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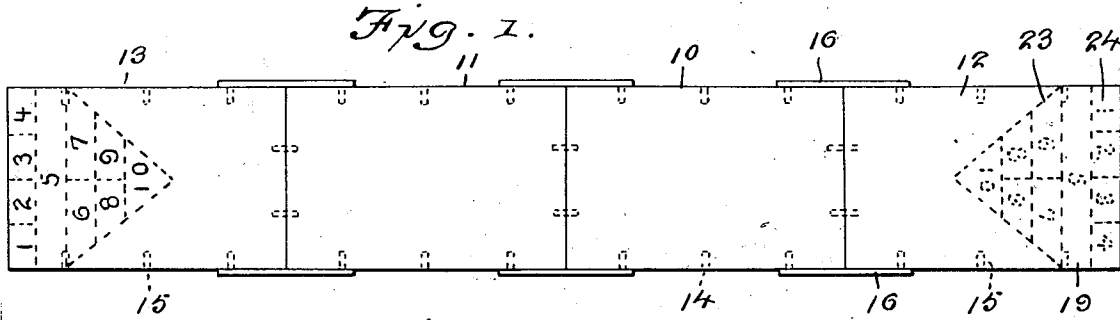
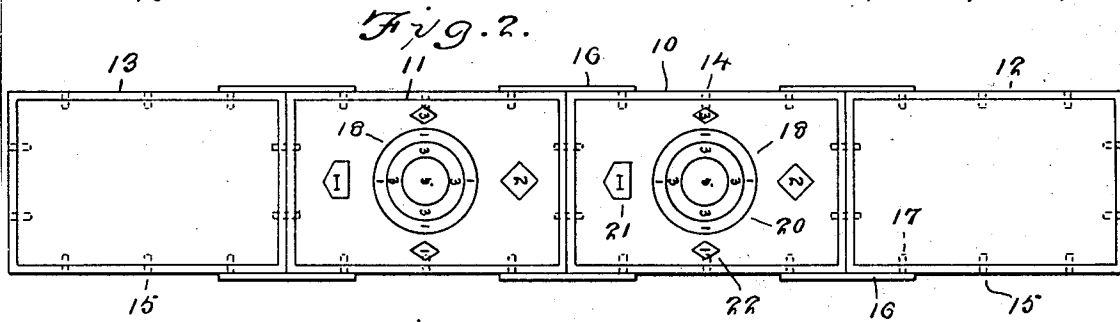
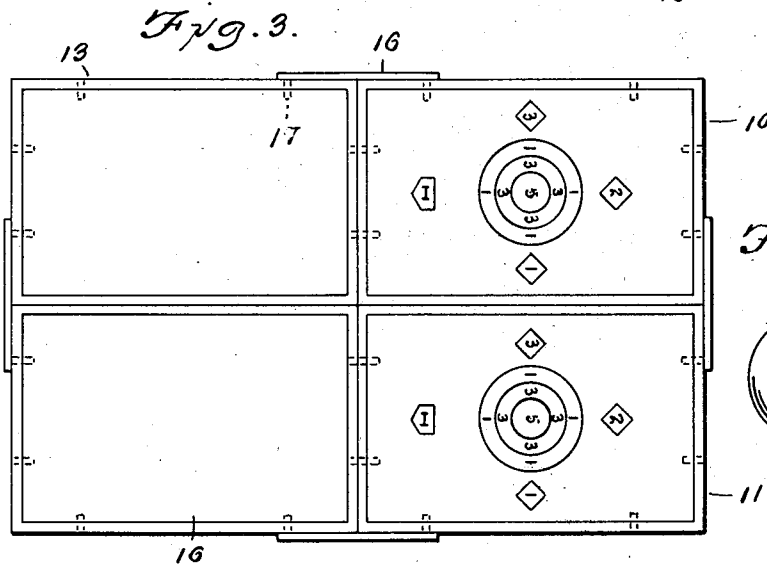
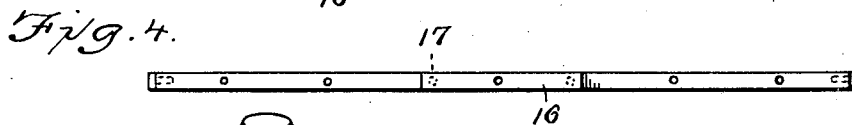
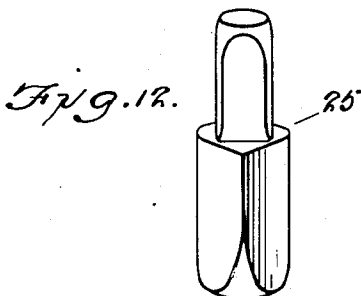
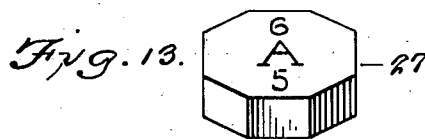
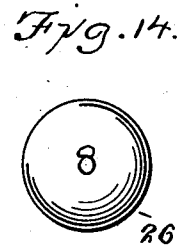
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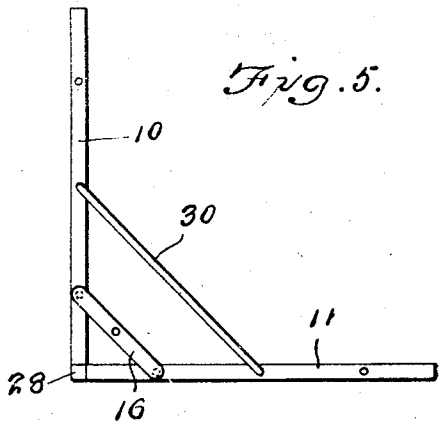
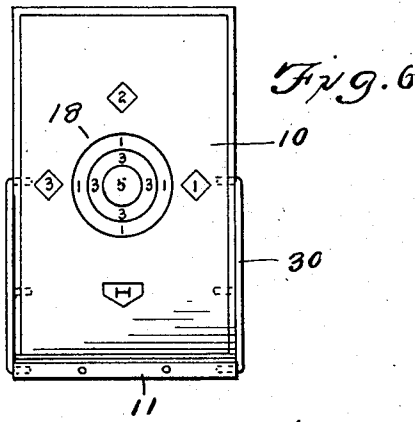
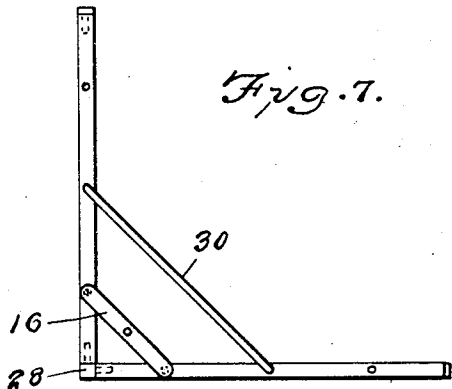
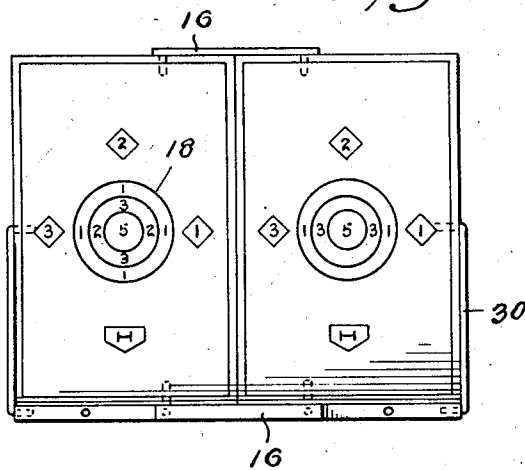
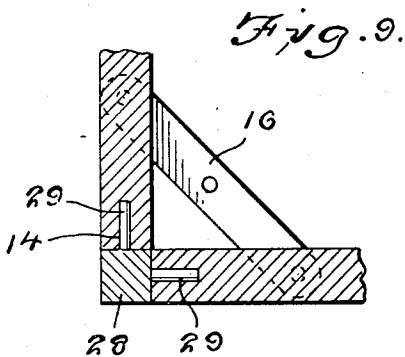
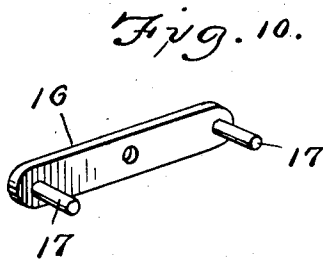
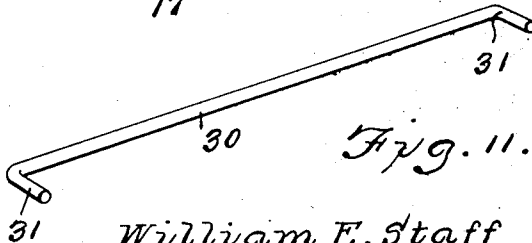
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The invention relates to a united combination game apparatus and more especially to a game board.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a board of this character, wherein the same is in the form of a plurality of sections, these being convertible for association with each other to enable the playing of varying modified games on the floor indoors or smooth ground outdoors.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a board of this character, wherein the sections of the same are susceptible of being extended, also reversed and related to each other when in the set position, and can be made secure to provide a playing surface for selected games, the board in its entirety being of novel construction, together with many new and special features of twenty pins or other objects, whereby allowing ten pins to be set up at each end of the playing board for the playing of shuttle bowling, using either disks or balls for said game just mentioned. It is preferable to have specially marked deck shuffle disks, the marking being from A—1 to 10, these being reserved to a group of five, and B—1 to 10, reserved to a group of five, they being similar to a solid hard wood or hard rubber and also six red, six blue and two cue white balls of hard rubber or hard wood, colored and marked.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a board of this character, wherein all the sections are covered on one side with sheet aluminum and perforated markings on two of these sections and with the extension feature making the board unlimited to length, this being effected by adding center sections to same.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a board of this character which permits the various modified games known as deck shuffle board, shuttle bowling, floor tennis or floor board ping-pong, hand ball and target throwing to be played, when set up according to the desired game elected, by utilizing both sides of the board sections for such purpose.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a board of this character which is simple in construction, readily and easily convertible through the reversible and extensible features, thereby presenting the united combination for games, efficient for the playing of the same indoors and outdoors, and also inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, com-

