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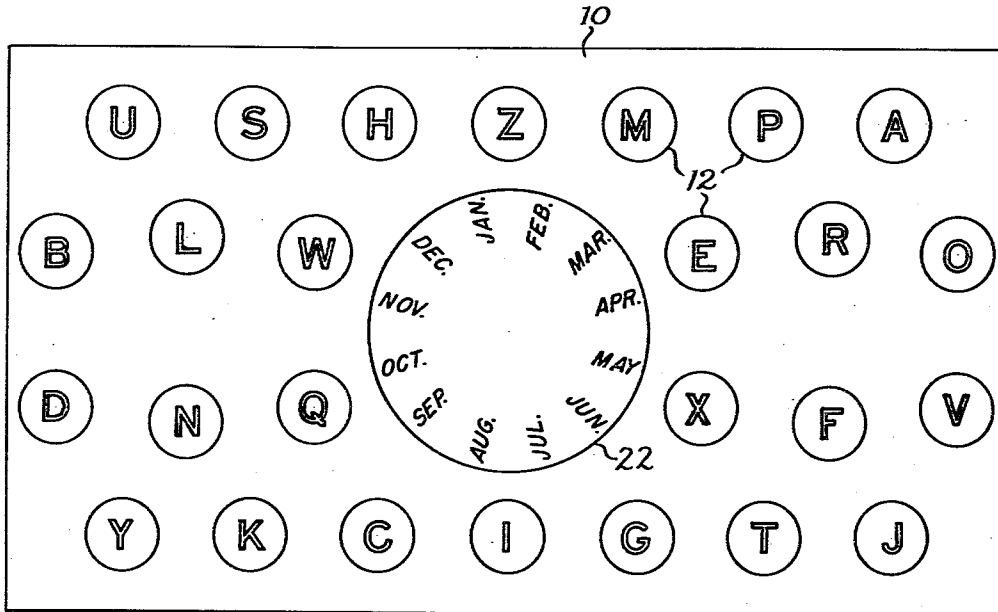


Fig. 1.

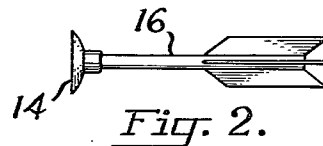


Fig. 2.

BZ - LOSE
CD - WIN
CE - LOSE

Fig. 3.

4 - TODAY
5 - MAY
6 - FRIENDS

11 - IMPROVE
12 - FINANCIAL
13 - THERE
14 - STRANGERS
15 - YOUR
16 - SURPRISE
17 - REQUIRED

106 - IF
107 - BE
108 - TRY

469 - AHEAD

Fig. 5.

CD- 13-5-107-12
16-469

Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to games, and more particularly to a dart game which provides a fortune message as a prize.

It is a principal object of the present invention to provide a simplified dart game which is exciting to play, encourages the development of skill, and rewards the winner with a fortune message.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of this invention will appear from the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a dart game board embodying features of this invention;

FIG. 2 is a plan view of a dart for use with the board in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary plan view of a scoring chart for use in the game.

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary plan view of a code chart by which a winner's fortune message is derived; and

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary fore-shortened plan view of a fortune message chart.

In its broad concept, the game of the present invention involves the tossing of one or more darts onto a game board which carries a plurality of spaced score indicating targets. The target or targets landed upon indicate a score which is referred to the scoring chart to determine whether or not the player has won the right to a fortune message. If the player has won, he may then throw the dart or darts again, and the targets landed upon are referred to the code chart for deriving the fortune message from the message chart.

In the embodiment illustrated in the drawing, there is shown in FIG. 1 a dart board 10 carrying a plurality of circular targets 12, each identified by a different letter of the alphabet. The targets are spaced apart a distance greater than the diameter of the suction cup tip 14 of the dart 16 shown in FIG. 2. In this manner it is possible for a player's dart to land outside a target, in which case the player either loses his turn or is required to throw again. The penalty of a lost turn thus induces the player to improve his skill of throwing the dart.

The scoring chart 18 shown fragmentarily in FIG. 3 carries a tabulation of pairs of letters, some designated as losers and others designated as winners. It will be understood that the tabulation may be of single letters or combinations of three or more letters, as desired. The number of throws to the dart board by any player corresponds with the number of scoring letters.

The code chart 20 shown fragmentarily in FIG. 4 also is a tabulation of pairs of letters. If the code letters are to be used from the initial throws of a player, which throws would be indicated a winner on the scoring chart, then the number of code letters should be the same as the number of letters on the scoring chart. For example, the pair of letters CD is shown to be a winning combina-

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tion on the scoring chart 18, and this same pair of letters therefore is used on the code chart 20.

On the other hand, the game may provide for a winning player to throw the darts again to establish his code. In this event the number of dart throws may vary from one to several, and the code letters on the code chart 20 would correspond thereto.

The game may also require that a winning combination of letters on the scoring chart must also include the first letter of the birth month of the player, in order to entitle the player to a fortune message. In such event it may be desirable to provide on the board 10 a tabulation of the months, to remind the players of this requirement. In the embodiment illustrated, this tabulation is provided in a circular array on the central target 22.

As an alternative procedure, this central target may be utilized as a winning score if a dart lands on the birth month of the player, thus awarding the player an additional toss of the darts to establish the code letters for the fortune message.

The target letters on which the darts land then are referred to the code chart 20, the letters being assembled in alphabetical order. Associated with the code letters are a series of random numbers which, when referred to the message chart 24 in the order of their listing, spell out the fortune message.

Thus, from the foregoing it will be apparent that the present invention provides an entertaining game which not only induces the attainment of skill in throwing darts, but also rewards the players with fascinating and amusing fortune messages.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various changes and modifications may be made in the structural details, number and arrangement of elements, number and types of indicia, and modes and rules of play, without departing from the spirit of this invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Having now described my invention and the manner in which it may be used, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A fortune telling dart game, comprising, in combination, a dart board having thereon a plurality of spaced targets each carrying a different scoring indicium, at least one dart having a tip end adapted to be secured to the dart board when thrown, a code chart having thereon a plurality of codes each consisting of a different combination of indicia corresponding to the scoring indicia on the targets, the code chart also having thereon a combination of message word indicia associated with each code, there being a different combination for each code, and a message chart having thereon a plurality of words each identified by a different message word indicium, whereby to spell out a fortune message related to the combination of message word indicia associated with each code on the code chart.

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