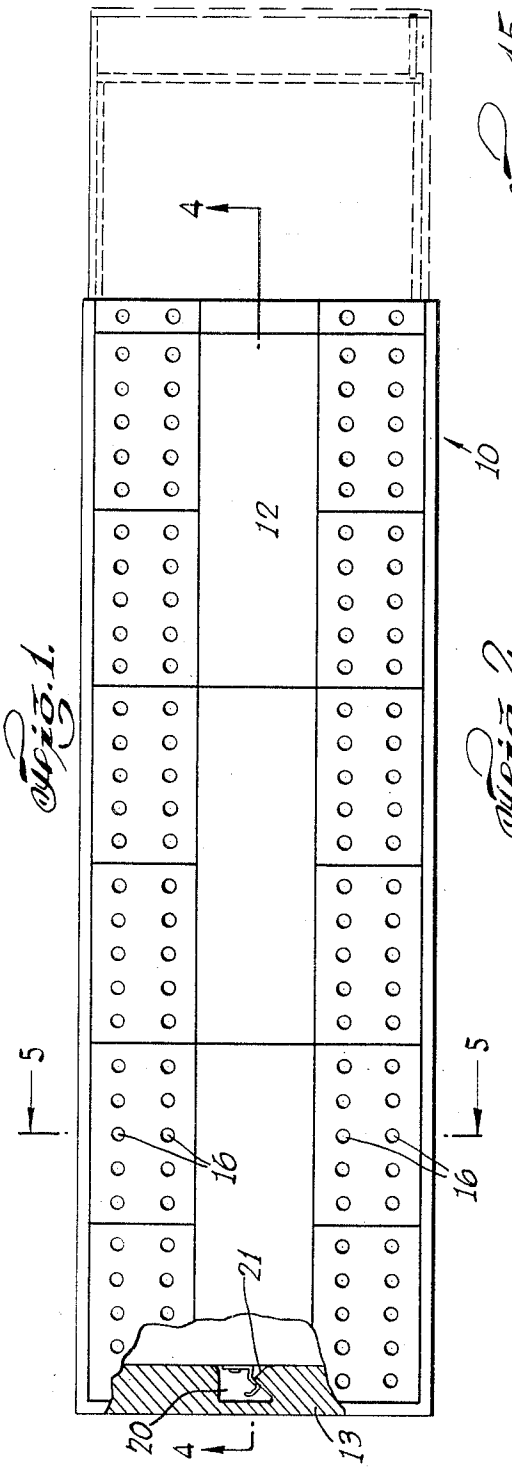


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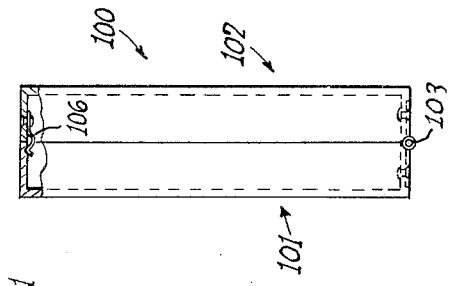


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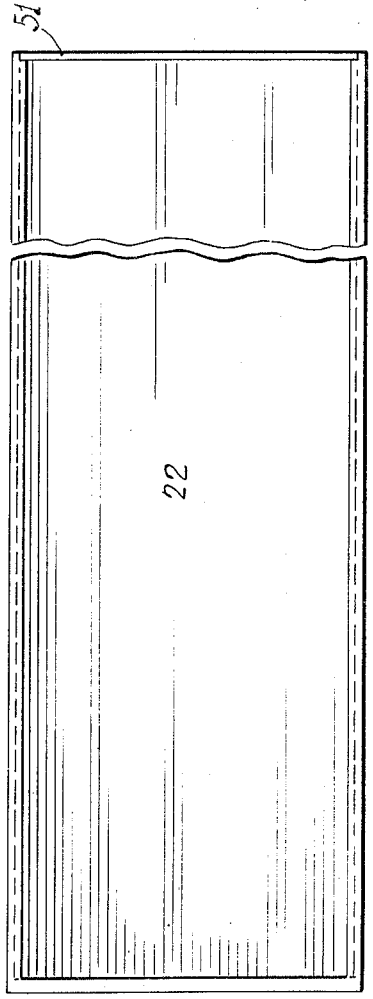


Fig. 2.

