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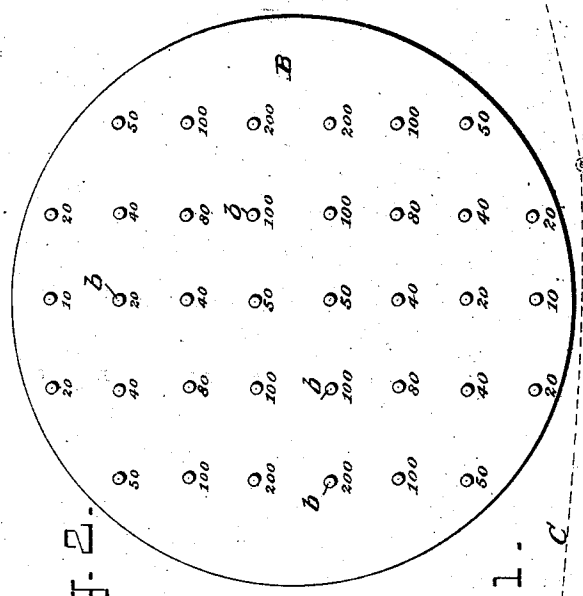


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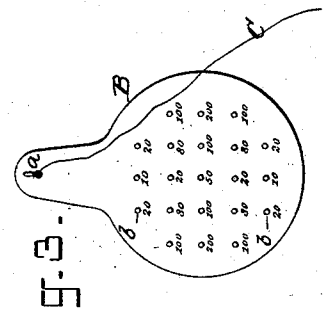


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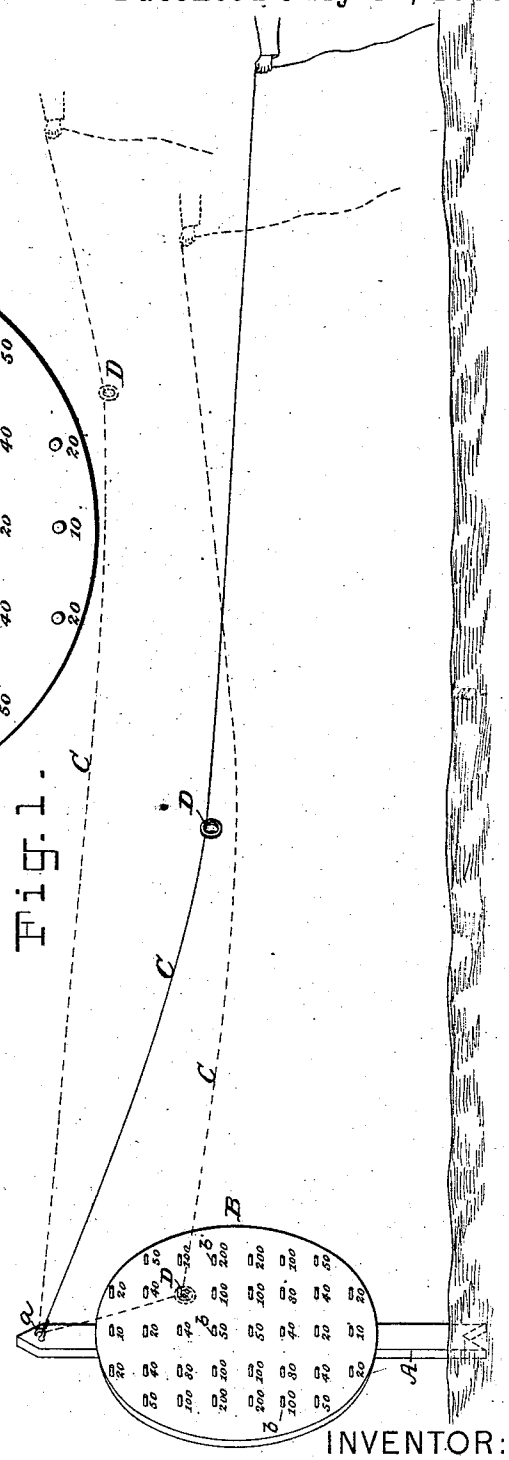


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABNER EVANS, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Target and Ring Game, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a game of skill adapted to both indoor and outdoor amusements. Its essential features are a target studded with pegs or projections, a long cord or rope attached by one end to a point above the target and held by the player at the other end, and a ring which slides freely on said cord. The general construction and arrangement of the parts and the manner in which the game is played will be better understood from the accompanying drawings and the description following.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, designed to illustrate the general construction and arrangement of the parts and the manner in which the game is played. Fig. 2 is an enlarged face view of the target. Fig. 3 shows a modified form of the target.

