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FIG. 1.

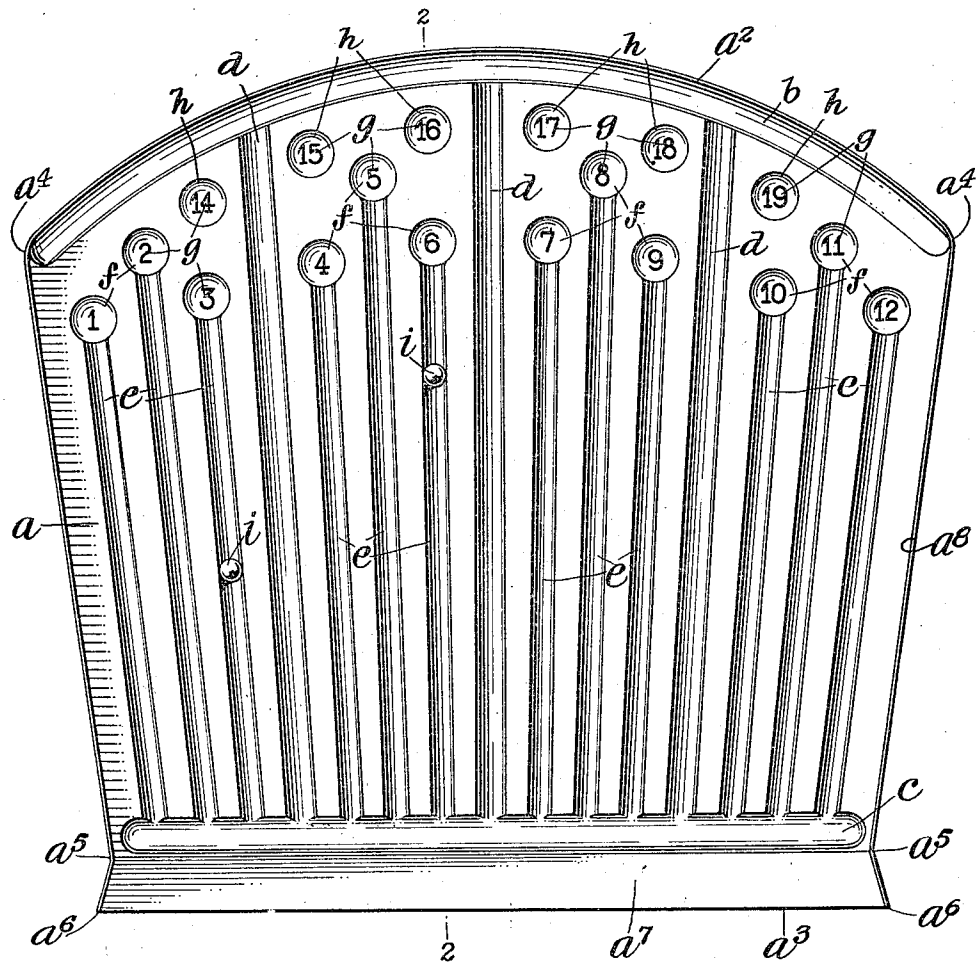
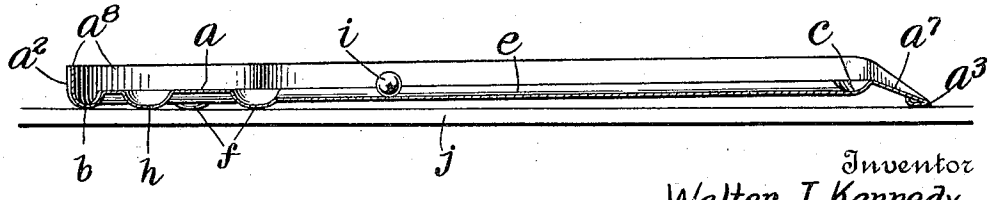


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER J. KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to game devices and the object thereof is to provide a device of this class which is designed to amuse both young and old, and which involves the use of a game board and marbles or small balls or spherical bodies and the successful playing of which will involve the exercise of a considerable degree of skill.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game device; and,

Fig. 2 a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and showing the device placed on a table or support.

In the practice of my invention I provide a board a which, in the construction shown, is stamped from sheet metal and provided with an arc-shaped back edge a^2 and a straight front edge a^3, and the side edges of which are preferably inclined or tapered inwardly from the back corners a^4 to the points a^5 adjacent to the front corners a^6. That part of the front edge portion of the board between the points a^5 and a^6 is downwardly inclined as shown at a^7 and extending entirely around the board, except the front edge portion a^3, is a raised flange or wall a^8.

At the back edge portion of the board is an arc-shaped trench or groove b and in the front edge portion thereof between the points a^5 is a transverse trench or groove c, and extending from the trench or groove c to the trench or groove b are a plurality of equally spaced grooves d, the bottoms of which are flush with the bottom of the trench or groove c but higher than the bottom of the trench or groove b, or said trench or groove b is deeper than the grooves d.

