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Fig. 1.

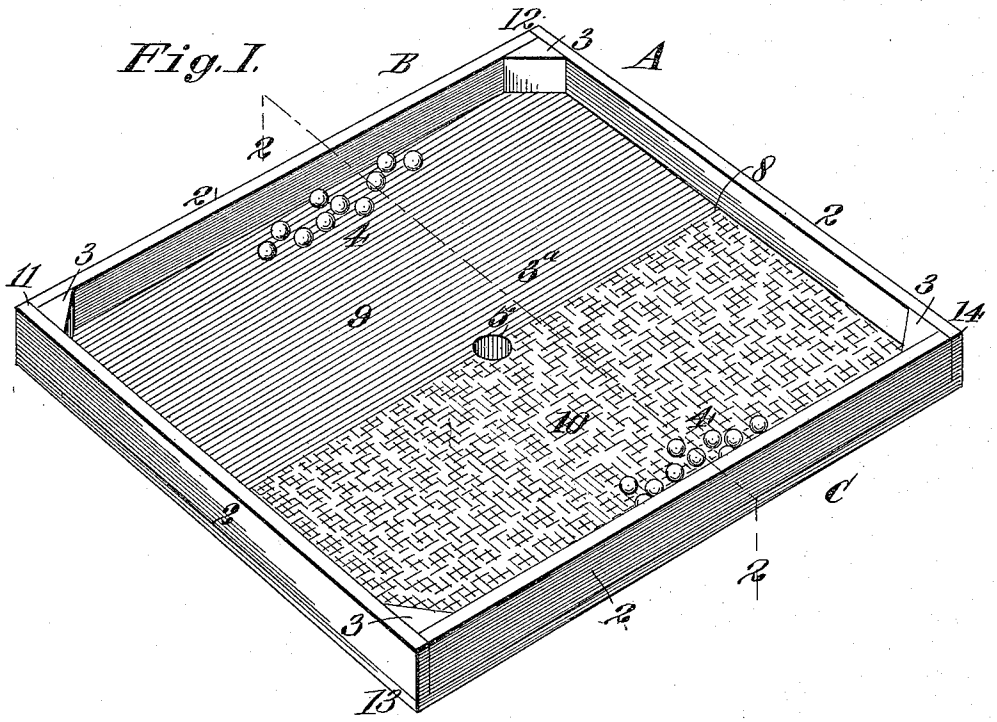
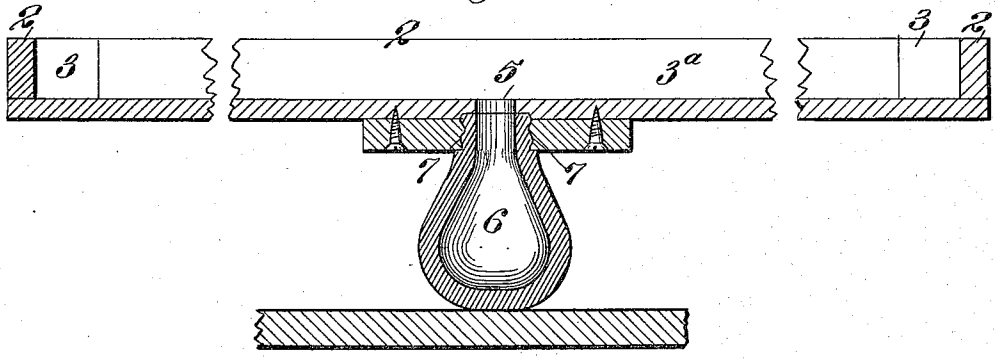


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an amusement device, and pertains especially to a game board for playing at war.

The object of this invention is to secure indoor amusement by providing means for playing a game in imitation of war.

Another object is to provide a game-board which will be simple and inexpensive in construction, and may be readily operated by any one that desires to play.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and the combination of parts as will be more fully described and claimed in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective plan view of the game-board. Fig. 2 is a cross-section on line 2—2.

A indicates in general the game-board which is surrounded with strips 2 and bracing blocks 3 to form an inclosure 3^a for a plurality of marbles 4 with which the game is played.

The center of the board is provided with an opening 5 of just sufficient size to permit the escape of one marble at the time and this opening communicates with a receptacle 6, which also acts as a base or support for the board. The receptacle or base is preferably screwed into the board or otherwise secured, as indicated at 7, to permit it to be easily and quickly applied or removed, and the base portion of same is sufficiently convex in shape to permit the board to be rocked or tilted in any direction. The surface of the board is centrally divided by a line 8 and the opposite surfaces are differently colored. For instance, section 9 may be red, while section 10 is gold.

The game may be played by two, three or four players, and is played in the following manner: The game-board with connected base 6 is placed on a table or other suitable support, and each player is provided with an equal number of marbles, for instance, ten each. These marbles are red and gold, or any other suitable color to distinguish them from each other and may represent opposing armies or forces. When played by two players one will assume position B while the opposing player will assume position C. The marbles are then placed on the table, as shown in Fig. 1. B will then grasp corners 11 and 12 with his hands and attempt to rock the table in such a manner as to roll C's gold colored marbles into a position where they will roll into opening 5 with connected receptacle 6, and C will grasp corners 13 and 14 and similarly attempt to roll the red marbles into the receptacle. The player that first captures all the marbles of the opposing player becomes the winner of the game.

When three or four persons are playing, a position is assumed at each corner of the board and each player will tilt the board from his or her respective corner. The players may then act as partners, or each player may be provided with a set of marbles.

The excitement of the game increases as each player is naturally trying to oppose the movements of the opposing player. The game is thus not only a source of amusement, but of healthful exercise, as the game-board as a whole often becomes lifted above the surface of the support during the heat and excitement of the game.

I wish it understood that various changes in form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims, and that I do not wish to limit myself to the specific design and construction here shown.

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

1. The combination with a game-board of the character described of a support having a receptacle formed interior thereof secured to the game-board, said board having a centrally disposed opening formed therein communicating with the receptacle.

2. The combination with a game-board of the character described, of a support having a receptacle formed interior thereof for the game-board, said board having a centrally disposed opening formed therein communicating with the receptacle, and means for detachably securing the support to the board.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a game-board having a central opening formed therein, a guard rail secured around the outer edge of the table, and a

rockable base member detachably secured in the central opening, said base member being hollow to form a receptacle which communicates with the central opening in the game-board.

4. The combination with a game board of the character described, of a centrally disposed, hollow base member secured thereto, said base member permitting rocking movement of the game board in all directions, and said game board having an opening formed therein communicating with the interior of the hollow base member.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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