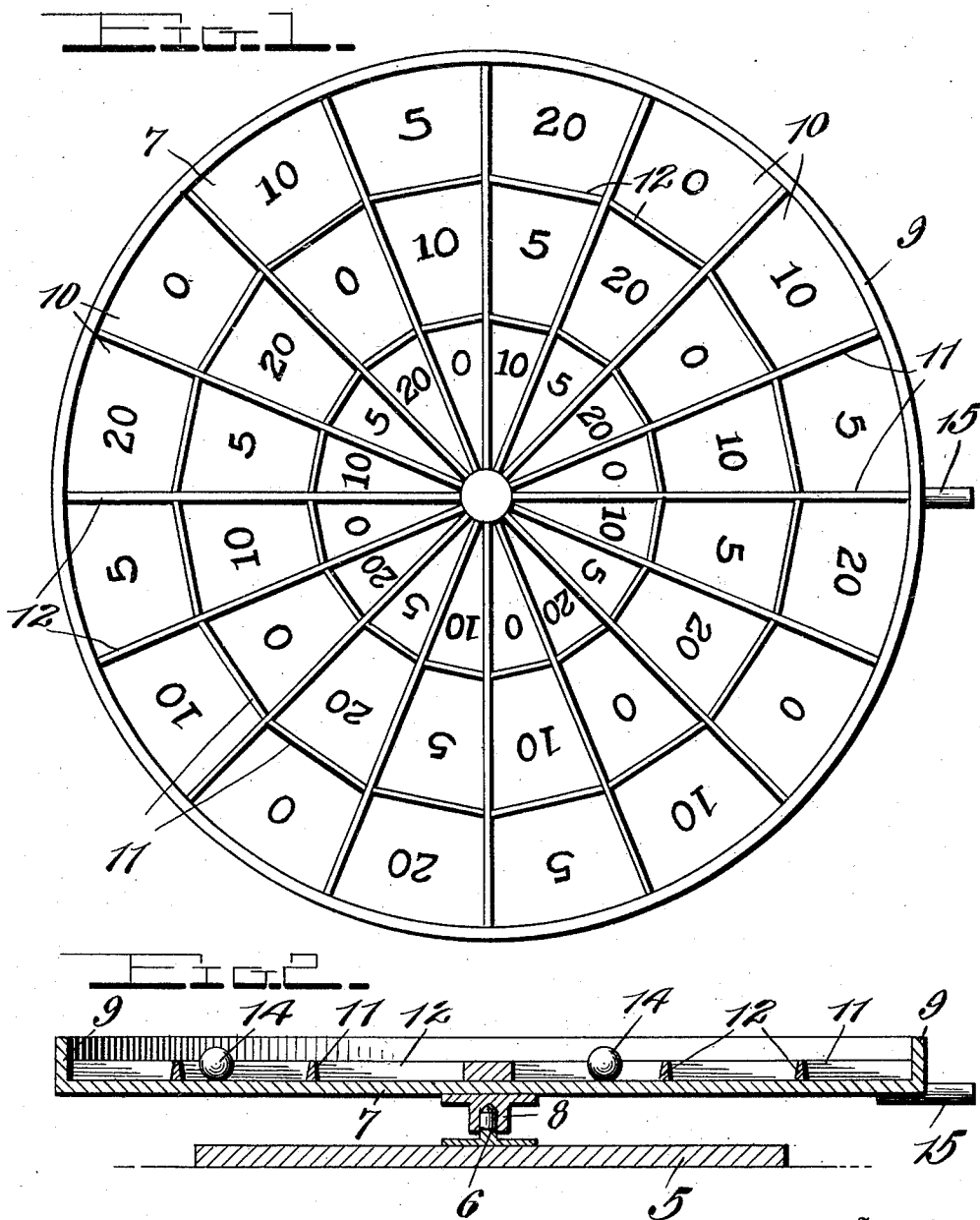


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRIEDRICH DEERBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Dawson and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in game boards and has for its object to provide a simple and novel device of this character whereby an interesting and amusing game may be played.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game board which may be manufactured at an extremely low cost, said board being of such construction as to render the playing of the game very exciting.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a game board constructed in accordance with the present invention; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

Referring in detail to the drawing 5 designates a base which may be of any desired form and is constructed of wood of the requisite thickness to retain the game board in position in the playing of the game, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

A pivot pin 6 is centrally secured to the center of the base 5 and upon this pin the game board 7 is rotatably mounted, said board being provided at its center and upon the under side thereof with a metal bearing socket 8 to receive the pivot pin 6. The board 7 is preferably circular in form and is provided at its edge with a vertical circumferential flange 9 to retain the playing pieces on the board 7 in the playing of the game. The surface of the board is divided into a plurality of pockets or compartments 10. These compartments are formed by a plurality of radiating strips 11 and the circularly arranged strips 12 which are disposed between the radiating strips at different distances from the center of the board. These division strips 11 and 12 are of less height than the flange 9 and may be glued or otherwise firmly fixed to the surface of the game board. The board surface has

printed or otherwise designated thereon a plurality of numerals, one numeral appearing in each of the pockets or compartments and denoting the value thereof which is accorded to the players who participate in the game.

The game is played with a number of rubber balls 14. Each player is preferably provided with two of the balls and the game proceeds in the following manner. A finger-piece 15 is secured to the bottom of the board 7 and projects outwardly beyond its periphery. The board is rotated upon its pivot 6 by means of this finger-piece, and one of the players or a disinterested party may be called upon to rotate the game board. One of the players then drops the balls 14 upon the board while the same is rotated. The hand containing the balls should be held about a foot above the center of the board and when the balls drop thereon they will be thrown outwardly by centrifugal force and against the division strips 11 and 12 which form the compartments on the board. The balls are preferably formed of solid rubber so that they will rebound upon striking the division strips. In this manner the playing balls jump from one pocket to another, and the number of points to be accorded the player is determined by the position occupied by the balls when the rotating board comes to a stop. Any desired rules may be used in the playing of the game. For instance, assuming that the sum total of points to be obtained amounts to 150, after a player secures 130 points he is only permitted to use a single ball thus giving the other participants a chance to overcome his lead and thereby render the game more exciting.

From the foregoing it is believed that the construction of my improved game board and the manner in which the game is to be played therewith will be fully understood. The device is very simple in construction and provides a game which is extremely interesting and one in which any number of persons may participate.

While I have shown in the accompanying drawing a game board provided with a certain number of pockets or compartments, it will be obvious that a greater or less number of such pockets may be provided and they may be given other numerals or valuation characters than those shown in the drawing. The peripheral flange 9 of the game board

effectually prevents the balls being thrown entirely off of the board and lost. These balls may also be formed of other material such as wood or celluloid.

3 Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

1. A game board comprising a base, a circular board rotatably mounted upon said base having an upwardly extending peripheral flange, a plurality of radial strips secured to the surface of said board, parallel strips connecting adjacent strips to divide the entire surface of the board into a plurality of compartments, the upper edges of said radial and parallel strips being disposed in the same plane and below the upper edge of said peripheral flange.

2. A game board comprising a base, a board rotatably mounted upon said base

having an upwardly extending peripheral flange, a plurality of radial strips secured upon the surface of the board and extending from its center to said flange, parallel strips connecting the adjacent radial strips at different distances from the center of the board to form a plurality of circular series of pockets, said board having characters thereon in each of the pockets to denote the values of the pockets, and a finger-piece secured to the board extending outwardly from its periphery whereby said board may be rotated.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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