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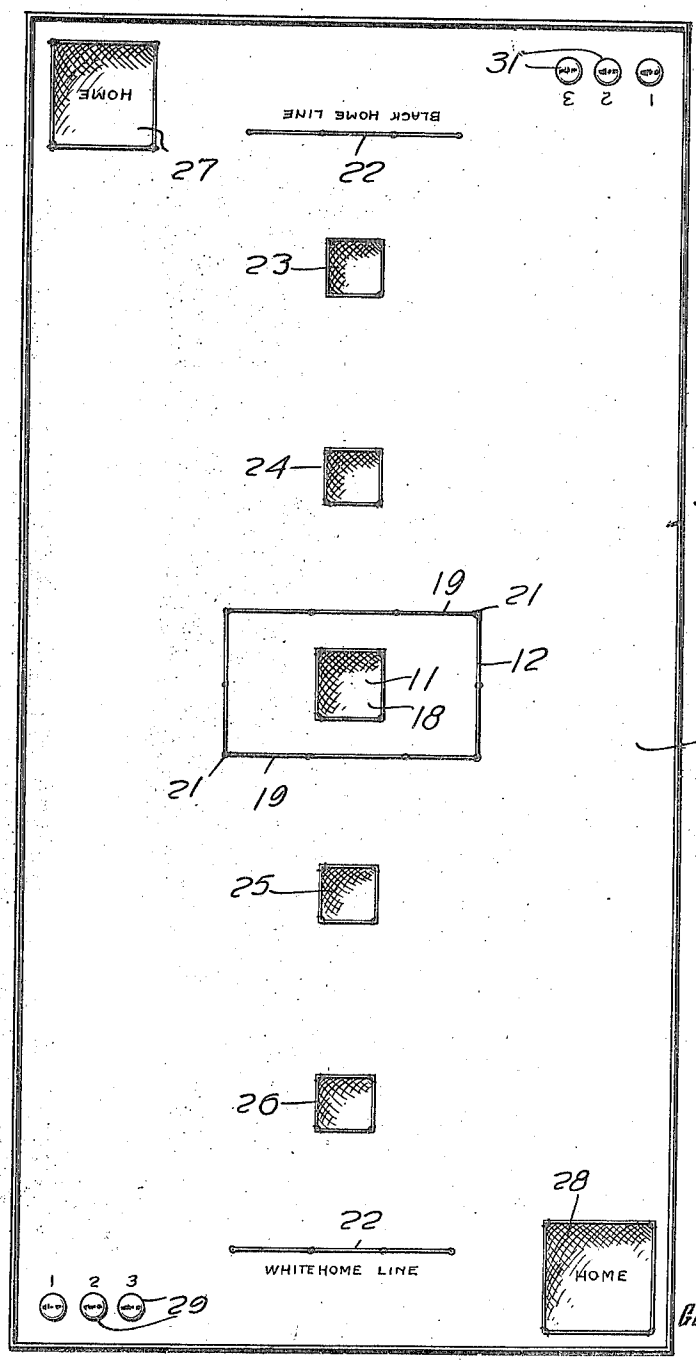

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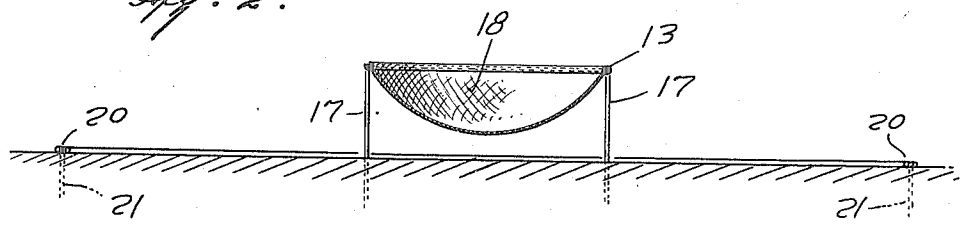

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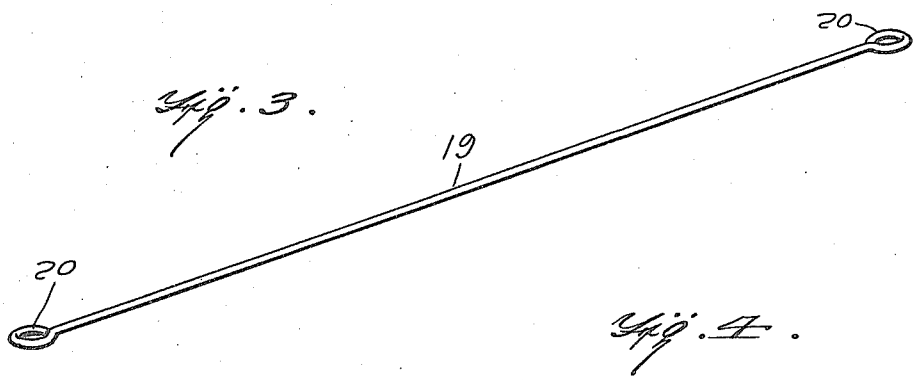

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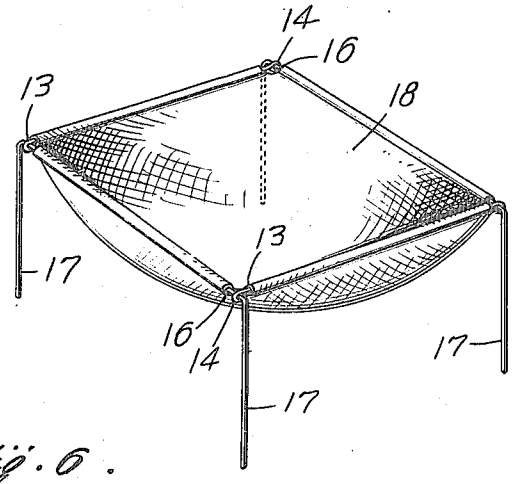