A represents a convenient post or standard. B is the target, mounted on the post. C is a flexible cord, rope, or wire attached at one end to a post at a little distance above the target, and D is a ring strung on the cord C. The post A is only a convenience. The target must be mounted on something, either a post, as shown, made expressly for the purpose, or to a fence, wall, tree, or other support. The cord must also be attached to some fixed point, *a*, above the target, and I prefer to attach it to the upper end of the post; but it may as well be attached to an upward extension of the target itself or to anything employed to support the latter. The target is studded with pegs or projections *b b*, preferably arranged in systematic order, as shown in Fig. 2. Each of these pegs is numbered as indicated in Fig. 2, by preference; but this numbering may be varied somewhat to suit individual taste or judgment. The ring D may be an ordinary iron ring, without special characteristics, and the cord may be of stout twine.

For use in the open air I prefer to use about the following proportions for the parts: the target, forty inches in diameter, of thin wood covered with paper, on which the figures are printed, and mounted with its center about thirty inches above the ground. The pegs *b* may project about one inch, and may be of wood or metal. The cord should be about fifteen feet long and attached at a point about thirty inches above the center of the target. The ring D may be about one and one-half inch in diameter.

The manner of playing the game is as follows: The player stands about fifteen feet from the target and holds the free end of the cord C, on which the ring D is strung. The hand being depressed below the level of the point *a* and the cord strained, the ring will slide down to the player's hand. This is the position at the commencement of the play, and the object of the player is to direct the ring through the medium of the cord so that it will engage and hang on one of the pegs in the target, the object being of course to hang it on one of the pegs bearing the highest numbers. In making his play the player raises his hand to a higher level than the point *a*, (see upper dotted line in Fig. 1,) and allows the ring to slide down rapidly toward said point; but when it has reached the proper point on the cord he suddenly slacks the latter by reaching forward, and seeks to thus swing the ring in toward the target (see lower dotted line in Fig. 1) and lodge it on one of the pegs bearing a high number. If he succeeds, he adds the number of that peg to his score. If he fails to lodge the ring on a peg, it counts him nothing. He returns the ring to his hand by simply straining the cord until he lifts the ring from the peg, and then lowering his hand until the ring slides down to it. The players cast the ring one after another, or each may have a specified number of casts. The game may consist of any number of points, as in billiards.

The target may be set horizontal or inclined instead of vertical; but there is an advantage in setting it vertical, as the player can then see the numbers of the pegs and more skill is involved.

The target may be square, round, or polygonal, as desired. Indeed, the pegs might be set in a tight fence or the side of a barn or

house. I contemplate printing the numbers on sheets of paper, which may be pasted on any smooth object, and short bits of wire or brads may be driven in to serve as pegs.

Where used in a room all of the parts may be reduced in size. The target in this case may be hung on the wall by means of a hook in the latter, and the cord be attached to the hook.

In Fig. 3, I show a target cut out from some thin material—as pasteboard, for example—with a neck or stem to suspend it by. This target may be hung on a nail or hook in the wall of the room.

Where a large target, as in Fig. 1, is employed, it may be secured to the post A, and the latter be jointed so as to fold up. It can then be packed closely for transportation. The target might also be arranged to fold or roll up. To make the game more difficult, the opening in ring D may be made quite small.

In Fig. 2, I have shown the numbers arranged as to position, so that those pegs on which it is most difficult to lodge the ring are numbered the highest.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A game, substantially as described, comprising a target provided with numbered pegs or projections, a cord attached at one end to a point over the said target, and a ring strung on said cord, and adapted to be lodged on some one of the pegs in the target by the skillful manipulation of the free end of the cord, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, to form a game or game apparatus, of the post A, the target B, provided with numbered pegs *b b*, the cord C, attached to the post at *a*, and the ring D, all arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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