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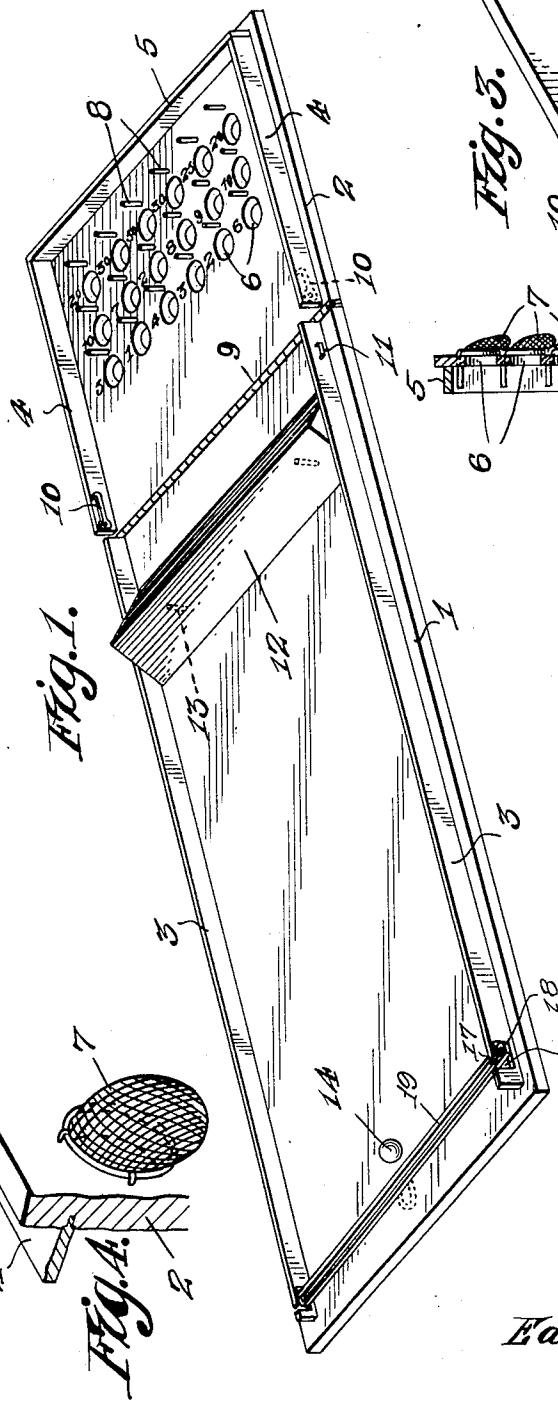


Fig. 1.

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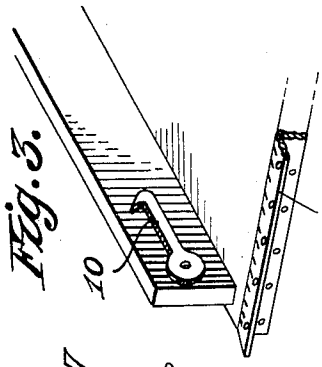


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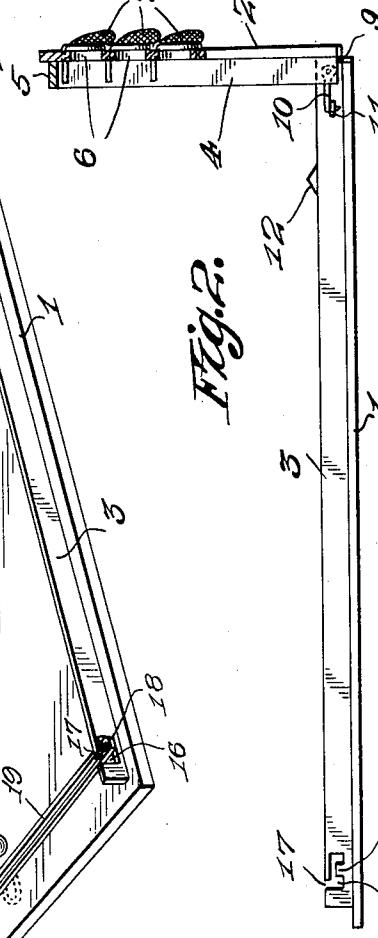


Fig. 2.



