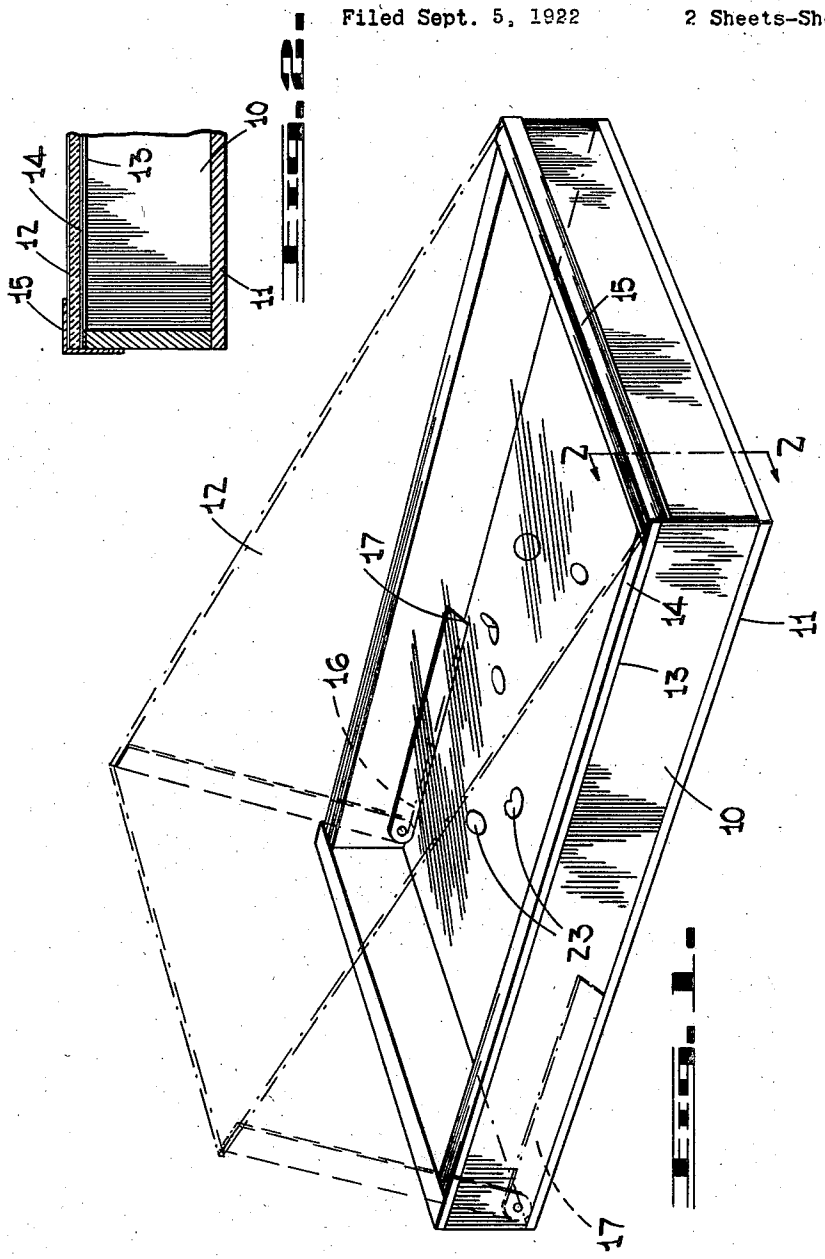
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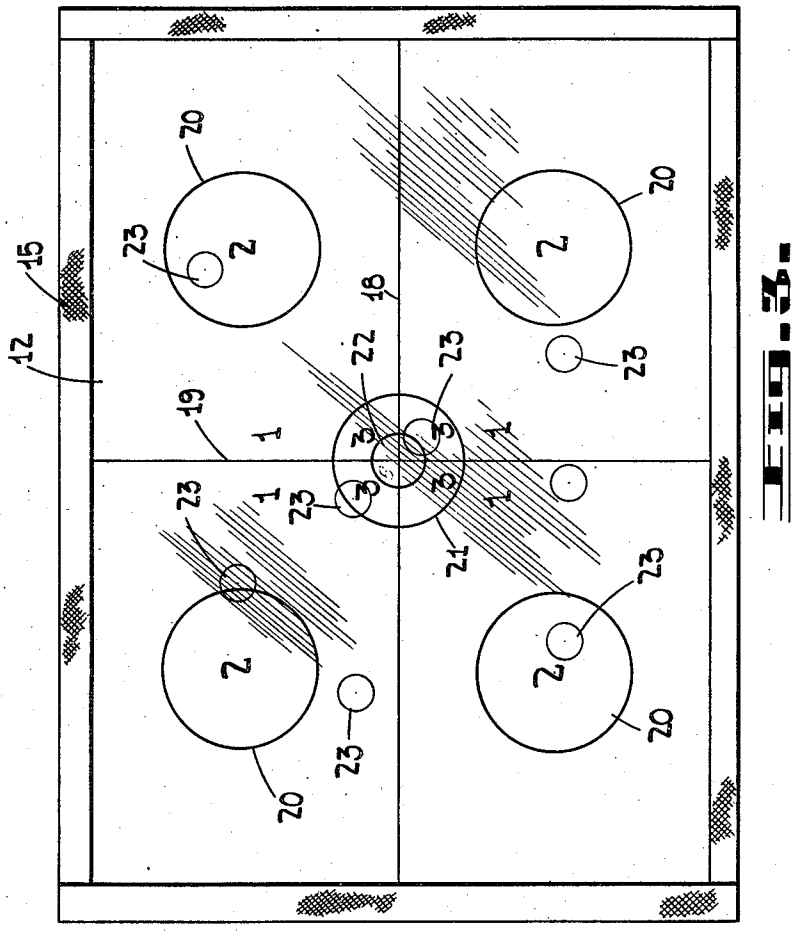