The grooves d are preferably three in number, and between each of said grooves and between the outer grooves d and side edges of the board are other grooves e which, in the construction shown, are arranged in series of three and which communicate with the trench or groove c, and the bottoms of which are flush with the bottom of the trench or groove c. The grooves e are shorter than the grooves d and terminate inwardly of the trench or groove b and communicate with cup shaped recesses f, and the recesses f are provided, as shown, with numbers g which may be selected or used arbitrarily, or in any desired manner.

The central groove of each of the series of grooves e is longer than the side grooves of each series, in the construction shown, and the back edge portion of the board is also provided with a plurality of cup-shaped recesses h similar to the recesses f which are also provided with numbers g, the same as the recesses f, but the recesses h do not communicate with any of the trenches or grooves.

In playing the game, the board is placed on a suitable table or support j and the form or shape of the board is such that when so placed the front part thereof is raised and the whole board supported at a backward and downward inclination. The game is played by means of marbles or balls i, any desired number of which may be used, and two or more parties may play the game. Each player is given a predetermined number of balls, and in playing the game the balls are manipulated in the manner of ordinary marbles and passed up over the downwardly inclined surface a^7 into the trench or groove c from which they roll backwardly either through the grooves d, or the grooves e. If they pass through the grooves d into the trench or groove b, they remain therein and do not count, but if they pass through the grooves e into the recesses f, the numbers in said recesses are counted in favor of the player in the manner of other games of this class. If the balls roll through the grooves e into the recesses f and then pass out of said recesses into the trench or groove b, they do not count, but if they should lodge in the recesses h, the numbers by which said recesses are designated are counted in favor of the player.

Each player may have any predetermined number of plays and any predetermined number of balls, and a player winning the highest number of points in a predetermined

number of plays with a predetermined number of balls wins the game.

My improved game device may also be used for the purpose of playing a war game or games in which any desired names, designating marks or characters may be given the various parts of the board, or the grooves, trenches and recesses therein, and the balls may represent men, and the various parts of the board may be distinctively colored and any suitable rules may be provided for the playing of the game.

My invention is not limited to the shape of the board *a* nor to the forming thereof of sheet metal, and said board may be composed of any desired material, all that is necessary being that the top surface thereof corresponds with the surface of the board *a*, as herein shown and described.

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

1. In a game device, a board having front and back edge portions, and the surface of which is provided forwardly of the back edge portion with an arc-shaped groove and adjacent to the front edge portion with a transverse groove, said surface being also provided with a plurality of grooves which extend from said transverse groove to said arc-shaped groove and communicate therewith, and other grooves which extend from the transverse groove backwardly to predetermined points where they communicate with cup-shaped recesses.

2. In a game device, a board having front and back edge portions, and the surface of which is provided forwardly of the back edge portion with an arc-shaped groove and adjacent to the front edge portion with a transverse groove, said surface being also provided with a plurality of grooves which extend from said transverse groove to said arc-shaped groove and communicate therewith, and other grooves which extend from the transverse groove backwardly to predetermined points where they communicate with cup-shaped recesses, said surface of the board being also provided in the back part thereof with other cup-shaped recesses.

3. In a game device, a board the top surface of which is inclined downwardly and backwardly except at the front edge thereof where it is inclined downwardly and forwardly, said surface being also provided rearwardly of the downwardly and forwardly inclined surface with a transverse groove and in the back edge portion thereof with a transverse groove, other grooves forming a communication between said transverse grooves and other grooves communicating with the front transverse groove and extending backwardly a predetermined distance and communicating with recesses in the top surface of the board.

4. In a game device, a board the top surface of which is inclined downwardly and backwardly except at the front edge thereof where it is inclined downwardly and forwardly, said surface being also provided rearwardly of the downwardly and forwardly inclined surface with a transverse groove and in the back edge portion thereof with a transverse groove, other grooves forming a communication between said transverse grooves and other grooves communicating with the front transverse groove and extending backwardly a predetermined distance and communicating with recesses in the top surface of the board, the back top surface of the board being also provided with other recesses.

5. In a game device, a board approximately rectangular in form the back and side edges of which are provided with raised walls and the front edge portion of which is downwardly and forwardly inclined, the top surface of said board being provided with a plurality of grooves which range forwardly and backwardly and recesses formed in said top surface and communicating with the rear ends of said grooves.

6. In a game device, a board approximately rectangular in form the back and side edges of which are provided with raised walls and the front edge portion of which is downwardly and forwardly inclined, the top surface of said board being provided with a plurality of grooves which range forwardly and backwardly, recesses formed in said top surface and communicating with the rear ends of said grooves, and other recesses formed in said top surface adjacent to said first named recesses.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 26th day of September, 1917.

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