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GAME BOARD.

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FIG. 1.

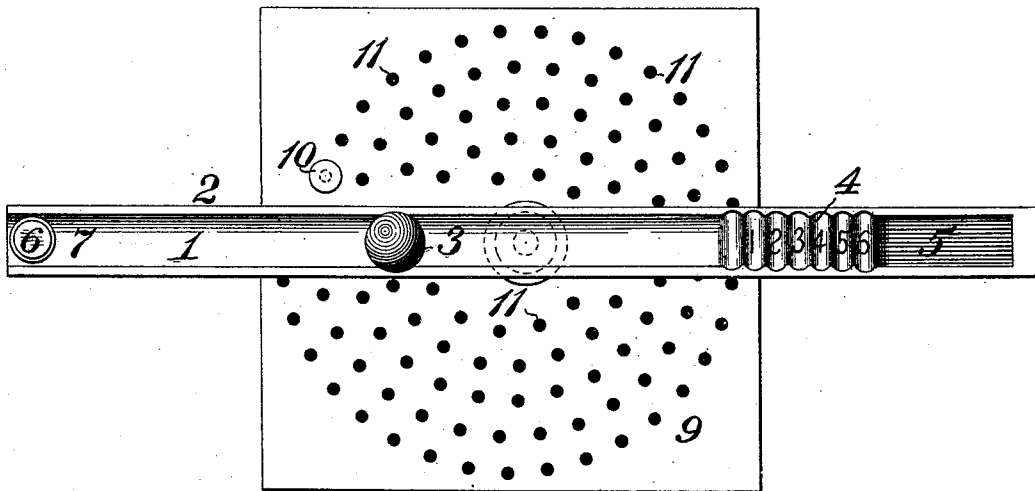
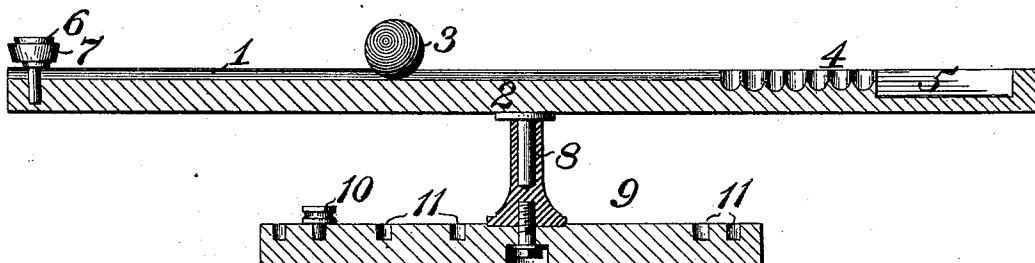


FIG. 2.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. NEGLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which improvements the following is a specification.

The invention described herein relates to certain improvements in games; and it consists, generally stated, of a trough for the traverse of a ball and provided at or near one end with pockets having a graduated value for the reception of the ball, all as more fully herein-after described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game, and Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same.

In the practice of my invention I form a groove 1 in the upper side of a piece 2, of wood or metal, the depth and width of the groove being dependent upon the size of the ball 3 used in playing the game. At one end of the groove I form a series of two or more pockets 4, in which the ball may lodge, dependent upon the rapidity of its movement along the groove, and beyond the pockets at or near the end of the piece 2 is formed a deeper depression 5 for the reception of balls which have too great a momentum to be checked by the pockets 4.

In playing the game the ball may be started from the end of the trough opposite that having the pockets 4 and depression or pit 5, the aim being to cause the ball to lodge in one of the pockets, which increase in value as regards the points of the game in proportion to their distance from the starting-point of the ball. It is preferred, however, to close the end of the trough by a pin 6, provided with an elastic cushion 7, and to roll the ball from a point adjacent to the pockets against the cushioned pin, so that on its rebound therefrom it will retraverse the trough toward the

pockets. If preferred, the ball may be made of some elastic material, in which the pin need not be cushioned.

For convenience in playing the trough is pivotally mounted on a stud 8, secured to the board 9, so that it may be turned around in line with players as their turns to play come around. The counting of the points made by each player is effected by means of different-colored pins 10, adapted to be stuck in a series of holes 11, arranged in a spiral in the board 9. In case one player makes the same number of points as a preceding player, so that it will be necessary for the second player to place his pin in the hole occupied by the first player, the latter must withdraw his pin and begin from the first hole again.

I claim herein as my invention—

1. In a game-board, the combination of a trough stationary as against vertical movement, a series of pockets arranged in line with each other and the trough, a pit behind the pockets, and a ball adapted to be propelled along the trough into the pockets, substantially as set forth.

2. In a game-board, the combination of a trough, a series of pockets arranged in line with each other and the trough, and at one end thereof a cushioned pin located at the opposite end, and a ball adapted to be rolled against the pin and rebound along the trough into the pockets, substantially as set forth.

3. In a game-board, the combination of a trough stationary as against vertical movement, a series of pockets arranged in line with each other and with the trough, a pivotal support for the trough, and a ball adapted to be propelled along the trough into the pockets, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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