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK PORTMAN, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, and resident of Vernon, in the county of Yale and Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in a game which will be instructive and entertaining to persons of various ages and which will afford much amusement for those playing and others who may be watching the game.

The invention has for a primary object the provision of a game of the character stated, which will include a transparent member employed as the cover of a box containing small game pieces of light weight which are attracted to the transparent cover member as a result of rubbing the upper side of the cover member, numbered circles, squares, or both, being provided on the cover member so as to determine the points made in the playing of the game by the numbers on the portions of the cover member with which the game pieces are engaged.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a game of the character stated, in which the transparent cover member will be hingedly mounted on the game piece box so that it may be raised when desired for the purpose of removing the game pieces from the transparent cover member and arranging the game pieces in the box.

The invention has for a further object the provision of a game of the character described, which will be amusing when played in any one of a number of different ways and which will be comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, may be played by any number of persons and will be composed of the minimum number of parts.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of co-operating elements as hereinafter more specifically set forth, claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings forming a part of the present application in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the game apparatus with the transparent box cover member indicated as being supported in its raised position by dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary detail section substantially on the plane of line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the game apparatus with the cover member in closed position and disclosing a manner of marking the cover member.

Referring more in detail to the drawings, in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, 10 indicates the box which is shown as being of rectangular form and provided with a bottom 11 of cardboard or other suitable material. The box 10 has an open upper side on which is mounted the transparent cover member 12 constructed of glass or the like. Suitable cushioning strips 13 are secured upon the upper edges of the sides and ends of the box 10, as shown clearly in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The cover member 12 has the edge protecting strips 14 secured around its edges and extending over both the upper and lower sides of the cover member 12, as shown in the drawings. The cover member 12 is hinged to one end of the box 10 by the flexible hinge strip 15, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2, one portion of the hinge strip 15 being secured on the end of the box 10, while the opposite portion of the strip 15 is secured to the end of the cover member 12. The cover member 12 may be raised by its opposite or free end and may be supported in raised position, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, by means of the pivoted supporting legs 16. These legs 16 are carried in the box 10 and pivoted thereto beneath the free end portion of the cover member 12. The supporting legs 16 have bevelled free ends 17 for receiving the cover member 12 when the legs 16 are raised. The end of the box 10 will prevent the legs 16 from swinging outwardly past the end of the cover member 12.

