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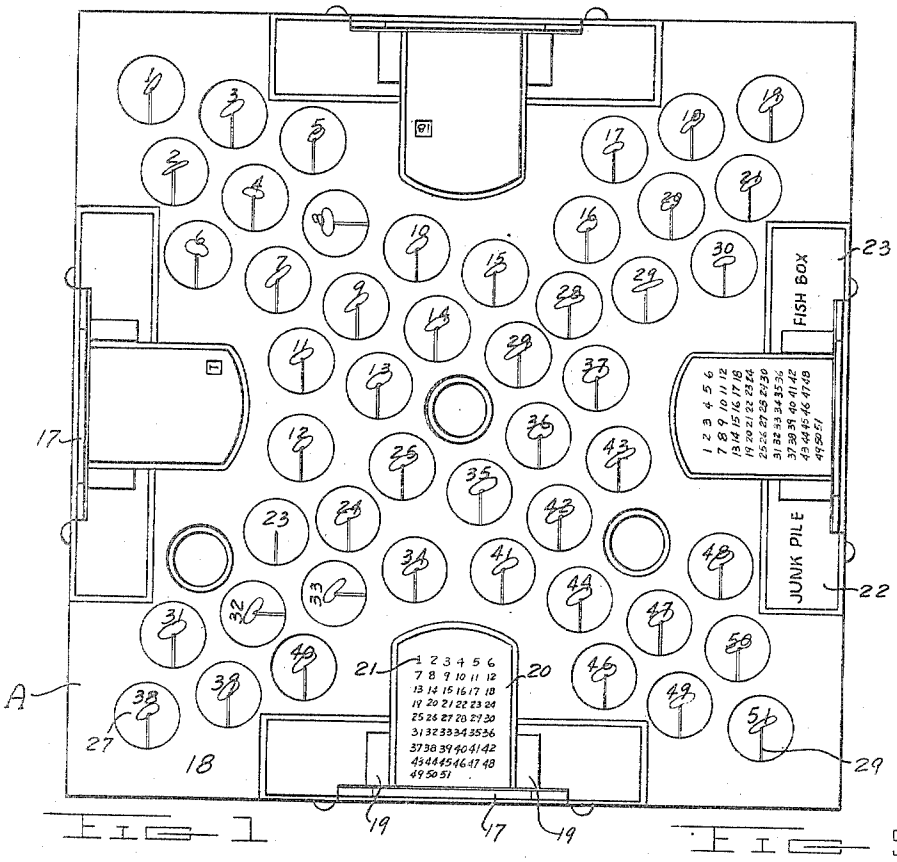


FIG. 1

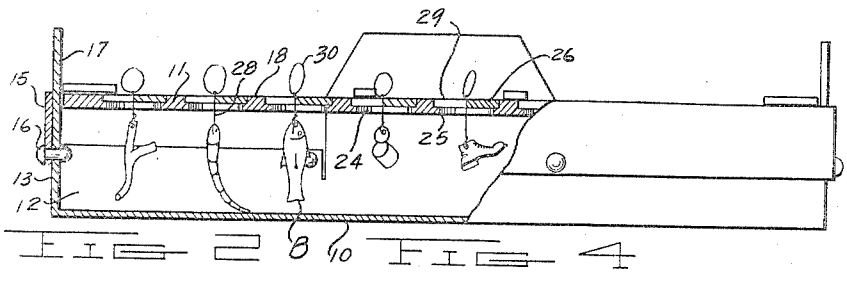


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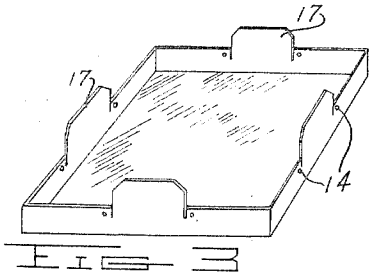
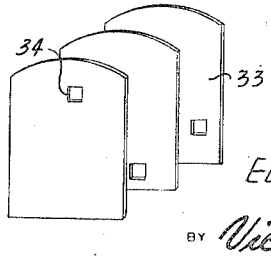


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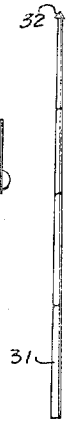


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The invention relates to a game playing assembly, and more especially to a fishing game apparatus.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of an apparatus of this character, wherein a box like receptacle has a top area effecting an imitative fishing locality for the acquiring of miniature items confined within and concealed from view in the receptacle, through fishing tactics by competitive players of a game of fishing as carried out through the use of the apparatus, thus affording amusement and entertainment to the player participants.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an apparatus of this character, wherein the same in its entirety is novel in construction and unique in the assembly of component parts thereof, so that those playing the game will have surprises and enjoyment during the progress of the game by imitative fishing maneuvering in the use of the apparatus.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an apparatus of this character, wherein variable items can be acquired by fishing tactics of the players of the game as played by the said apparatus, and the results being fascinating and jubilant to participants in the playing of the game.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an apparatus of this character, which is comparatively simple in construction, neat in appearance, attractive in the playing of the game thereby, affording amusement to the young and elders and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the apparatus constructed in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a side edge elevation, partly broken away thereof;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the lower body section of the apparatus detached from its upper section.

