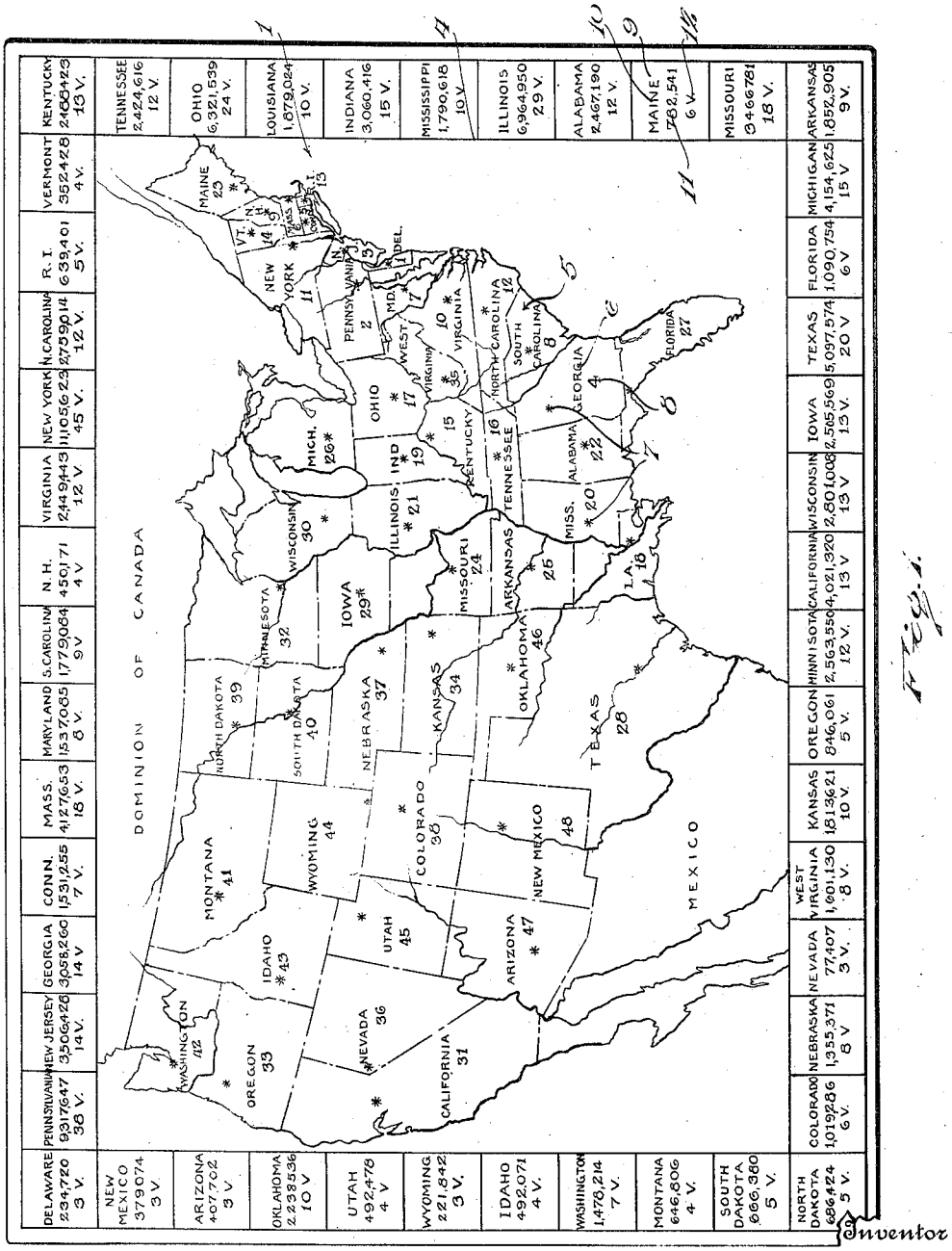
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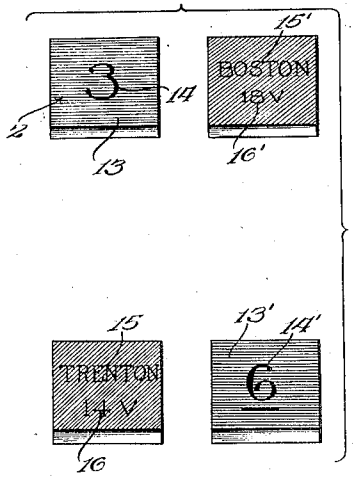