In Fig. 3 of the drawings, the cover member 12 is shown as being marked off into corner squares by a central longitudinal dividing line 18 and a central transverse dividing line 19. Each square is numbered "1." Within each square is a centrally located circle 20 and each circle 20 is numbered "2." A central circle 21 is provided at the intersection of the dividing lines 18 and 19. In each quarter of this central

circle 21 will be found the numeral "3." A comparatively small central circle 22 is provided within the central circle 21 and at the exact centre of the cover member 12. This small central circle has therein the numeral "5." The numerals "1," "2," "3," and "5" indicate the value of the respective sections on the cover member 12 to which such numerals apply and the points made by each player are counted according to the marking of the several sections of the cover member 12, as will be later more clearly stated.

For use in connection with the box 10 and its cover member 12, the game pieces 23 are employed. These game pieces consist preferably of small pieces of a thin, light-weight paper and may be circular, as shown, or of any other configuration. The game pieces 23 may be arranged in a particular manner or order within the box 10 or may be placed indiscriminately as desired while the cover member 12 thereof is in its raised position. After closing the cover member 12, the game pieces 23 may be attracted to the under side of the cover member 12 as will be later more clearly stated. The game pieces 23 and the comparatively small central circle 22 should be of approximately the same diameter, thereby making it necessary for the player to bring a game piece to the exact centre of the cover member 12 in order to count five points.

The construction of all of the game apparatus included in this game should now be clear without further detailed description. While many different sets of rules may be provided for playing the game, the principle in each case will be the same, the object always being to bring the game pieces from the floor or bottom 11 of the box 10 to the under side of the cover member 12 by rubbing the upper side of the cover member 12. The act of rubbing the upper side of the cover member 12 with cloth, the hand or other suitable means results in charging the cover member 12 with static electricity, thereby attracting the game pieces 23 to the under side of the cover member 12. The cover member 12 may be rubbed with a circular movement over the same, beginning at the centre, or by movements longitudinally, transversely or diagonally over the cover member 12, when attempting to bring the game pieces 23 to position upon the marked portions of the cover member 12 where the greater number of points may be counted as a result of the positions of the game pieces 23 on the cover member 12. The scoring is determined by the numbers "1", "2", "3", and "5". The game is won by the player having the greatest number of points at the end of the game. The players may play in turn, each one continuing for a predetermined number of seconds or minutes in his effort to draw the game pieces against the highest counting portions of the cover member 12. After each play, the cover member 12 should be raised and supported upon the legs 16, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, while the game pieces 23 are removed therefrom and again placed on the bottom 11 of the box 10, ready for the next player. It is evident that the game pieces 23 may be of different colors or of different values, if desired, and any appropriate rules may be provided for the playing of the game.

While the preferred embodiment of the invention has been disclosed, it is to be understood that minor changes may be resorted to within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim as new is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a game box, a cover member hinged to said box, means carried by said box to support the cover member in raised position, game pieces adapted to rest in said game box, said cover member being adapted to be charged with static electricity to attract the game pieces to the under side of said cover member when the latter is in closed position, cushion strips for the edges of the cover member, said cushion strips being carried on the upper edge of the sides and ends of the box and edge protecting members secured upon the cover member around the edges thereof.

2. A game apparatus comprising a game piece container, a transparent cover member hinged to said container and resting upon the edges thereof, said transparent cover member being marked off into squares with circles in the squares and inner and outer circles intersecting the dividing lines of the squares on the transparent cover member, said squares and circles being numbered, game pieces within said game piece container, said game pieces being adapted to be attracted to the under face of the transparent cover member opposite the numbered squares and circles as a result of charging the transparent cover member with static electricity by rubbing the outer side of said transparent cover member and pivoted means within said game piece container to support said transparent cover member in raised position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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