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Fig. 1

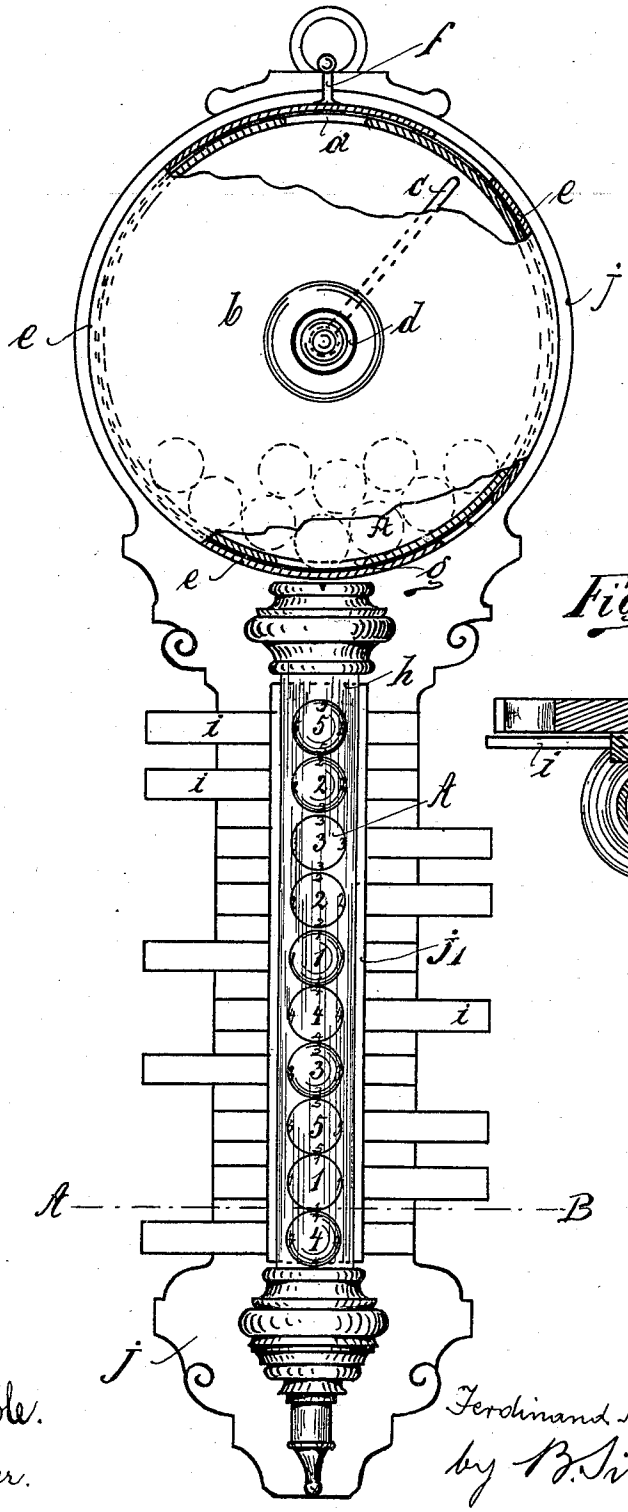
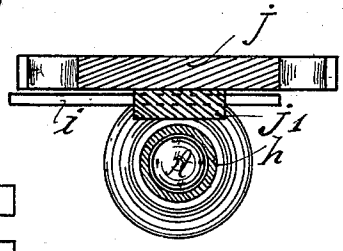


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND HEINRICH DORUS CAHNBLEY, of Waterloostrasse 36, Altona, Germany, have invented a certain new and useful improvement in apparatus determining the succession of the partners of a game and the party they are to belong to; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in a device for use in connection with games or contests in which a number of parties are engaged, and has special reference to the selection of partners or opposing sides.

The object of my invention is to effect the assignment of partners in a purely arbitrary and impartial manner and to indicate the successive order of games or the turns of playing by the respective performers.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on the line A B of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, *j* represents a frame or standard which forms a suitable support for the operative parts of my device. To the upper part of the frame is secured a circular box *b*, having at the top an opening *a* and at its bottom an opening *g*. Fitting loosely within the receptacle *b*, close to its periphery, is a ring *e*, to which is secured a handle *f*, by means of which the ring is revolved, so as to close the openings *a* and *g*. Mounted within the box *b* on a pin *d*, which passes through the center of the box, is a stirrer or mixer *c*, consisting of an arm which extends radially from said pin. This arm is revolved by a suitable extension or head on the pin *d* on the exterior of the box and when so revolved serves to effectively mix or stir the balls A when contained in the box. Communicating with the opening *g* in the bottom of the box is a vertical tube *h*, made of glass or other transparent material, the lower end of which is closed. Slidingly secured in a suitable extension of the frame *j* are a plurality of slides *i*, which may be made of wood, cardboard, or other material, upon which may be indicated the names of the respective contestants. These slides are arranged so as to register with the balls A when the latter are in position in the tube *h* and are adapted to be extended at either side of the frame *j*.

The balls A will be numbered or lettered in regular sequence and may be of different colors. It will be apparent that disks may be substituted for the balls A without altering the character or scope of my invention.

In the ordinary use of my game device the balls A will be placed in the box *b* through the opening *a*, at which time the opening *g* will be closed by the ring *e*. The balls will then be thoroughly mixed by the stirrer *c*, when upon turning the ring so as to open the port *g* the balls will drop into the transparent tube *h*, through which the characters on the balls may be viewed. The slides *i* have had previously indicated thereon the names of the contestants, and their position in the game or their order of playing will be shown by the balls registering with or oppositely placed to the respective names. It will also be apparent that various modifications of the use of the device may be resorted to.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a game device, the combination of a cylindrical box, a plurality of balls, a vertical tube communicating with said box, a frame secured to said box and tube, a plurality of slides mounted in said frame and adapted to be drawn out at either side of said frame, substantially as described.

2. In a game device, the combination of a box, a plurality of balls, a mixer revolubly mounted in said box, a tube communicating with said box, means for closing the opening between said tube and receptacle, a frame and a plurality of slides mounted in said frame, substantially as set forth.

3. In a game device, the combination of a box having openings at the top and bottom, means for closing said openings, a plurality of balls having characters indicated thereon, a mixer revolubly mounted in said box, and a transparent tube communicating with the box, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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