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Fig. 1

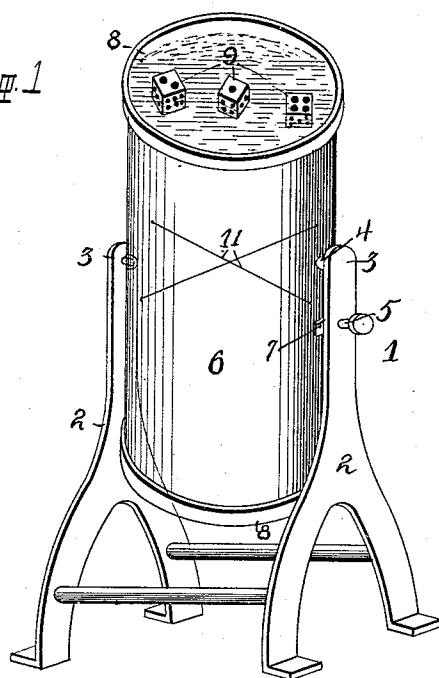
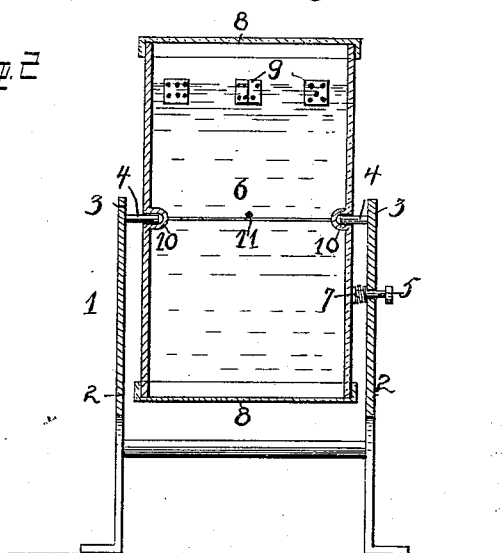


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY J. SAXTON, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in "games;" and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and designated in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my complete invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same.

The object of my invention is to construct an improved apparatus for playing dice and similar games, and in place of shaking the dice in the usual and well-known manner I place the same in a hermetically-sealed receptacle filled with liquid and placing in said receptacle dice or similar devices. I also place in said receptacle wires or similar devices for striking and turning the dice as the receptacle is revolved, to be more fully hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the stand for the receptacle, which is composed of legs 2 of the construction as illustrated in Fig. 1. The standard portion 3 of said legs are provided with knobs or projections 4, on which the receptacle is mounted in a manner as will be more specifically hereinafter described. Mounted in one of the legs 2 is a clamping device 5, which normally holds the receptacle 6 in a vertical position. Said clamping device 5 is provided with a concave portion 7 similar in contour to the external surface of the receptacle 6.

Having given a description of the supporting mechanism for the receptacle 6, I will now proceed to describe the receptacle itself. Said receptacle is composed of a transparent substance, or at least the ends 8 of the same should be transparent, so that the dice 9, located in the same, can be seen. Said receptacle is filled with any liquid desired and is hermetically sealed in any suitable and mechanical manner. Said receptacle 6 is pivoted in the stand 1, as illustrated in the drawings, where-

in the said receptacle is shown provided with circular depressions 10, formed therein, in which the projections 4 are adapted to snugly fit. However, I do not wish to limit myself to this construction of pivoting the receptacle 6 in the stand 1.

Located in the receptacle 6 are wires 11, which pass at right angles, as illustrated in Fig. 1, for the purpose more fully hereinafter described.

The dice 9 are constructed of any suitable material of less specific gravity than water or the liquid contained in the receptacle, and no matter what end of the receptacle 6 is up the dice 9 will float to the top and can be seen through the transparent ends 8. When the receptacle 6 is revolved, the dice 9 will come in contact with the wires 11 and will be turned over. This operation may be repeated as often as desired. In other words, the dice 9 are to be "shaken" by the revolution of the receptacle 6. I desire to state in this connection that I may use any number of wires, such as 11, or any other device, adapted to turn the dice when receptacle 6 is revolved. In place of using dice I may use the invention, as described, for playing similar games. The receptacle 6 may be also constructed out of any material. The only necessary requirement, however, in the construction is to have the ends transparent, so that the dice may be seen through the same.

The method of playing dice or any similar game in accordance with the principle of my invention is as follows: After the dice have been located in the hermetically-sealed receptacle 6, and if the same be in a vertical position, the dice will float toward the transparent ends 8—or that is, the end that is turned up—and can be readily read through said ends, and by revolving said receptacle the dice will pass to the opposite end and will show faces provided with the different number of dots to that previously shown. In this manner the game is played. In other words, in place of shaking the dice in the ordinary way they are shook in a hermetically-sealed vessel filled with liquid, which is presumed prevents all cheating and tricks in the game.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A hermetically-sealed receptacle containing dice and filled with a fluid having greater specific gravity than the dice located in said receptacle, substantially as set forth.
 - 5 2. A hermetically-sealed receptacle filled with a liquid and dice located in said receptacle, substantially as set forth.
 3. A hermetically-sealed dice-box filled with a liquid, dice located in said box, and devices
10 located in the same for disturbing the passage of said dice through said liquid, substantially as set forth.
 4. The herein-described apparatus for playing dice and similar games, comprising a hermetically-sealed receptacle pivotally mounted
15 in a stand, liquid contained in said receptacle, and means for holding the same in a vertical position when it is desired not to revolve the same, substantially as set forth.
 - 20 5. The herein-described apparatus for playing dice and similar games, which consists of a stand, hermetically-sealed receptacle pivotally mounted on the same, wires or similar devices passing through said receptacle, liquid contained in the same, a clamping device for holding said receptacle in a vertical
25 position when desired, and dice or similar symbols of similar games located in said receptacle, substantially as set forth.
 6. The herein-described apparatus for playing dice and similar games, comprising a hermetically-sealed receptacle provided with transparent ends, liquid contained in said receptacle, devices located in the same for disturbing the passage of the dice through said
30 liquid when said receptacle is revolved, and means for holding said receptacle in a vertical position when desired, substantially as set forth.
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