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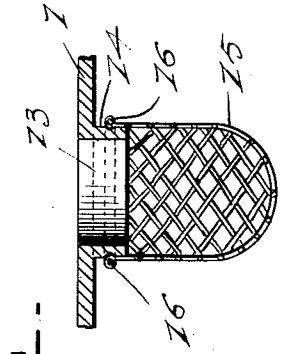


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

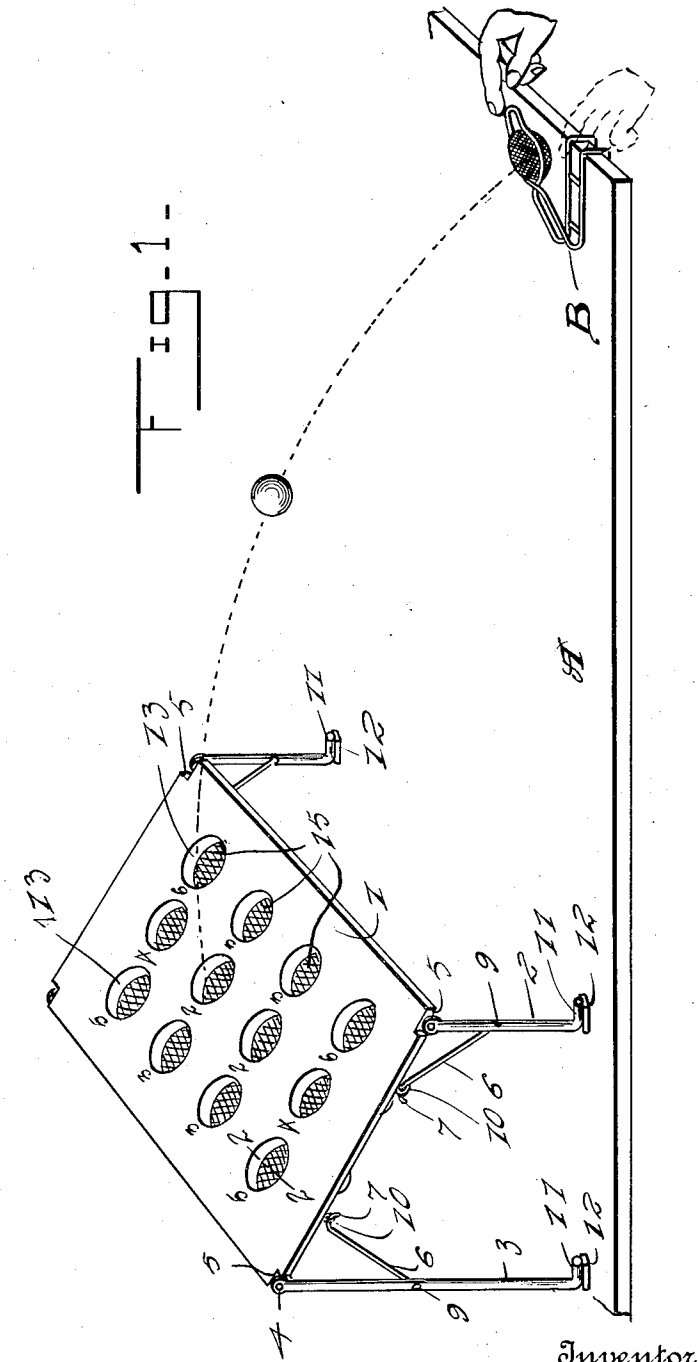


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE M. CHARLESWORTH, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in game apparatus.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of a game apparatus and to provide a simple, practical, and comparatively inexpensive structure of this character wherein there is embodied an inclined supported game board which has a plurality of openings around which are secured flexible pockets.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus embodying a game board of substantially rectangular form having a series of spaced pockets therein representing points in a game.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a game board or target to be used in combination with any suitable type of ball projecting devices.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings;

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game board constructed in accordance with my invention showing the same set up on a table,

Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of one of the pockets taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view of the supporting pads secured to one of the feet of the supporting legs of the game board.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures throughout the drawings.

Referring more particularly to the drawings 1 indicates a game board which may be of any suitable size, and shape, but preferably rectangular as shown. The game board is supported in an inclined position by front legs 2, and rear legs 3, the front legs being substantially shorter than the rear legs to present an inclination to the board 1, the upper ends of the legs being pivotally connected as at 4 to the ends of the game board, and said game board has its corners recessed as at 5 for the reception of the legs.

This construction permits the legs to be folded under the game board, out of the way, to reduce the size of the apparatus and enable it to be quickly and readily packed and carried.

To support the legs in a set up position I provide suitable brace rods 6 which are here shown as having hooked ends 7 their opposite ends terminating into eyes 8, which are pivotally connected to the legs as at 9, and adapted to engage the keepers 10 which are secured to the under side of the game board at its opposite ends.

The legs 6 have their lower ends bent at right angles as at 11 forming supporting feet to which are secured suitable supporting pads 12 formed of felt or the like to prevent the feet from marring or scratching a polished table top, or other support on which the game is used. The pads can be readily secured to the under side of the feet by glue, cement or in any other suitable manner.

The game board 1 is provided with a series of horizontally and vertically arranged openings 13. The openings being arranged in rows of threes and fours as shown here, or the number of rows may be increased as desired. Formed around each opening is a depending annular flange 14 the purpose of which will be hereinafter described.

The openings being suitably inscribed with numbers as shown, which indicate points in the game. The end openings of the first row are numbered 6, the intermediate openings of the first row are numbered 3, the end openings of the second row and the third row are respectively numbered 4 and 5, and the intermediate openings of said second and third rows are respectively numbered 2 and 3. It will be observed that the highest numbered openings, which are the most difficult to hit are located at the ends of the rows.

A pocket 15 is here shown as made of flexible mesh or other suitable material, and is extended below each opening, and having a supporting ring 16 secured to its upper edge, which ring is secured around the depending flange 15 of the opening holding the flexible pockets in a substantially verti-

cal plane, and also assisting in reinforcing the same.

This board is adapted to be used with any suitable type of ball projecting device, or in any other manner in which the ball is thrown toward the game board, as shown at *b*.

In use the game is played as follows:

One or more balls are used, and as many persons may play as desire, the balls are first taken and projected toward the board 1, and the object is for the player to try to place the ball in one of the pockets, and the player getting his or her ball in the highest numbered pockets winning the game.

It being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and in detail of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit, or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What is claimed is:

A game apparatus comprising a board having a plurality of relatively spaced openings therein, an annular flange formed integrally with and surrounding the wall of each opening and extending laterally therefrom to one side of the board, said board having its opposite ends recessed, a plurality of legs arranged in pairs and each pair having one end pivotally secured in the recesses in the opposite ends of the board and at the front and rear edges thereof, said front pair of legs being of a length shorter than the rear pair to permit the board to be set up at an inclined position, and braces pivotally secured at one end to each leg and their opposite ends being removably secured to the board to permit the board to be collapsed and placed in a small space.

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

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