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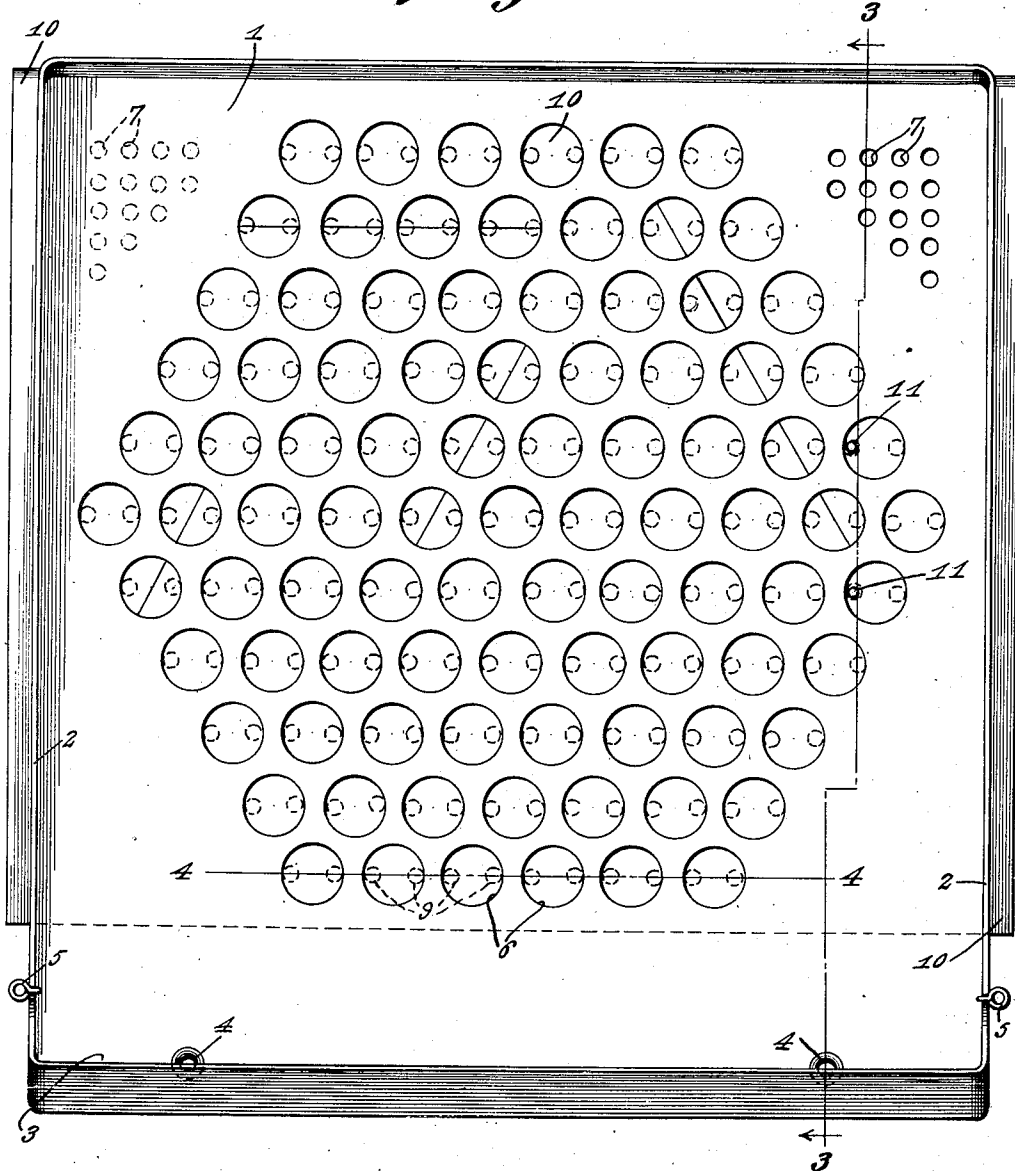
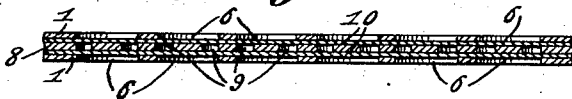


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Fig. 2.