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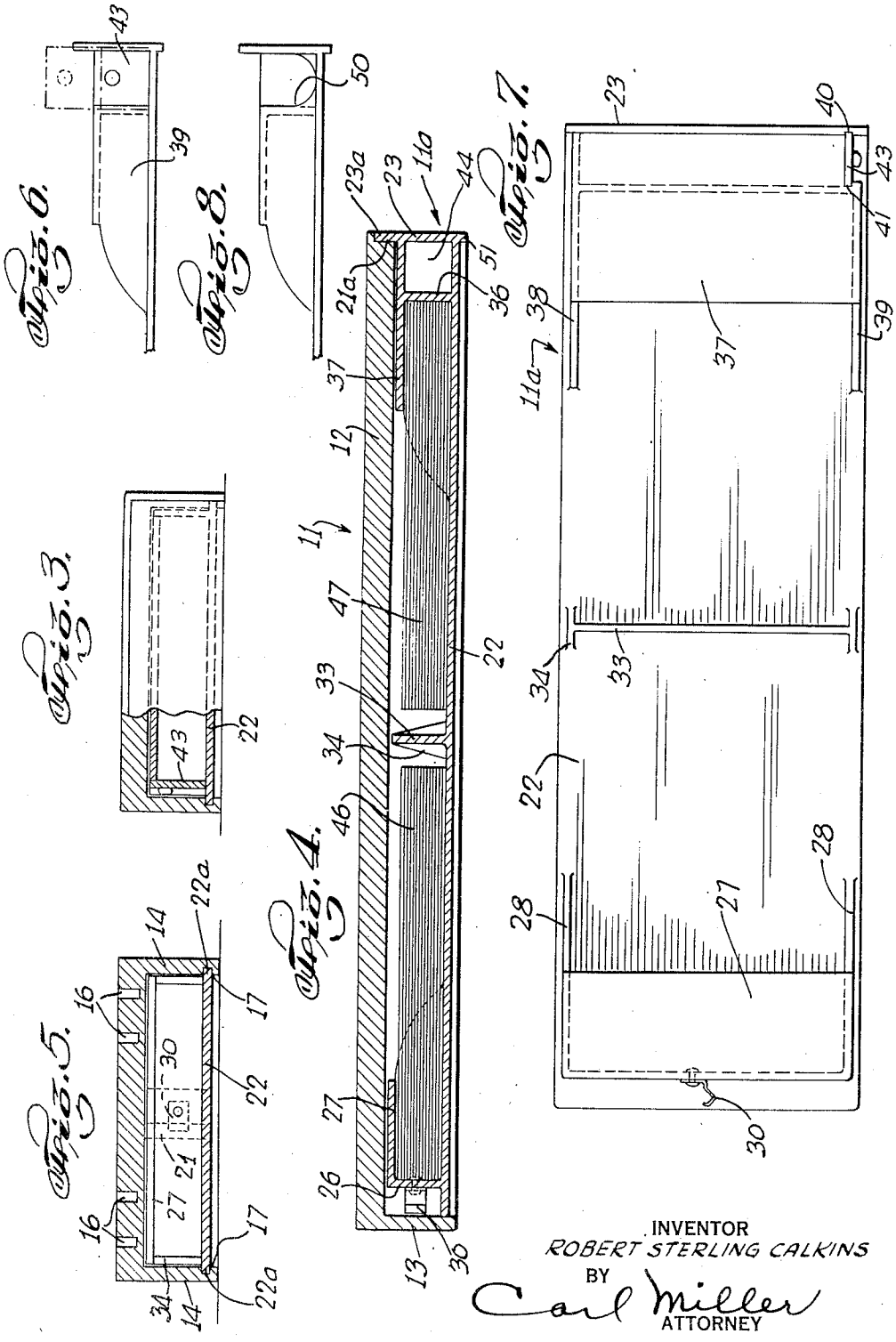


