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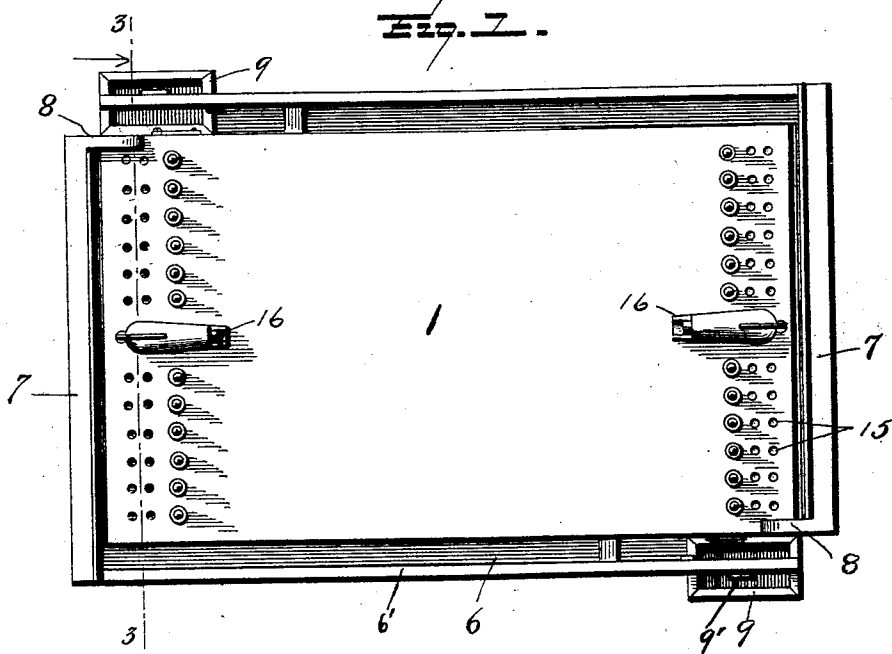
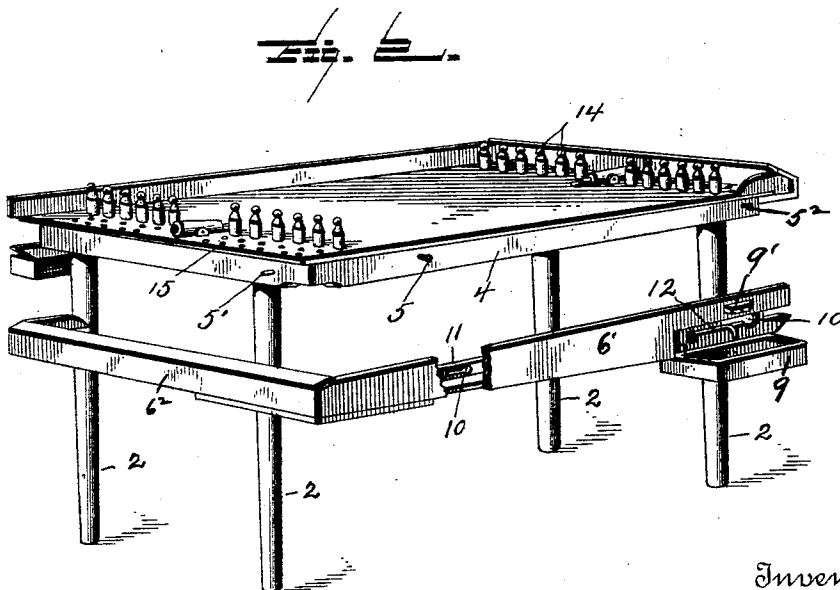
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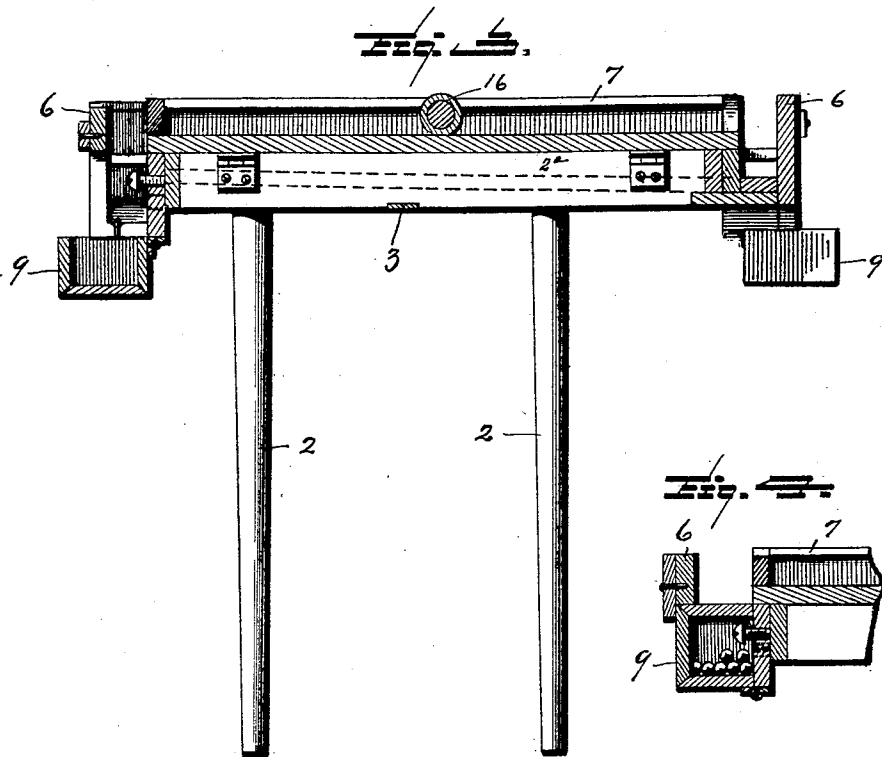
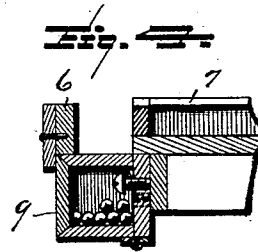
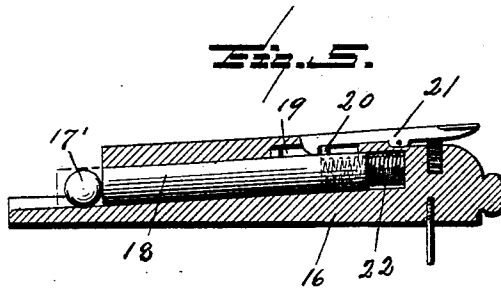
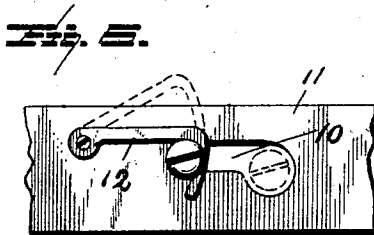
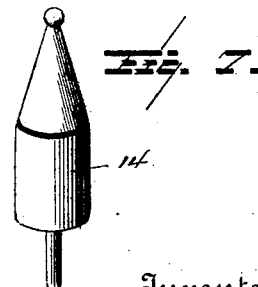
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER E. FOX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; 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 certain new and useful improvements in games, and has for its object to provide a table that can be used as a cutting-table for dressmakers and the like and also as a game-board. When the table is used as a game-board, the removable sides and runways for the balls are secured to the edge thereof, pins are placed in the openings formed in the top surface of the board, and the gun for propelling the balls is pivotally mounted on the table.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, wherein like figures of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved game-table. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing one of the runways removed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3-3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detailed sectional view of one corner of the top of the table, showing means for securing the runways to the table. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the gun. Fig. 6 is an enlarged detailed view of the means for securing the runways to the table. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of one of the pins.