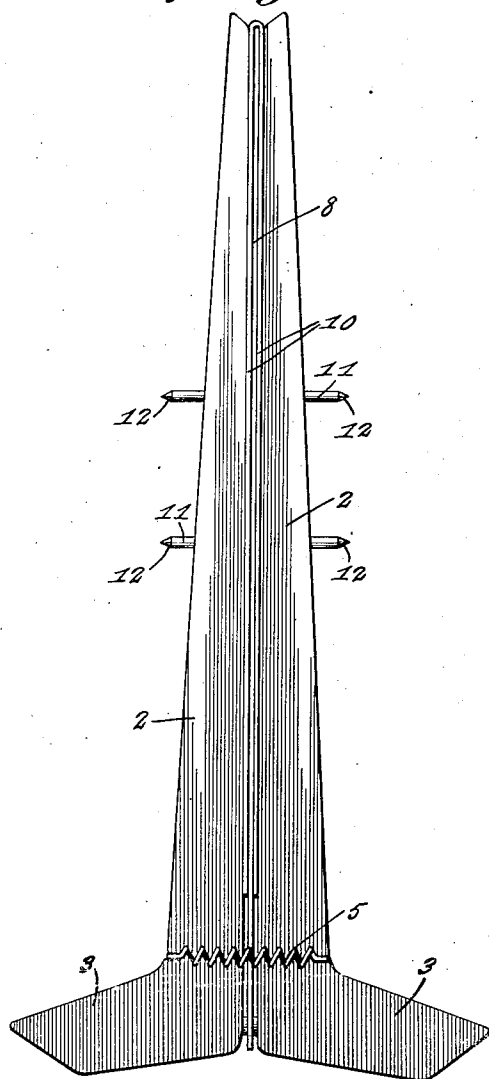


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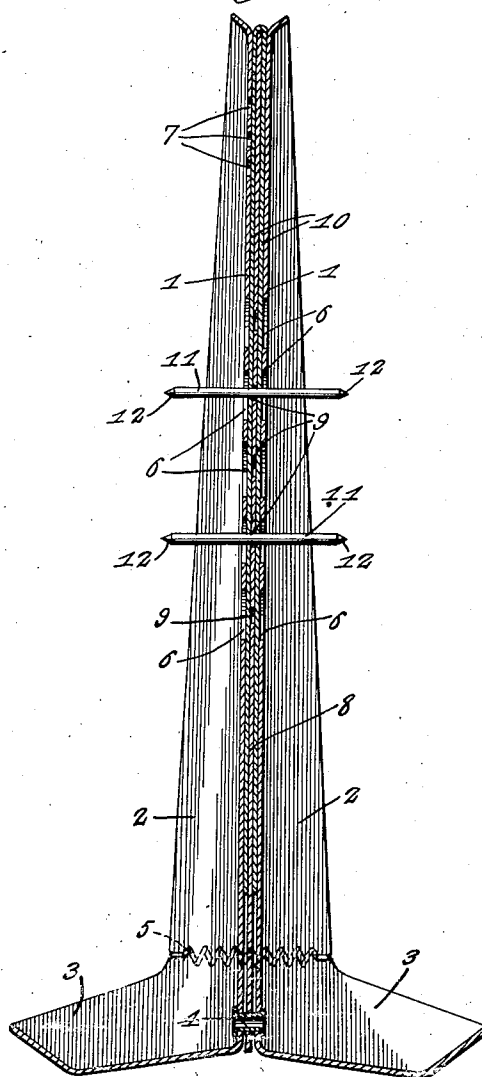
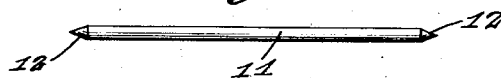


Fig. 5.



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My present invention has reference to a game board or apparatus and has for its primary object the provision of a device of this character in which the players are not only amused but are mystified to a certain extent.

A further object is the provision of a game board designed to be used by two players and is in the nature of a combat between such players, the board comprising two similar members or plates each having longitudinal and vertical series of round openings therethrough, the openings in one of the plates being disposed opposite those in the other plate, and arranged between these plates there is another plate provided with small openings or apertures disposed opposite but away from the center of the first-named openings, the last mentioned plate having arranged thereover a centrally folded blank sheet of paper which covers the apertures therein but which sheet is clearly visible through the round openings in the outer plates. This allows each of the players to mark on the opposite sides of the paper lines representing battleships, the indicating lines being arranged either vertically, horizontally or angularly and the representation of the vessels on one side of the device being unknown to the player at the opposite sides of the device. One player is first allowed a determined number of game pieces which are in the nature of rods that have their opposite ends pointed. This player endeavors to sink his opponents ships by forcing his game pieces first through the rounded opening on the outer plate of his side of the device to direct the game pieces through the paper sheet and through the apertures of the inner plate, the player on the opposite side of the device withdrawing the partly projected game pieces and employing the same for his own use when it becomes his turn to play the game. One of the players serves as umpire and may inform the active player of the accuracy of his "shots" and the player who sinks the largest number of enemy ships wins the game.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a game board in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a plan view of one of the game pieces.

