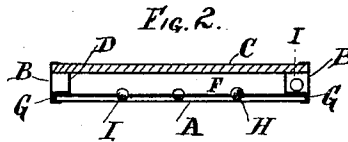
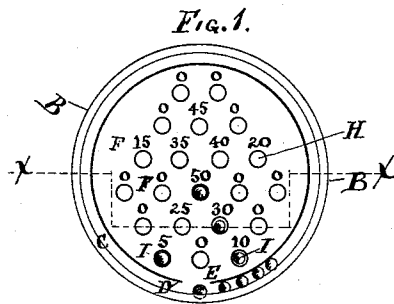


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. LATHROP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Pocket Bagatelle-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means whereby the game of bagatelle, ordinarily a game of mere chance, is made an interesting game of skill; and it consists in the parts and combinations thereof, hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved pocket bagatelle-board, and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof at line x of Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference, wherever they occur, indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

A is the bottom of the case, preferably made of metal, although any other desired material may be substituted.

B is a rim overlapping at top and bottom. C is a glazed top held in place by the upper edge of the rim B and upon a ridge or partition D, which has an opening E therein. This partition D rests upon a false bottom F, which is supported slightly above the bottom A of the case by a turned edge G, projecting downward, as shown in Fig. 2.

H are pockets formed in the false bottom, said pockets being arranged and numbered in any desired manner, as illustrated in Fig. 1. I have shown the pockets as being simple perforations, the bottom A forming the bottom of the pockets; but it is obvious that, if desired, the pockets might be simple depressions or be formed by slightly elevating the material of which the false bottom is composed without departing from the spirit of

my invention. I have found, however, that the method illustrated is the most effective, for the reason that the sharp edges of the pockets as thus formed hold the balls more securely in place, and they cannot be dislodged without inclining the case at an angle greater than seventy-five degrees. The balls I may be made of any appropriate material, and any desired number may be used.

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

1. A pocket-bagatelle consisting of the combination of an inclosed case having a transparent cover, a partition forming two communicating compartments within the case, a series of numbered depressed pockets in one of said compartments adapted to retain balls which have settled therein and permit the inclination of the case in any direction without disturbing such balls, and a plurality of balls adapted to be rolled from one compartment into the other and to be caused by manipulation of the case to settle in said pockets and make a score according to the numbers of the latter, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the glass C, the partition D, the perforated false bottom F, the bottom A, a support or edge between said bottoms, said parts being superposed one on the other, as shown, a plurality of balls I, of diameter smaller than the perforations of said false bottom, and the rim forming with the said portion a circular runway and having flanges overlapping said glass and bottom and holding in contact said superposed parts, substantially as set forth.

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