Referring to the drawings by reference-figures, 1 designates the top of the table. Hinged to the under side of said top are legs 2, which are secured together in pairs by the brace 2^a, and are adapted to fold inwardly against the lower face of the top. These legs are held in the extended position by means of the catch 3, which is made of any suitable material and extends longitudinally of the table and engages the brace 2^a. This catch 3 is secured to a brace arranged centrally of the table, the ends being free to spring as the legs are opened or closed.

Secured to the under face of the board 1

and extending entirely around the same is a base-board 4. Arranged in the side base-board 4 are pins 5, provided with suitable heads, and arranged in the end base-board is a pin 5'. Engaging the pins 5 and 5' and extending along one end and on one side is a runway 6, which is provided with a side piece 6', which is somewhat above the level of the top of the table. Secured to the end piece 6² and projecting inwardly at an angle to the said end piece 6² is a projection strip 7, which prevents the balls from falling off the table. These removable troughs are provided at the end of the end pieces 6² with a cleat 8, which engages the top of the table to hold the end portion of the runway in position.

Hinged to the side piece 11 of the runway in any convenient way is a box 9, which is adapted to receive the balls after they have been fired from the gun. This box 9 is hinged so as to fold upward when not in use and is secured in the closed position by the latch 9'. Said box 9 also serves as a receptacle to hold the balls when the table is being used other than a game-board. The side pieces 11 are provided with an oblong opening terminating in enlarged portions 10. These oblong openings receive the pins 5. Pivotaly secured to the inner face of the side piece 11 is a hook 12, which engages the pin 5² to lock the sides of the runway in position. These boxes 9 are hinged to the lower edge of the side piece 11 and folds into a cut-away portion formed in the end of the side piece 6'.

Arranged in apertures extending across the table and parallel with the ends thereof are pins 14. (See Fig. 7.) The top face of said table 1 is provided with recesses 15, which extend across the table and parallel with the pins 14 and between the same and the end of the table.

Pivotaly mounted on each end of the table and at substantially an equal distance from the sides is a gun 16. Said gun 16 is provided with a projection 17 to support the ball 17' to be fired. Arranged within the bore of the gun is a rod 18. The gun is provided at its rear end with a recess 19 to receive the pin 20, carried by the rod 18, and to hold the rod in the gun also forms a catch for the spring-pressed trigger 21. Arranged between the rear end of the rod 18 and the end of the bore

is a spring 22 to operate the rod 18 to propel the ball 17' when the trigger is disengaged from the catch 20".

The game is played as follows: The gun and pins are placed in position, as shown in Fig. 1, one player taking twelve red balls and the opposing player taking the twelve blue balls, placing them in the recesses 15; otherwise they would roll off the table. Contestants should take turns in firing, small balls being used as projectiles and count nothing in game. Should one's own projectile rebound and knock off one of his own men, it should count to his opponent's credit. In case a man or shooter falls to the floor it should be placed in the center of the table, the one driving it to his box getting the count. The game ends when one of the contestants loses his last man.

Various changes may be made in the detail of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. In a game as described, a table provided with recesses on its top face and near each end thereof, pins arranged across the table

and parallel with the said recesses, a removable runway secured to each side and end of said table, a cleat formed on the end of the end pieces and adapted to engage the top of the table, a box hinged to one end of the side pieces, a means for securing the box in a closed position, a hook 12 to lock the removable runways to the table, and a gun to propel the projection, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a game-table provided with removable runways, a box hinged to said runways, a catch secured to said runways and securing the same in position, a gun pivotally mounted on each end of said table and provided with a spring-pressed trigger, a plunger arranged in said gun, a catch carried by said plunger and engaged by said trigger, a projection formed on the forward end of said gun, and a spring engaging the rear end of said plunger to operate the same, substantially as shown and described.

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

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