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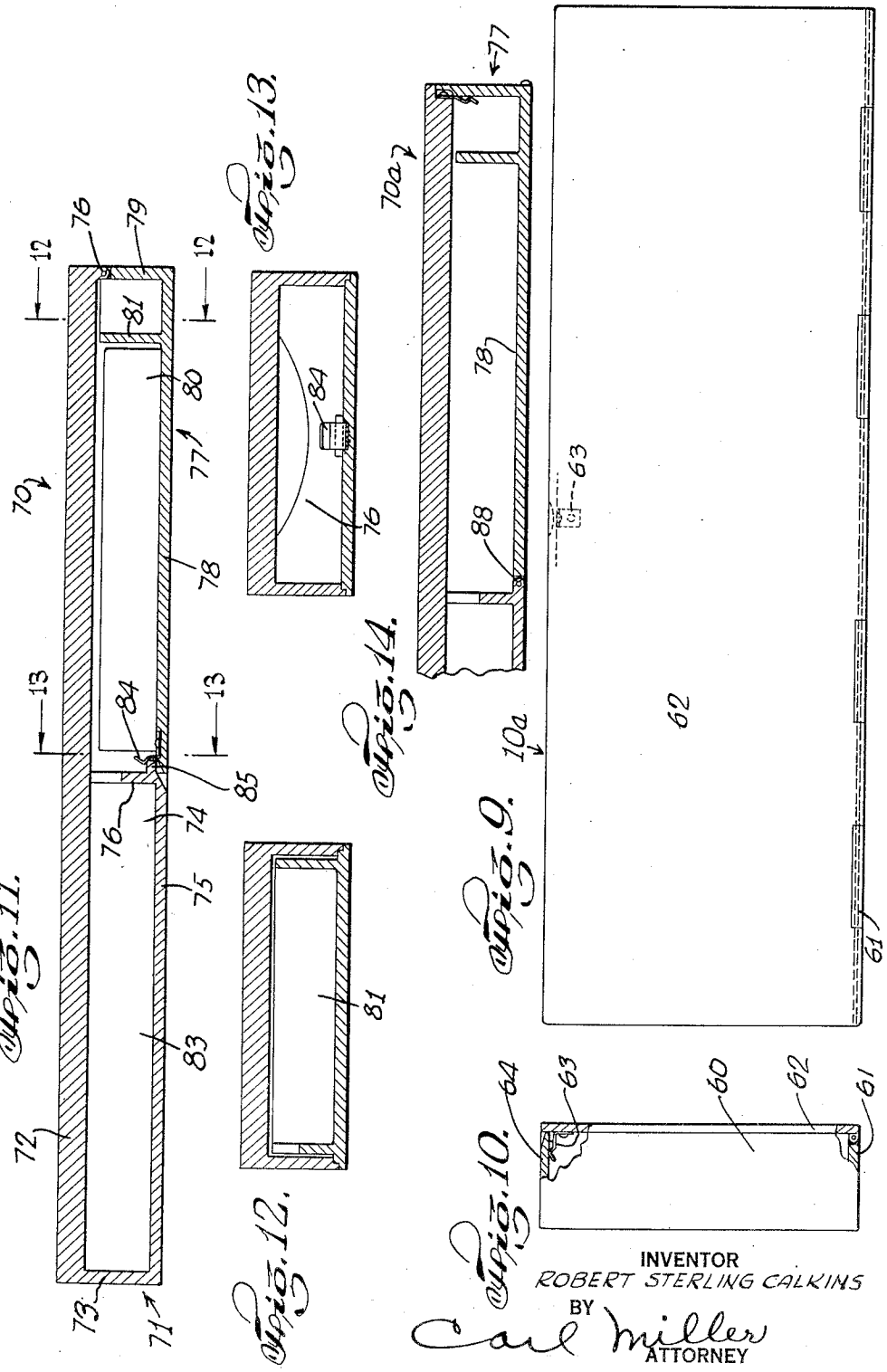


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## CRIBBAGE BOARD

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This is a substitute application for my abandoned application filed in the U. S. Patent Office on July 29, 1940, Serial No. 348,165.