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My present invention has reference to improvements in game boards and has for its primary object the provision of a simply constructed, inexpensive and durable game board, which when in use, will prove highly amusing to the player and will require a considerable skill on the part of the player, thereby making the game valuable to both children and older people.

A further object is the provision of a game board upon which different types of games may be played.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the game board.

Figure 2 is a side elevation with parts in section showing the rear end of the board arranged and supported at a right angle with respect to the board proper as when a different type of game is to be played.

Figure 3 is a perspective view to illustrate the piano hinge joint between the board sections.

Figure 4 is a detail view to illustrate the manner in which the cages are attached.

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the playing pieces.

As disclosed by the drawing my improvement contemplates the employment of two rectangular plates 1 and 2, respectively. The plate 1 is of a materially greater length than the plate 2, but each of the plates is of the same width. The plate 1 is provided, adjacent its edges, with upstanding flanges 3, the plate 2 being provided with similar flanges 4 but these flanges at their outer ends have connecting strips 5. The plate 2, between the flanges 4 and 5 is provided with any desired number of round openings 6, and to the rear of each of these openings there is fixed a bag-like cage 7. Also the plate 2, between the openings is provided with upstanding pins 8. The plate, between the openings 6 has inscribed thereon suitable numerals to indicate the value of the playing piece that is received through the openings in the cages or baskets 7, and these numerals also indicate the score obtained by a player who projects a ring along the board.

The plates 1 and 2 are connected together by a piano hinge 9, and the side flanges 4 of the plate 2 carry pivotally supported catch elements 10 that are swingable into eyes 11 on the outer faces of the flanges 3 of the plate 1. When the fastening hooks 10 engage the eyes the plate 2 is arranged at an upward and at a right angle with respect to the plate 1.

When the sections of the game board are in parallelism, as shown by Figure 1 of the drawing, I preferably arrange between the side flanges 3 of the plate 1 a triangular obstruction element 12 and this element is held on the plate 3 by pins or dowels 13 arranged on the flat bottom of the triangular obstructing element 12 which enters suitable openings in the plate 1. When in this position the game may be played by either a sphere 14 of a ring 15. The playing pieces may be manipulated by the player flipping his fingers thereagainst, and the obstructing element 12 rendering the playing of the game somewhat difficult and the same as inferred may be removed should it be found desirable. Likewise instead of flipping the ring 15 the same may be tossed, in an endeavor to arrange the same over any one of the pins 8. Also the playing pieces may be projected by elastic means, in which instance, and as disclosed by Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing, I provide the flanges 3, adjacent to the front of the plate 1 with rectangular openings 16 provided with restricted entrance passages 17 and having on their lower walls upstanding fingers 18 arranged a slight distance away from the upper wall provided by said openings and likewise at a slight distance from one of the end walls provided by the opening. Through the slot 17 there may be slipped an endless elastic band 19 which is brought between the fingers 18 and the end walls of the openings so that the band is effectively sustained on the flanges 3 and may be centrally gripped to stretch the same and a release of the band will cause the same to contact with one of the playing pieces to project the same along the board toward any openings or pins which afford the goals on the plate 2.

When the plate 2 is swung at a right angle with respect to the plate 1, as disclosed by Figure 2 of the drawing the outer angle face of the obstructing element 12 will serve as a guide for the playing pieces contacted therewith to direct the same upwardly into the openings, when the spheres are employed or onto the pins when the rings are employed. Instead of thus projecting the playing pieces the latter may be tossed toward the goal end of the device and obviously the player obtaining the higher score with the employment of a determined number of playing pieces wins the game.

Having described the invention, I claim:

A game device comprising side flanges mounted on a board and having notches opening outwardly through the upper edges thereof to form mouths, projections on the walls of the notches and arranged laterally of the mouths, and an elastic band for projecting game pieces extending into the notches by way of the mouths and positioned over the projections.

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