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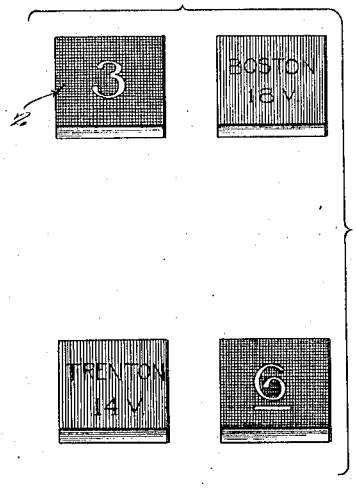
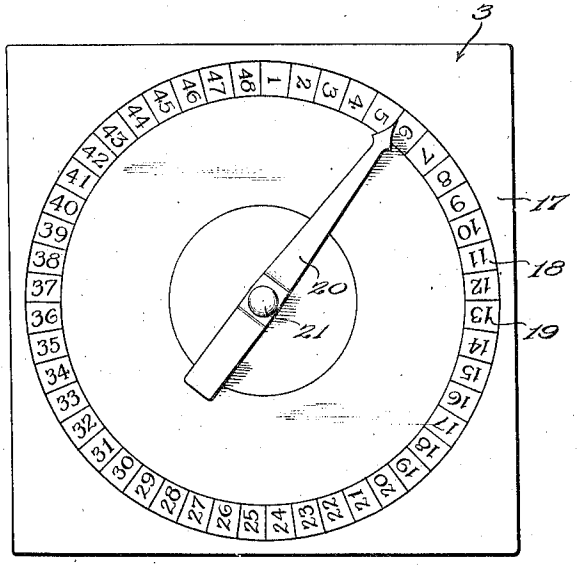


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This invention relates to improved game apparatus and has as one of its objects to provide an apparatus by which a game may be played which will prove not only entertaining but also possess great educational value and compel the players to become familiar with the location of each State in the United States, the order in which they joined the Union, the name and location of the capitals and also the population and number of electoral votes for each State.

Another object of the invention is to provide game apparatus designed for the playing of a game which will have the characteristics of an election contest and will, at the same time, prove instructive, inasmuch as the players are repeatedly reminded of the number of electoral votes possessed by each State of the Union.

Another object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus, the use of which in playing a game will require the exercise of the mental faculties in immediately asserting facts peculiar to the several States of the Union so that the players will, in a short while, become familiar with such information or data.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board constituting a part of the invention.

Figure 2 is a group view illustrating, in perspective, two of the markers employed in connection with the game board, and showing the opposite faces of said markers.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2, illustrating two markers of another group employed where three or four players are engaged in playing the game.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a play indicator which is employed in playing the game.

As illustrated in the several figures of the drawings, the apparatus comprises a game board which is indicated in general by the numeral 1, markers which are indicated in general by the numeral 2, and a play indicating device which is indicated in general by the numeral 3.

The game board comprises a board of any suitable material which constitutes a base and to the surface of which or upon one face of which there is applied or represented, within a rectangular border 4, a map of the United States, indicated in general by the numeral 5. Each State is designated, within its indicated boundaries, by its proper name as indicated by the numeral 6, and within the indicated boundaries of each State there is printed or otherwise represented a star, asterisk, or other symbol, indicating the location of the capital of the State, as indicated by the numeral 7, although the capital is not designated by its name. Likewise, there is printed or otherwise indicated within the boundaries of each State representation, an ordinal which is indicated by the numeral 8 and which indicates the order of succession in which the particular State entered the Union. Thus, the State representations bear within their boundaries the said ordinals 8 which range in numerical order from the ordinal "1" within the boundaries of the State of Delaware, which was the first State to enter the Union, to the ordinal "48" within the boundaries of the State of New Mexico, which was the last or forty-eighth State to enter the Union.