This invention relates to cribbage boards. It is particularly directed to a cribbage board having means to house the cards and pegs.

An object of this invention is to provide a cribbage board of the character described, comprising a box and a drawer like case within the box, the top of the box being provided with openings to receive the pegs, and the drawer having compartments for cards and pegs.

A further object of this invention is to provide in a cribbage board of the character described, a spring latch to hold the drawer within the box.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide in a cribbage board of the character described, a drawer within the box provided with compartments for the cards and including means to hold the cards down within the compartments, and yet to permit the cards to be easily removed from the compartments.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a simple, compact and durable cribbage board of the character described, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate, attractive in appearance, and practical and efficient to a high degree.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in which are shown various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a cribbage board embodying the invention, with parts broken away and in cross-section, and showing the drawer partly withdrawn from the box in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the cribbage board;

Fig. 3 is a front end view thereof;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a side elevational view of one end of the drawer, and showing the cover for the peg compartment partially withdrawn, in dot, dash lines;

Fig. 7 is a top plan view of the drawer removed from the box;

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 6, but illustrating a modified construction.

Fig. 9 is a bottom plan view of a modified construction;

Fig. 10 is an end elevational view of the structure shown in Fig. 9;

Fig. 11 is an elevational, longitudinal, cross-sectional view of a still further modified construction;

Fig. 12 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 12—12 of Fig. 11;

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 13—13 of Fig. 11;

Fig. 14 is a partial view similar to Fig. 11, but illustrating still another modification; and

Fig. 15 is an end elevational view of a further modified construction.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, 10 designates a cribbage board embodying the invention, comprising a box 11 and a drawer 11a slidably mounted thereon. The box 11 has a top wall 12, and end wall 13 and side walls 14. The top wall 12 is formed with openings 16 for pegs, as in the usual cribbage board.

The inner surfaces of side walls 14 are formed adjacent the lower edges thereof, with aligned, longitudinal guide grooves 17, for the purpose hereinafter appearing.

The inner surface of the rear wall 13 is formed with a socket or recess 20 having a V-shaped projection 21, for the purpose hereinafter appearing. The front end of top wall 12 is formed on the lower side thereof with a transverse groove 21a, for the purpose hereinafter appearing.

The drawer 11a comprises a bottom wall 22 and a front wall 23. The side edges 22a of the bottom wall 12 are slidably received in the grooves 17 of the side walls 14. The upper end 23a of the front wall 23 is received in the groove 21a of the top wall 12.

Extending upwardly from the bottom wall 22, and disposed parallel to the rear edge of said bottom wall, is a vertical wall 26, from which there extends forwardly, a horizontal wall 27 and side walls 28. The side walls 28 extend forwardly beyond the wall 27. Fixed to the wall 26, is a spring catch 30 adapted to engage the projection 21 when the drawer is fully inserted in the box, to keep the drawer from accidentally slipping out.

Extending upwardly from the bottom wall 22, at substantially the mid portion thereof is a partition 33 provided with strengthening ribs 34 at the ends thereof. Extending upwardly from the bottom wall 22, and spaced from the front wall 23 is a vertical wall 36, and extending rearwardly from the front wall 23 is a horizontal wall 37, at the level of the wall 27, and extending rearwardly beyond the wall 36.

At one end of the wall 37 is a vertical wall 38 which extends from the front wall 23, rearwardly beyond the wall 37. At the other end of wall 37, is a wall 39 which extends from the wall 36, rearwardly beyond the wall 37.

The inner surfaces of walls 23 and 26 are

formed with aligned grooves 40 and 41, respectively, to slidably receive a cover member 43. The cover member 43, thus, closes the compartment 44 formed between the walls 23, 36, 22, 37 and 38. The compartment 44 is for the pegs which are used in the game of cribbage.

The partition 33 divides the bottom wall 22 into two compartments to receive decks of cards 46 and 47. Said cards may be slipped beneath the walls 27 and 37, respectively, and said walls serve to hold the cards down in place. Nevertheless, the cards are readily removable because the side walls 28, 38 and 39 do not extend all the way across the drawer.

