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Game Board,

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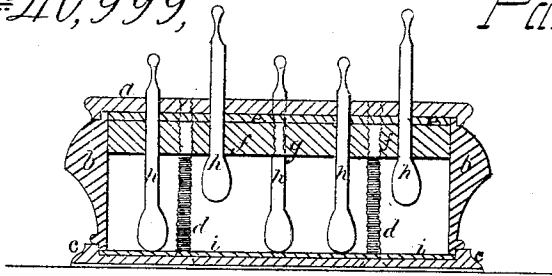


Fig. 2.

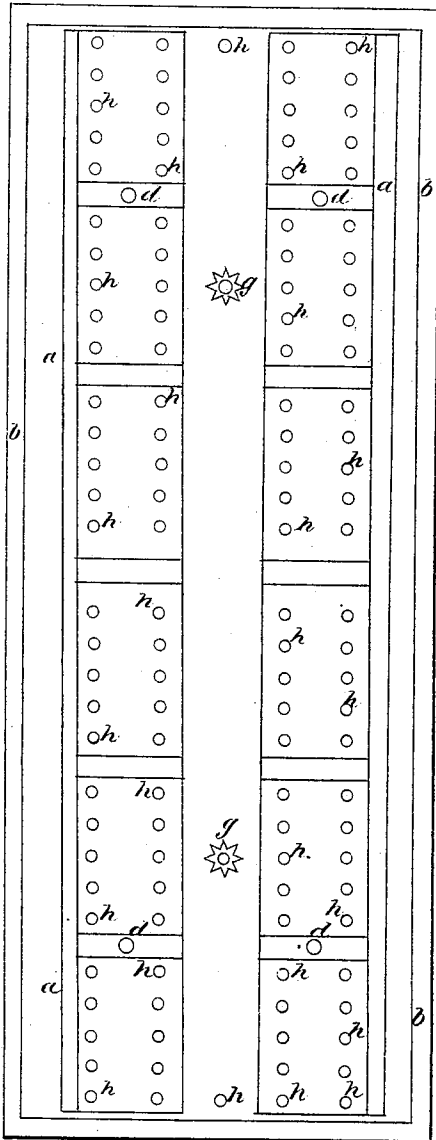


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CRIBBAGE-BOARDS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN GILL, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improved Cribbage-Board or Counting-Table; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan of my said counting-table, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

Cribbage-boards and counting-tables have heretofore been made with rows of holes so spaced off and divided as to be convenient for keeping account or tally in the game of cards known as "cribbage," and pins have been provided so as to be changeable in such holes.

The nature of my said invention does not consist in a counting-table itself, or in movable pins; but it does consist in a peculiar construction of movable or sliding pins with flattened ends introduced from below the board and passing through holes in the same, and so fitted that they may be drawn up, but cannot be drawn out, and thereby can be used as a counting-table in such games as cribbage, in which one hundred and twenty-two pegs are required for the playing of the game. When the pegs are not in use, they are pressed down and rest on a bottom board covered with felt, cloth, or similar material.

In the drawings, *a* is a plate or board perforated, with the holes in the required position

and number of rows, and this board or plate is sustained on a frame, *b*, which may be of wood or metal, and provided with a bottom plate, *c*, and *d d* are screws passing through *c* into *a*, by which the parts are held together.

e is a piece of felt held to the under side of *a* by a board, *f*, screwed on by screws *g*, and both the felt and the board are perforated with holes corresponding to those in *a*.

h h are the pins or pegs, the lower end of each of which is flattened, so as to render the same too wide to draw up through the holes in *f*, *e*, or *a*; hence said flattened ends become stops for the pins. The upper ends of the pins should be turned off somewhat smaller to facilitate taking hold of them; and *i* is a piece of felt or cloth on *c*, against which the ends of the pegs rest when pressed down.

The red lines in Fig. 1 illustrate the position of lines that may be painted on the plate *a* to aid in designating the groups of pegs or pins, ten being provided in each group.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The sliding pegs or pins with flattened ends, in combination with the perforated board or table, constructed as and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 12th day of October, A. D. 1863.

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