The body of the device comprises two similar preferably metal plates 1 which are arranged back to back, the game being played from the opposite faces of the body. Each plate 1 has its edges flanged outwardly, as at 2, and these flanges are continued along the outwardly directed angularly disposed trough-like base 3 of the said plates. The base portions 3 effectively support the device on a horizontal surface. The respective plates, adjacent to the lower base portions thereof are loosely connected by a rivet or like element 4 and the plates 1 are forced toward each other by coiled compression springs 5 whose ends are hooked and are received in the notches or openings in the lower and widened ends of the side flanges 2. On their upper corners the plates 1 have a series of reduced openings 6 employed for registering the scores of the players, as will hereinafter be more fully explained.

The plates 1 are each provided with a plurality of both longitudinally and vertically arranged series of spaced alining round openings 7.

Arranged between the plates 1 and connected by the rivets 4 there is a thin board or metal sheet 8 which is provided with a series of spaced pairs of apertures 9 and two of these apertures 9 are arranged within each of the circles described by the round openings 6 in the plates 1.

The loose connecting rivets 4 serve as hinges for the plates 1, so that the plates, from the upper end thereof, may be swung away from each other and preferably the rivets 4 engage with the inner plate or sheet 8 with sufficient friction to hold the said plate in a vertical position when the body plates 1 are swung to open position. When in open position I insert between the plates 1 and over the central plate 8 a centrally folded paper sheet 10. This sheet covers and obscures the apertures in the central plate 8. The sheet 10, of course, is designed to be discarded after every game.

In the playing the game pieces, in the nature of rods 11, which have their ends pointed, as at 12, are employed, and a certain number of these game pieces are allotted to one of the players. The game pieces are normally placed in the respective troughs 3, and the players arrange themselves on the opposite sides of the playing board. Each player marks with a chalk or pencil upon the opposite sides of the paper sheet 10, through the openings 6 in the respective plates 1 straight lines to indicate diagrams of battleships of a fleet. The lines or diagrams indicating

the war ships may be drawn horizontally, vertically or angularly so as to arrange the said lines to cover any desired number of apertures 9. The lines, of course, may be drawn over the openings 6 in the plates, and obviously the lines are arranged in different positions. The lines or diagrams drawn by one of the players is not observable by the other players so that each of the respective players acts as umpire for the other player during the playing of the game. One of the players is entitled to a determined number of game pieces 11 and he endeavors to direct his game pieces through the paper sheet and through the openings 9 in the intermediate plate 8 that are surrounded by the warship lines or diagrams on the second side of the folded sheet 10. If the player pierces the paper at points occupied by the diagrams the ships represented thereby are supposed to be sunk. The game pieces penetrating the openings will be observed and announced by the player who awaits his turn and his opponent marks his score on the sheet 10 at the portions thereof disclosed by the pierced apertures 9. The pierced portion of the sheet at the apertures 9 guide the player in his further moves in playing the game. When the second player has his turn (after the first player has made use of a determined number of game pieces) and has marked his score, the second player employs the same method as the first player in piercing the diagrams drawn by the first player on his side of the board, and the one who first sinks the "enemy ships" wins the game.

Having described the invention I claim:

1. A game apparatus comprising two plates pivotally connected adjacent to one of their ends and spring influenced toward each other, said plates being provided with series of both vertically and horizontally arranged round open-

ings, and having apertures at the upper corners, an intermediate plate held centrally between the outer plates by the pivots for said outer plates and said central plate having a plurality of apertures in register with each of the openings in the outer plates, and a centrally folded paper sheet arranged over the intermediate plate to cover the apertures therethrough, together with game pieces having double pointed ends to be employed by the players and to be guided through the openings in the outer plates to penetrate the paper sheet and to be passed through the apertures in the intermediate plate at points upon which battle ships are inscribed on the paper and the apertures on the outer plates affording means for inscribing the scores of the players on the paper sheet.

2. In a game apparatus of the type described, two plates arranged back to back, and having their edges provided with continuous flanges and their lower portions formed with outwardly directed angularly disposed portions affording troughs, pivots loosely connecting the lower ends of the plates, compression springs connected to the flanges above the troughs, for forcing the plates together, said plates having a series of longitudinal and vertical round openings there-through and having a series of apertures at the upper corners of said plates, an intermediate plate held between the first-named plates by the pivots, said plate having series of apertures arranged in pairs and said pairs of apertures being disposed opposite the round openings in the outer plate, a centrally folded paper sheet arranged over the intermediate plate to cover the openings therein, and game pieces in the nature of double pointed darts to pierce said paper sheet.

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