If desired, the peg compartment may be open at the top, as shown in Fig. 8, and the bottom wall of the cribbage compartment may be rounded, as shown at 50. The front wall 23 preferably extends somewhat below the bottom wall 22, as shown at 51, so that the same may be engaged when pulling the drawer out of the box.

In Fig. 9 there is shown a cribbage board 10a embodying the invention and illustrating a modified construction. The cribbage board 10a comprises a case 60 having top, bottom and side walls. The top wall may be similar to the top wall 12 of the cribbage board 10, being formed with holes for pegs.

Hinged to the bottom edge of one of the side walls 61, is a bottom wall 62 adapted to be retained in closed condition by a spring catch 63 engaging the other side wall 64 of said case. The case 60 may be formed with any suitable compartments for cards and pegs.

In Fig. 11 there is shown a cribbage board 70 comprising a case 71 having a top wall 72 and a rear wall 73 and side walls 74. Interconnecting the side walls and the rear wall 73 is a bottom wall 75 extending half way from the rear to the front of the cribbage board. Extending up from the front edge of the bottom wall 75 is a partition 76 terminating short of the other side of the top wall 72.

Hinged to the front edge of the top wall 72, as at 76a, is a case 77 having a bottom wall 78, front wall 78 and side walls 80. Extending up from the bottom wall 78, is a partition 81 parallel to the wall 79 and forming therewith, a compartment for pegs. Between the walls 80 and the bottom wall 78 is a compartment for cards. Cards may also be placed in the compartment 83 in back of the partition 76. On the rear end of the bottom wall 78, is a spring catch 84 adapted to engage a lip 85 at the front end of the bottom wall 75 to retain the case 77 in closed condition.

In Fig. 14 there is disclosed a cribbage board 70a, similar to the cribbage board 70, with the exception that the case 77 is hinged, as at 86, at the rear end of the bottom wall 78, instead at the front end of the top wall.

In Fig. 15 there is shown a cribbage board 100 comprising a pair of similar, symmetrically disposed, cases 101 and 102 hinged together, as at 103, about a longitudinal edge thereof. The open sides of the cases face each other. The sides of the cases opposite to the hinged sides are attached together by a spring snap 106. One of the cases may be formed with the openings to receive the pegs, and the cards and pegs may be contained within the case. The two cases together form a box, as shown in Fig. 15.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

1. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall, adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall.

2. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs, and a wall extending rearwardly from the last mentioned upstanding wall and interconnected to the bottom wall by the side walls.

3. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, and a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs.

4. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs, a wall extending rearwardly from the last mentioned upstanding wall and interconnected to the bottom wall by side walls, and a central partition extending upwardly from the bottom wall.

5. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls, interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs, a wall extending rearwardly from the last mentioned upstanding wall and interconnected to the bottom wall by side walls, a central partition extending upwardly from the bottom wall, a spring catch on the first mentioned upstanding wall, and means on the rear wall of said box to engage said spring catch.

6. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls being formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs, a wall extending rearwardly from the last mentioned upstanding wall and interconnected to the bottom wall by side walls, a control partition extending upwardly from the bottom wall, and a sliding cover to close one end of the peg compartment.

7. A cribbage board comprising a box having a top wall, a rear wall and side walls, the inner surfaces of the side walls having formed with aligned, longitudinal grooves, a drawer having a bottom wall and a front wall, the side edges of the bottom wall being slidably received in said grooves, said bottom wall being formed with an upwardly extending wall adjacent its rear end, and with a wall extending forwardly from the upper end of said upstanding wall, and with side walls interconnecting said upwardly extending wall and forwardly extending wall, a wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall and spaced rearwardly of the front wall and forming a compartment therewith for pegs, a wall extending rearwardly from the last mentioned upstanding wall and interconnected to the bottom wall by side walls, a central partition extending upwardly from the bottom wall, a spring catch on the first mentioned upstanding wall, means on the rear wall of said box to engage said spring catch, and a sliding cover to close one end of the peg compartment.

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