Figure 4 is a deployed view in perspective of a group of playing pieces used in the playing of a game by the apparatus.

Figure 5 is an elevation of one of a series of fishing poles employed in the game played by the apparatus.

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

Referring to the drawing in detail, the game apparatus in its entirety constituting the present invention, comprises a box like recpetacle or casing generally denoted at A, and includes a bottom body section 10 including a lower panel and a top covering section 11 having an upper panel, respectively, the latter detachably telescopes over the bottom section 10, and in this condition creates an interior compartment 12 to the receptacle. At each siding 13 to the bottom section 10 are spaced crosswise aligned holes 14 preferably located at the transverse center of such section, while carried by the siding 15 of the top section 11 for registry with a hole 14 is a latching stud or lug 16 for detachable engagement therein so that these sections 10 and 11 will be separably fastened together, as best seen in Figure 2 of the drawing.

Rising from the transverse median of the sidings 13 of the bottom section 10 are upstanding extension wings 17, which are passed through clearances therefor provided in the top section 11, so as to rise above the upper surface 18 of the latter in a vertical upstanding position. Each face confronting the surface 18 of each wing 17 is adapted to display a boat and fishermen therein, not shown, each fisherman being posed as in the act of fishing, through the use of a fishing line, from the area of the surface 18, which is colored to be imitative of a body of water as a fishing zone.

Built upon the surface 18 next to each wing 17 is a rack 19 of a size to accommodate a play directing chart 20, which bears spaced columnar numerically arranged digits 21, ranged from the numeral "1" to a determined greater numeral, as for example: "51" yet it may be of a greater numerical value, selectively. At opposite sides of each rack 19 are laterally directed identifying traps 22 and 23 respectively, one being titled "Junk pile" and the other "Fish box," for the placement of articles or items accordingly therein by competitive players of a game played by the apparatus by fishing tactics required thereby.

Provided in the top section 11 at the surface 18 thereof is a series or group of spaced circular holes 24, with counterbores providing counterseating shouldered edges 25, and adapted to cover such holes are removable disks 26, for releasable seating on the shoulder edges 25, the disks being identified at their outermost exposed faces with numerals 27 which coincide with those appearing in the charts 20, and by arrange-

ment of the disks such numerals are allocated in hap-hazard fashion throughout the area of the surface 18 or in other words they are not in numerical appearing order with respect thereto.

Hung from each of the disks 26 to be confined within the compartment 12 and concealed by the receptacle A within the same is an imitative species of an item or article, generally denoted at B, which may be miniature of an image of a live fish, snake, tree branch, boat, headcap, turtle, other water creatures or anything or kind, and this item or article is suspended from a hanger 28 which is threaded through a slit 29 in the disk 26 carrying the same, and from this hanger there rises above the said disk a ring or loop 30, which is designed to stand upwardly therefrom for the engagement thereof.

Each player of the game through the use of the apparatus is supplied with a fishing pole 31 having a catching tip 32, so that when operated manually it will hook a ring or loop 30 for the catching of a disk 26, and the raising thereof from the hole 24 covered thereby, for extracting and the catch of an image, item or article B suspended from such disk and previously confined within the receptacle A, as a fishing award.

The apparatus further involves a deck of playing cards, each identified at 33 and provided with a window 34, located at a determined area thereof, and differently disposed with respect to other similar cards of a group assigned to a given player from the deck thereof. This window is located in the card to expose separately a single numeral 21 appearing on the chart 20 when this particular card is placed in matching relation over the latter. By reversing a card 33 the holder thereof has the privilege of the execution of two plays in connection with the chart 20 assigned to a player of the game in the use of the apparatus. In this manner a reduction is had in the number of cards 33 making up a playing deck thereof comparable with the large range of disk numerals 27 as spread upon the top surface 18 of the top section 11 of the receptacle A.

When a player of the game has been supplied with a group of playing cards 33 from the deck, after shuffling or reshuffling thereof, he places a selected card of the group on to the chart 20 under assignment thereof, and the window 34 will expose a determined numeral 21 of this chart, which identifies a like numeral on a disk 26 that must be fished by such player, by the pole 31 in the possession of the latter, whence under extraction of the disk caught, the item or article carried thereby, will be the award to this player. Now, the winner of the game, is he or she acquiring the larger number of awards by catch from the receptacle A, particularly the fish specie.

When the dealt cards have been spent by all participant players of the game of fishing, the game having come to an end: The cards are reshuffled for a repeat game or another game. The awards acquired by the players are deposited in the traps 22 and 23 as controlled by the respective players.

What is claimed is:

In a game board, the combination which comprises a hollow rectangular shaped casing having spaced upper and lower panels connected by side and end walls, the said upper panel having spaced openings therein, closures positioned in the said openings, loops extended upwardly from said closures by which the closures may be raised from the openings, articles positioned in the casing and suspended from the closures, and traps positioned on each side of the game board for the placement of articles therein.

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