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Fig. 1.

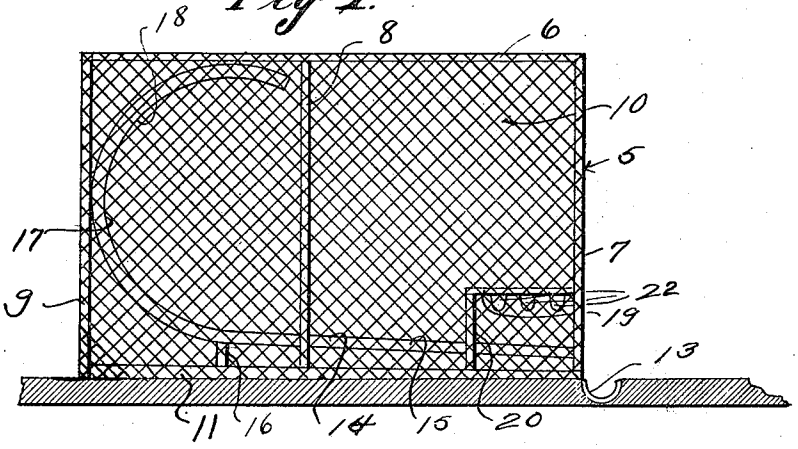


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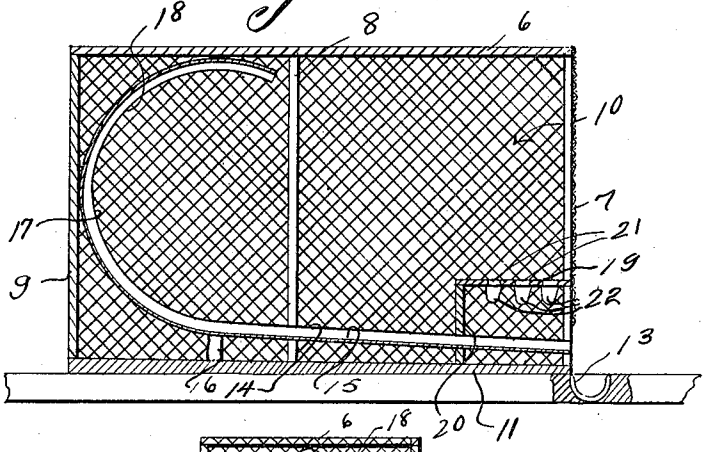
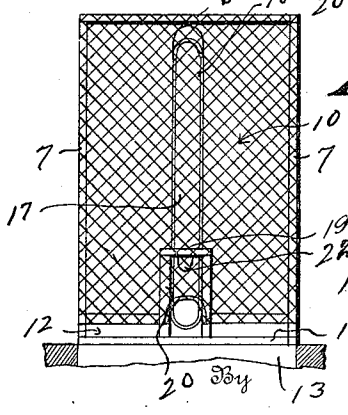


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUBREY H. H. DES BARRES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at New Glasgow, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby 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.

This invention is an improvement in amusement devices and has for one of its objects the provision of an improved game wherein a ball is thrown upon and deflected by a chute or runway into either of a series of pockets, the success of a player in the game depending entirely upon the skill exercised in varying the speed with which the ball is delivered into the chute or runway.

Another object is to provide a game of this class which is simple in construction, easy to manufacture and which may be employed either as a parlor game or be erected in amusement resorts and other public places.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions one of which, for the purpose of illustrating the invention, is shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the game constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation.

The drawing illustrates what is now believed to be a preferred form of the invention which comprises a cage 5 of rectangular formation and made in any size desired and including a top frame 6 supported by the front, intermediate and vertical braces 7, 8 and 9. The sides, front, rear and top of the cage are covered by the wire netting 10 which confines the apparatus and prevents the loss of the balls used in playing the game.

The bottom 11 of the cage is forwardly and downwardly inclined so that should any of the balls with which the game is played fall upon the bottom the same will roll to the front of the cage and pass through the opening 12 formed in the bottom of the front portion of the wire netting from whence said balls will roll into a small gutter or groove 13 formed transversely across the front of the cage at a point outside of the wire netting where the same will be readily accessible to the players. The chute or runway 14 is mounted in the cage longitudinally thereof and has its base or ball receiving portion 15 disposed in a downwardly and forwardly inclined position slightly above the bottom 11 so that as the ball is thrown upon the forward end of the base the same will travel in a rearward and upward direction. The chute or runway is made of a trough shape or curved formation throughout its entire length so as to aid in guiding the balls along the same to the delivery end thereof. At the rear end of the base portion 15 the same is supported by a brace 16 and said rear end of the base is continued and curved upwardly upon the arc of a circle as indicated at 17 to provide the delivery portion 18 of the chute the free end of which is curved upon the arc of a different circle from the portion 17 so that said free end will be projected downwardly and forwardly to cause the balls leaving said end to be deflected in a similar direction.

At the forward end of the cage 5 and directly over the point where the forward end of the base portion 15 extends through the front of the cage there is positioned a table 19 supported by legs 20 extending on each side of the base portion 15 and provided in its top with a series of openings 21 beneath which are arranged the pockets 22 into which a ball delivered upon the chute or runway and deflected from the delivery end thereof will fall. Each of these pockets 22 will have a different number or scoring value and it will be the purpose of each player to skilfully gage the delivery of the ball upon the chute or runway in such manner that upon leaving the delivery end thereof said ball will have sufficient speed in its flight to carry forwardly and downwardly into one of the pockets. It will be apparent from the drawing that the top of the table will be disposed a considerable distance forwardly of the delivery end 18 and below a line which is tangent to the curve of said end at its free extremity and in this manner the ball delivered into the chute will have a considerable flight after

leaving the same and before falling into any one of the pockets. Should the player be unsuccessful in pocketing a ball the same will fall upon the bottom 11 and roll forwardly beneath the front wire netting and into the trough 13 so as to again be accessible to the player.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a cage having a downwardly and forwardly inclined bottom, a table supported at the forward end of said cage above said bottom, a series of pockets depending from said table, and a chute having a base portion the forward end of which is disposed beneath said table and the rear end of which is curved upwardly to provide a delivery portion, the free end of which is extended downwardly and forwardly to deflect the flight of a ball in a similar direction and toward said series of pockets, said table having its rear end arranged forwardly of the free extremity of said delivery portion and being disposed below a line tangential to said extremity.

2. A device of the class described comprising a table having a series of pockets, a chute having a base portion the forward end of which is disposed beneath said table and the rear end of which is curved upwardly to provide a delivery portion, the free end of which is extended downwardly and forwardly to deflect the flight of a ball in a similar direction and toward said series of pockets, said table having its rear end arranged forwardly of the free extremity of said delivery portion and in spaced relation thereto.

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

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