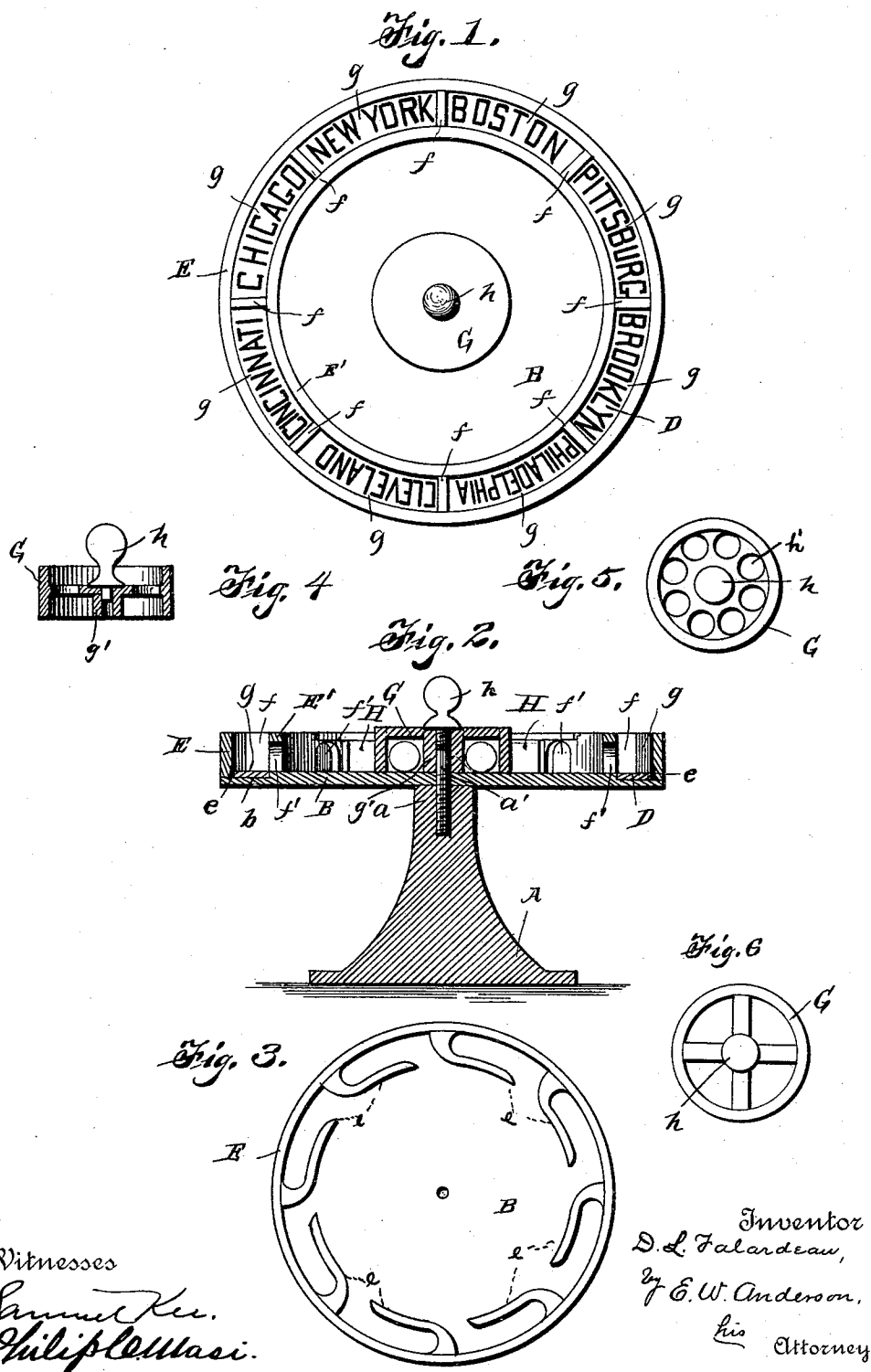


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DENNIS L. FALARDEAU, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cohoes, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a top plan view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modified form of outer ring. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views showing modified forms of the cup. Fig. 6 is a plan view of the cup shown in Fig. 2.

The invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in game apparatus; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter specified, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates a suitable base or support having a standard *a*, in the upper end of which is a vertical pivot-stud *a'*.

B designates a circular disk or carriage axially journaled on said pivot and designed to revolve freely thereon, said stud projecting through a short distance above its upper surface.

D designates an annular dial, preferably of slightly less diameter than the disk or carriage B, on which it is concentrically placed. The marginal edge of said disk on its upper surface is usually reduced or shouldered, as shown at *b*, to receive said dial.

On the upper surface of the dial are suitably marked the names of different ball-clubs, preferably eight in number, corresponding to the number of clubs in an association.

E designates an annular ring, also concentric with the disk B and resting on the outer marginal edge of said disk around the dial D. It may be secured in place by small pins *ee*, and serves to hold the dial to its place.

E' is a second ring of less diameter than the ring E, but concentric therewith, and connected thereto by a series of radially-disposed arms *f*, which serve to divide the space be-

tween the two rings into a series of pockets *g*. These pockets should correspond in number and location with the spaces on the dial over which they are placed.

G designates a small cup or cylinder open at both ends and having a center piece *g'*, to which is secured a knob or handle *h* and in which is formed a bearing to receive the upper end of the pivot-stud *a'*, when said cylinder or receptacle is placed upon the carriage, as shown.

The entrances to the pockets *g* are through a series of openings *f'*, formed in the inner ring E'. However, if desired, said inner ring may be dispensed with and a series of curved arms *e* be connected to the outer ring E, leaving a small space between their ends to form the entrance to the spaces or pockets between them, as shown in Fig. 3.

A series of bars or gates H may be provided, if desired, by means of which any of the openings *f'* may be closed to bar entrance to the pockets.

The idea of the game is as follows: In the cup or receptacle G when it is placed upon the carriage is placed any desired number of small balls or marbles K. Each player selects his favorite club or clubs from those marked upon the dial. The carriage is then spun or set in motion, and when its movement becomes steady the cup is lifted off the carriage, releasing the balls or marbles, which by the rotary movement of said carriage are thrown outwardly toward the pockets, into which more or less of the number will enter. The winner is the person whose pockets or spaces catch the greater number of the balls.

It is obvious that instead of marking the dial with the names of ball-clubs, it may bear any suitable representations, such as numbers or the names of persons or places.

The dial D might be marked on the surface of the carriage B, instead of employing a separate piece, as above described; but I prefer the latter, inasmuch as it permits dials bearing different representations to be used interchangeably on the same carriage.

The particular form of base or support shown is not essential, as any suitable device may be employed.

Each pocket or division on the dial may be also marked with a different color, the balls

being correspondingly colored, the idea being to lodge each ball or as many as possible in its or their correspondingly-colored pocket or pockets, no count being made unless this is done.

Another game may be played by removing the cylinder or cup and by manipulating the carriage endeavor to send each ball into its pocket or all into one pocket, and then bringing them all out into the center of the outside ring.

In Figs. 4 and 5 are shown modified forms of the cup, wherein it is shown with partitions or divisions for the balls, which may be introduced therein through aperture *h'*.

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

1. The herein-described game apparatus, comprising a base or support having a vertical pivot or standard, a circular disk or carriage loosely journaled thereon, the dial marked around the marginal edge of said carriage, a ring supported on said dial and form-

ing a series of pockets in said dial, an opening communicating with said pockets, a cap removably supported centrally on said carriage, and the balls or marbles, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described game apparatus, comprising the base or support having a vertical pivot, a circular rotary carriage loosely journaled on said pivot, a dial bearing a series of indications removably supported on the marginal edge of said carriage, outer and inner rings supported on said carriage, a series of pockets between said rings, a series of openings through said inner rings communicating with said pockets, and a removable cup supported centrally on said carriage adapted to hold balls or marbles, substantially as specified.

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

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