The map 5 is embordered not only by the boundary line 4, but also by a rectangular group of squares or rectangles 9 within each of which there is printed or otherwise represented as at 10, the name of one of the States of the Union, the population of the State, as indicated by the numeral 11, and the number of electoral votes, as indicated by the numeral 12, there being, of course, forty-eight of such squares embodied in the rectangular group, and it is immaterial how these squares are arranged with reference to the State names, population, or electoral votes.

The markers heretofore referred to are in the form of rectangular blocks of any suitable material such as wood, and Figure 2 of the drawings illustrates in detail two of the markers, viewing the two faces thereof. In this figure, the numeral 13 indicates one of the markers which bears indicia relating to the State of New Jersey, and one face of the marker may be colored blue and will bear an ordinal, indicated by the numeral 14, corresponding to the ordinal 8 which is represented within the boundaries of the State representation upon the map 5 and indicating that New Jersey was the third State to enter the Union. The other face of this marker is colored in contrast to the first mentioned face, as for example, brown or purple, and bears, as indicated by the numeral 15, the name of the capital of the State and likewise, as indicated by the numeral 16, the number of electoral votes to

which the State is entitled. The second marker illustrated in the group view indicated by the legend Figure 2, is indicated by the reference numeral 13′, and the component features of this marker which correspond to the features of the marker 13, are indicated by corresponding reference numerals primed. There are forty-eight of the markers, as shown in Figure 2, and where the game is to be played by only two players, this number of markers will suffice, it being understood that the faces of the markers which bear the ordinals indicated by the numerals 14 and 14′ are of corresponding color and that the other faces of the markers are likewise of corresponding color. Therefore, in playing the game, one player will utilize the markers of the set, by placing the same, under conditions to be presently explained, upon the squares 9, with the ordinal bearing faces uppermost and the other player will utilize his markers by placing the same upon the squares with the capital name and electoral vote designations uppermost. As will be presently explained, the selection of markers by each player is determined by the employment of the indicator shown in Figure 4 and indicated by the numeral 3.

The markers shown in Figure 3 are representative of an auxiliary or duplicate set which is employed where three or four persons are to play the game and these markers are identical with the markers shown in Figure 2, except that in the set represented in Figure 3, the colors of the opposite faces of the markers are distinct from the colors of the opposite faces of the markers of the set represented in Figure 2, so that because of the distinctive colors the markers employed by the different players may be readily distinguished or identified.

The plays to be made are determined by actuation of the indicator device shown in Figure 4, which is in the nature of a dial 17 having upon its face an annular series of divisions 18 within the bounds of which are printed or otherwise represented ordinals indicated by the numeral 19 ranging from "1" to "48" and which ordinals may be arranged either consecutively, as shown in the said figure, or indiscriminately, as may be found preferable. An indicating rotatable pointer 20 is swiveled, as at 21, upon the face of the dial concentric to the series of divisions 18 and is adapted to be spun by the players in the usual manner.

