M. Nelson,

Game.

No. 32,581. Patented June 18, 1861.

Fig: 1.

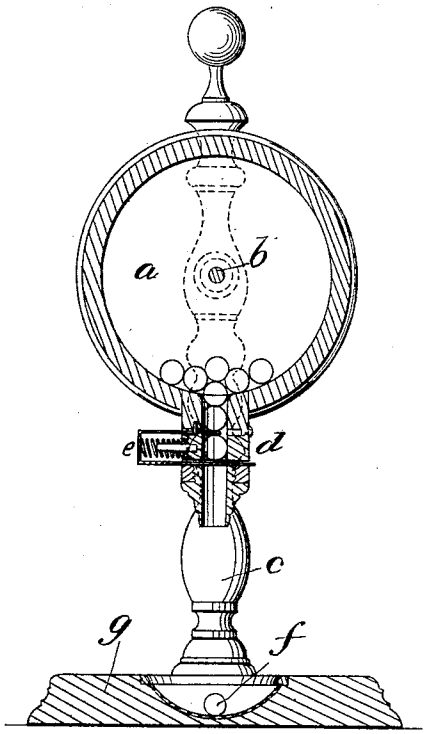


Fig: 2.

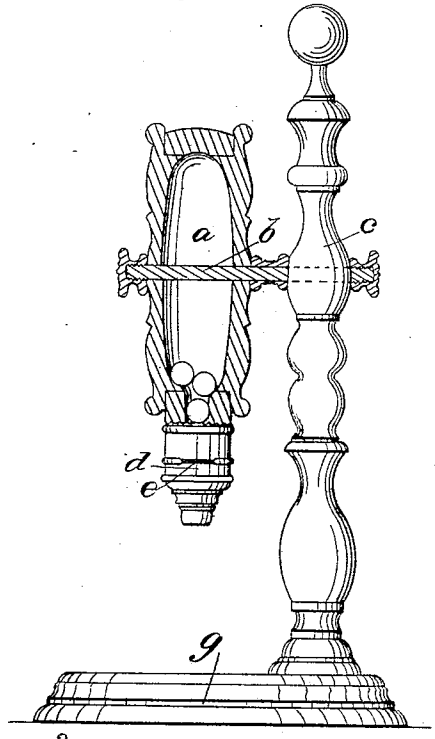
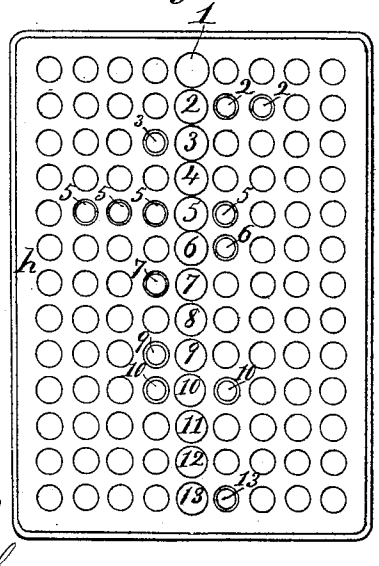


Fig: 3.



Witnesses;
Thos. Geo. Harold
Chas. H. Smith

Inventor;
M. Nelson

AM. PHOTO-LITHO. CO. N.Y. (OSBORNE'S PROCESS)

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

MORTIMER NELSON, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

MODE OF SELECTING BALLS FOR GAMES OF CHANCE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 32,581, dated June 18, 1861.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORTIMER NELSON, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Means for Selecting Balls for Games of Amusement, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the nature of my said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1, is a vertical section of my circular box for the balls, and the selecting slide. Fig. 2, is a cross section of the same and Fig. 3 is a plan of my "tally board."

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

My said invention relates to a means for selecting balls, whereby a great variety of games can be played by two or by several persons, and the possibility of cheating is entirely avoided thus affording considerable amusement to all participating, because success is entirely a matter of chance.

I make use of a series of balls of ivory or other material, and numbered say from one up to thirteen. There may be four or more sets of such balls, and each set may be colored differently from the other sets.

I also provide a circular box *a*, that can be revolved on an axis *b*, from the standard *c*, and on one side of said box *a*, is a neck *d*, provided with a slide *e*, by the pushing in of which one ball at a time may be taken from the said box *a*, and a receptacle *f*, is provided in the base *g* of the apparatus into which each ball as it drops from the neck falls.

h is my tally board formed with a series of numbers in the center corresponding with the number in each set of balls, say from one to thirteen, and on each side of the center are recesses or semispherical cavities, and the rows of these recesses on each side of the center equal the number of sets of the balls say four.

The mode of using this apparatus is so various that only a few illustrations need be given; suppose all the balls are placed in the box *a*, one by one, through the neck *d*, and slide *e*; the balls are thoroughly mixed by revolving the box; then the tally board of course being empty, two persons draw a ball alternately from the box by the slide *e*, and place the same in the receptacle on their own side opposite the corresponding center number to that on the ball; and the winner is the one who gets the largest number in the total adding up of the figures on the balls in a given number of selections.

Again four persons can play the game by each choosing a given color of ball, and the highest selection out of a given number of balls is the winner; or eight persons can play the game, or four on each side by choosing a given line of the semispherical cavities and selecting in rotation from the wheel *a*, or even as many as thirteen persons could play the game with the tally board by each selecting one of the cross ranges and the highest footings up of the numbers in the range winning. Thus a great deal of amusement can be obtained from this apparatus and cheating is impossible.

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

The tally board *h* arranged in the manner substantially as shown, in combination with the selecting wheel *a*, and sets of numbered balls as specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this tenth day of April 1861.

M. NELSON.

Witnesses:

THOS. GEO. HAROLD,

CHAS. H. SMITH.