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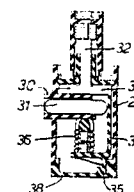
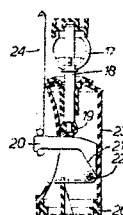
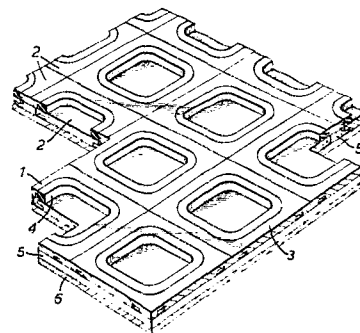
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 **Instructional chess game.**

 An instructional chess game comprises a square playing board (1) of laminated construction having sixty-four individual playing squares (2) each of which is formed centrally with a substantially square opening surrounded by a corresponding «black» or «white» liner (4), the upper layer (3) of the board (1) preferably being of natural wood. The base (26, 38) of each of at least some of a conventional number of playing pieces will not fit any lined opening of the board (1) if said piece is facing in a direction that is not allowed by the traditional rules of chess and each playing piece (23, 28) is animated in such a way that, upon manipulation of its head (17), a spring loaded arm member (20) will cause a weapon (24) to strike a neighbouring and opposing playing piece or such manipulation will cause a projectile (31) to be fired by the sudden release of a spring-loaded and pivotted lever (34) after movement thereof to a cocked or firing position by a progressive displacement and sudden release cam (33). A video chess game is also described during which a substantially conventional chess board is visually represented and similarly represented playing pieces are shown to attack one another by striking each other or by launching projectiles, laser beams or the like at one another, the attacked and visually represented playing pieces collapsing/disintegrating before finally vanishing and being replaced by the attacking playing pieces with suitable sound effects.





DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int. Cl. ³)
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			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int. Cl. ³)
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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- All claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claims:
- No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims 1-9: Chesset comprising animated pieces
2. Claim 10: Video Chess game.

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