In playing the game, the players spin the pointer 20 and the player registering the highest number on the dial may elect the political party of which he is to be the presumed candidate in the playing of the game, the other players having their respective choices in accordance with the relative numerical values registered by the pointer or indicator 20. The players then take turns in spinning the indicator or pointer 20 and if the first player registers for example, "3" on the dial, he will select the marker bearing the ordinal "3", determine, by reference to the map, the State represented by this marker, which is the State of New Jersey, and will then place the marker on that one of the squares 9 which bears the State name "New Jersey" and the indicia 11 and 12 relating thereto, and at this time he will call the name of the capital of the State, which is Trenton. Should he fail to name the capital of the State as he places the marker on the square, he forfeits the electoral vote of that State to the first player who calls it. It will be understood, of course, that the markers are all arranged in numerical order in a group with their ordinal bearing sides uppermost prior to beginning of playing of the game, the understanding being that where there are two players, one will place all of his markers, determined by his manipulation of the indicator device 3, on the respective squares 9 with the ordinal bearing sides uppermost and, therefore, with one color displayed, and that the other player will place his markers on the squares with the sides bearing the indicia indicated by the numerals 15 and 16 uppermost, so that when all of the squares have been filled with markers, the markers belonging to each player may be readily identified, the total number of electoral votes, as indicated by the markers, determining the winner of the game. Of course, where there are four players, two sets of the markers will be employed, making a total of ninety-six markers, but inasmuch as the indicator device 3 will register no higher than 48, and the second set of markers is an exact duplicate of the first set with the exception of the variation in colors, the game will be played in precisely the manner before pointed out. Of course, where there are four players, the third and fourth players, or if there are three players the third player, will elect which sides of their markers will be presented uppermost in placing them upon the game board. If the point of the indicator 20 should stop on one of the radial lines defining the divisions 18 of the dial, the player makes his play in accordance with the next adjacent higher dial number.

It will be evident from the foregoing that inasmuch as the ordinals which appear on the faces of the markers indicate the order in which the respective States entered the Union, the players are constantly reminded of the order of entry of the States and receive education in this respect. It will also be evident that the players, being required to name the capitals of the States as the respective markers are placed in position upon the squares 9, will become familiar with the various State capitals and will, likewise, be-

come familiar with the number of electoral votes to which each State of the Union is entitled. Also, inasmuch as the population of each State appears in its respective square 9, the players will become familiar with the comparative populations of the States of the Union.

If it is desired to render the game more interesting, the players may spin for even numbers only, when all but ten of the State representing squares 9 have been covered by markers, the players marking the vacant squares for the States nearest to the even number which is indicated by the device shown in Figure 4, and, in spinning for even numbers, if the indicator points to an uneven number, the player loses his play.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map of the United States, the several States being respectively individually designated by ordinals significant of an event in the history of the respective State, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of one of the States and ordinals indicating the population of the respective State and the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces each bearing indicia relating to one of the States and an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective State division of the map.

2. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map of the United States, the several State representations being respectively individually designated by ordinals having historical significance, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of one of the States and ordinals indicating the population of the State and the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces and each bearing the name of the capital of one of the States and an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective State division of the map.

3. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map of the United States, the several State divisions being respectively individually designated by ordinals indicating the order in which the respective States entered the Union, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of one of the States and ordinals indicating the population of the respective State and the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces and each bearing indicia relating to one of the States and an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective State division of the map.

4. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map of the United States, the several State divisions being respectively individually designated by ordinals indicating the order in which the respective States entered the Union, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of one of the States and ordinals indicating the population of the respective State and the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces each bearing upon one face the name of the capital of a State and an ordinal indicating the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and bearing upon its other face an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective State division of the map.

5. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map of the United States, the several State divisions being respectively individually designated by ordinals indicating the order in which the respective States entered the Union, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of a respective one of the States and ordinals indicating the population of the respective State and the number of electoral votes to which the respective State is entitled, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces each bearing upon one face the name of the capital of the respective State and an ordinal indicating the number of electoral votes to which the State is entitled, and bearing upon its other face an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective State division of the map, the said faces of each marker being of different distinguishing colors.

6. Game apparatus comprising a game board having represented thereon a map, and territorial divisions respectively individually designated by ordinals, the board also having represented thereon a series of outlined spaces each bearing the name of one of the said divisions and data of an educational nature relating to the respective division, and markers for disposal upon the said outlined spaces each bearing indicia relating to one of the divisions and corresponding to data in the space bearing the name of the respective division and also bearing an ordinal corresponding to the designating ordinal of the respective division.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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