bination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which disclose the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended. 60

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a board with a plurality of sections joined with each other for the playing of games, this side being preferably covered with aluminum sheeting for the movable 65 units to glide over smoothly.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the sections of the board reversed for the playing of another character of game or games.

Figure 3 is a plan view showing the sections 70 of the board assembled for the playing of hand tennis or floor board ping-pong.

Figure 4 is an edge elevation of the association of the board shown in Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the sections of 75 the board associated with each other as a target to throw at with rubber balls.

Figure 6 is a front elevation of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 5 showing a further arrangement of two upright sections. 80

Figure 8 is a front elevation, against which a game of modified hand ball or squash may be played.

Figure 9 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the mounting of one section with relation to 85 the other as in either Figures 5 or 7.

Figure 10 is a perspective view of a coupling piece.

Figure 11 is a perspective view of a further coupling piece. 90

Figure 12 is a perspective view of one of the twenty pins of special construction as mediums for games.

Figure 13 is a perspective view of one of the special construction hard rubber disks of which 95 there are five marked A—1 to 10 and five marked B—1 to 10, used as mediums for games.

Figure 14 is a perspective view of still a further medium as hard rubber balls of which there are six red, six blue and two white cue balls, 100 red balls being marked or numbered from 1 to 6, blue balls numbered from 7 to 12.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawings. 105

Referring to the drawings in detail, the board comprises companion sections 10 and 11 and 12 and 13 respectively, each being of substantially rectangular shape and flat. The marginal side and end edges of the sections 10 and 11 have 110

formed therein circular sockets 14 and likewise the side edges and one end edge of the sections 12 and 13 have formed therein sockets 15 alike to the sockets 14 for a purpose presently described.

The sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 for the playing of certain games can be arranged in a longitudinal row, the respective sections being aligned with each other and in this condition will be united through connector pieces 16 having pins 17 which are received in the sockets 14 and 15, it being preferable to have these pieces 16 overlie the meeting ends of the said sections as is clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. In this fashion the said sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be coupled with each other and upon reverse faces of the sections 10 and 11 and 12 and 13 are playing zones 18 and 19 respectively. The zones 18 are represented by concentric circular markings 20 and spot configurations 21 and 22 respectively, while the zones 19 are represented by perforated lines 23 dividing these zones into division spaces 24. In such spaces are adapted to be positioned playing mediums, such as pins 25, to be struck by movable objects, as for example, a ball 26 or a block 27, the latter being also usable upon the playing zones 18 of the sections 10 and 11 for the execution or playing of certain games. In other words, the board is usable for a shuffle board or for tenpins, modified style.

In Figure 2 of the drawings the sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been reversed to have the playing zones 18 exposed while the zones 19 will be lowermost and concealed from view.

In Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings the sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been reassembled with the connecting pieces 16 joining the same for the playing of a game on the zones 18 of the sections 10 and 11.

In Figures 5 and 6 of the drawings the sections 10 and 11 are segregated from the remaining sections of the board and the section 10 is disposed at right angles to the section 11 and to hold these sections in this position there is used a sill 28 having the attaching pins 29 which fit in selected sockets 14, the sill 28 being dis-

posed at the meeting ends of said sections 10 and 11 and filling the gap therebetween, while the pieces 16 have the pins 17 thereof engaged in selected sockets 14 as is shown in Figure 9 of the drawings. Supplementing the pieces 16 are the brace rods 30, these having the right-angular terminals 31 which also fit in selected sockets 14 so that the section 10 will be held at right angles to the section 11 and this section 10 with its playing zone 18 permits the playing of a game with such sections in their disposition with respect to each other.

In Figures 7 and 8 of the drawings the pair of sections 10 are disposed at right angles to the pair of sections 11 and the pieces 16 and braces 30 are associated therewith in a manner as heretofore described, the pairs of sections 10 and 11 being held in side abutting relation to each other through the medium of the pieces 16 and in this disposition of these sections a game may be played.

The game boards are constructed of three-ply wood, three-eighths inches in thickness, and each section thirty inches in width and six feet long, but may be made in different sizes. The sill 28 together with Figure 10 and Figure 11 coupling pieces or brace rods are of solid aluminum or solid brass material throughout.

What is claimed is:

A game board comprising independent board-like sections having sockets marginally thereof and each bearing indicia indicative of playing fields on reverse faces of the same, plate-like connecting pieces having lugs near opposite ends for selective engagement with the sockets for joining the sections edge to edge in the same plane with each other or at right angles to one another, braces engageable with said sections when at right angles to each other, and a seal matching the meeting edges of the sections when at right angles to one another and having pins received by the sockets in the marginal edges next to said seal of said sections when at right angles to each other, and movable playing pieces for the playing fields of said sections.

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