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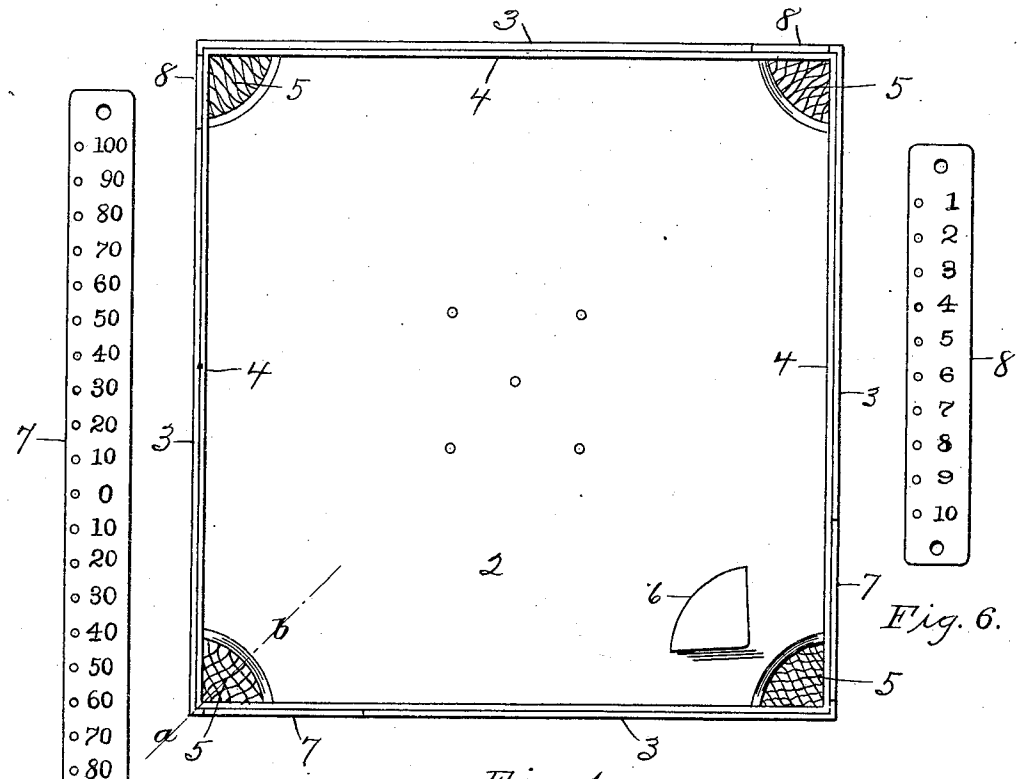


Fig. 1.

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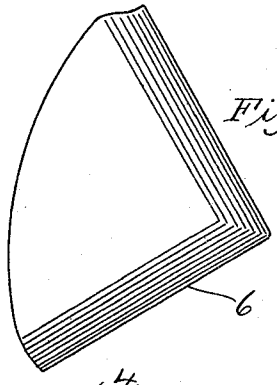


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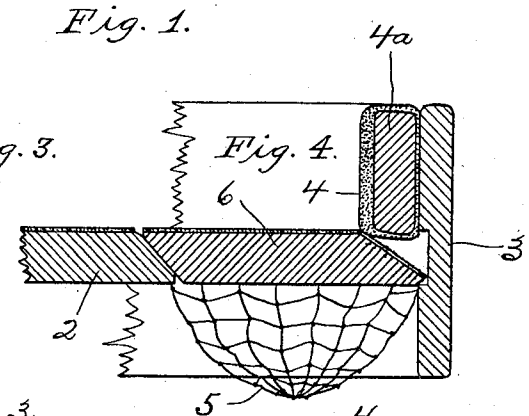


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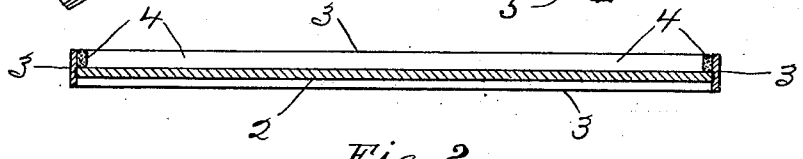


Fig. 2.

Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR FRANKLIN CARSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of South Bend, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in combination game-boards; and the principal object of my invention is to produce a board having pockets in its corners and to provide each of the pockets with a detachable stopper-plate, whereby when these stoppers are in position the surface of the board is unbroken and when the stoppers are removed games in which the pockets are used may be played.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear hereinafter, and I will proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game-board constructed in accordance with my invention with all of the stoppers removed from the pocket-openings. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the board. Fig. 3 is an enlarged view of one of the stoppers, showing its upper face. Fig. 4 is a correspondingly-enlarged broken-away sectional view taken on line *a b* of Fig. 1, with one of the stoppers in position. Fig. 5 is an enlarged view of one of the long counting-plates. Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of one of the short counting-plates.

2 designates the board proper, and 3 designates side rails, which are secured to the edges of the board in any suitable manner. As shown in Fig. 2, these rails extend both above and below the board. The side shown uppermost in this figure will be termed the "top," although the board is reversible and certain games may be played on the opposite side.

Four cushions 4 are secured to the inner faces of the rails 3, respectively, on top of the board. The detail construction of these cushions is substantially as shown in Fig. 4. A wooden strip 4^a is covered with felt or similar material, a single thickness thereof being interposed between the strip and the rail to which it is secured. The cushion 4 may be formed of a plurality of layers of the felt, or it may be made of any other somewhat elastic material and covered with the felt cloth. In each corner of the board 2 is formed a substantially triangular or quadrant-shaped opening having one of its sides beveled, as shown in Fig. 4. A net-pocket 5 is secured in any suitable manner to the edges of each opening. For each opening I provide a correspondingly-shaped stopper 6. If the board is covered with felt, the upper face of each stopper is covered with felt also, as shown. Each stopper 6 when in position is supported by the beveled edge of the opening and by a shoulder in rail 3, as shown in Fig. 4. Secured to each of two adjacent rails 3 is a counting-plate 7, containing perforations arranged longitudinally. Opposite these perforations are numbers, as shown, for counting points won or lost in the game. Secured to each of the other two rails 3 is a short counting-plate 8, containing perforations and numbers for counting games won. The plates 7, one of which is shown in detail in Fig. 5, are duplicates, and plates 8, one of which is shown in Fig. 6, are duplicates. The perforations extend some distance into the rails, so that pins or pegs used as counters may be retained therein. One player on each side uses one of the long counting-plates and one of the short plates when two or four are playing.

Five spots are arranged in the center of the board, as shown, for marking positions of pins or balls used in playing certain games.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A game-board having sector-shaped pocket-openings in its respective corners, the curved side of each opening being beveled, and sector-shaped stopper-plates adapted to fit said openings, substantially as described.

2. In a game-board having corner-pockets, the combination of side rails having longitudinal grooves in their inner faces, cushion-strips secured to the side rails above said grooves, a pocket-opening at the junction of two of the side rails, and a detachable stopper-plate, beveled on its upper straight edges adjacent to said side rails; the lower straight edges of the stopper-plate being supported by the lower shoulders formed by two of the aforesaid grooves, substantially as described.

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

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