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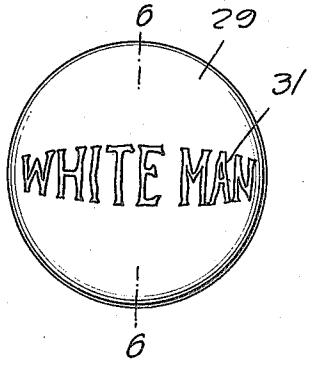

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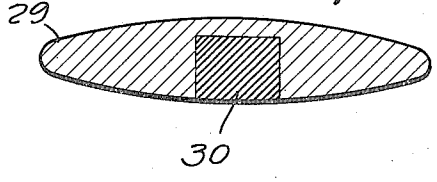

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE W. WAKEHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marshall, in the county of Dane and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to games and game boards and has for an object to provide apparatus for playing a game which may be made in various sizes to operate as a game board, as such frame is ordinarily understood, or to be enlarged to be played upon the ground in an enlarged field.

The object of the invention is to provide apparatus for playing a new and improved game, the characteristic of which is the throwing of certain articles which may be referred to as "men", to be thrown into certain receptacles herein referred to as "pits", with other apparatus for marking off and defining certain limits of the game.

A further object of the invention is to provide improved type of pits as a part of the game structure.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved form of men to be employed with the pits and other structure.

A further object of the invention is to provide improved marking means for defining certain limits of the game and the moves of the game.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel elements, features, parts, arrangements and combinations, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game organization which may be a board, as indicated by the outline in that figure, or the outline may indicate the margin of the field upon which the game is played;

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view through one of the pits showing in elevation the markers associated with the pit;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the links forming the markers;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the pits;

Figure 5 is a top plan view of one of the men, and

Figure 6 is a diametrical sectional view of one of the men taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The improved game which is disclosed in the drawings is, as hereinbefore stated, adapted to be used in a variety of sizes for indoor or outdoor playing. It comprises a field 10 which may be a board, the floor of a room, or a field out of doors, and will, therefore be either the ground or other base. Substantially centrally of the field a pit 11 is erected, surrounded by a marker 12 which will define the center field. The pit 11, like the other pits hereinafter referred to, comprises a frame substantially square in form, as shown at Figure 4, having side bars 13 with loops 14 on the ends thereof, in which are pivoted side bars 16 which are extended as legs 17 which are inserted into the earth if the device is played upon the ground, or into openings formed for the purpose if the game is played in a room or on a table. The side bars 13 and 16 carry a pouch 18 of any approved fabric, bagged, as indicated more particularly at Figures 2 and 4, to form a receptacle.

The marker of which the center field is composed comprises a plurality of links 19 jointed together in any approved manner, as by forming eyes 20 thereon, as indicated more particularly at Figure 3. The eyes 20 may serve not only for jointing together a plurality of such links for convenient folding for storage, transportation and the like, but also serve to receive pins 21, by which the marker is attached to the ground, or tacks, brads, or the like, if attached to the table or the floor. The marker is also employed as a home line at each end of the board, as shown at 22 to be similarly attached. A plurality of the pits are employed at 23, 24, 25 and 26, as indicated at Figure 1, and pits of the same style or larger at 27 and 28.

The men with which the game is played are shown in detail at Figures 5 and 6 and are composed of substantially circular bodies 29, thinner adjacent the edges than at the middle and preferably weighted as indicated at Figure 6 with some heavy material, as lead, introduced into a socket, as indicated at 30. The men are also properly designated, as shown at Figure 5, wherein the designation "white men", is shown at Figure 5, wherein it is understood that the men employed at one end initially will be so desig-

nated, while the men at the opposite end will be designated as "black men", or some distinguishing designation. The game as at present described to be played on the board would employ three such white men 29 and three of the black men 31, as shown at Figure 1. It is obvious, of course, that different games may be played with the structure as shown and as assembled, or that it may be differently assembled as the necessities of the game may make desirable, but it is the intent to employ the organization to play a game in which two, four or six players may participate. The playing of the game with two players will indicate the manner of playing in which player #1 is at one end of the field and player #2 at the opposite end.

Player #1 stands back of the home line 22 and casts one of the white men toward pit 25 with the object of casting the man into said pit. After the first cast player #2 plays from the rear of the black home line, casting one of the black men toward pit 24 with the intent of casting such man into the pit. Each of the men remains where it is cast until the other plays have been made. Player #1 now plays from the point at which his man rests into pit 25, the plays being alternated. As many plays as may be required are alternately employed for the white player to cast his men into pit 25 and the black player to cast his men into pit 24. From pit 25 player #1 casts toward pit 24 with the intent of entering his men therein, the requisite number of casts being employed for that purpose. From pit 24 player #1 casts his men to the rear of the black home line. When this play is accomplished player #1 now seeks to cast his man into pit 23, from which it is cast into pit 18, the center pit. From the center pit the player seeks to cast his man into the home pit 28.

It is obvious that as each player must cast his man in turn the player who first succeeds in getting his man into his particular home pit wins the game.

It is not the intent here to give all of the rules of the game which can be played with the use of this apparatus, sufficient only being described to show the utility of the organization as an entirety, leaving it to the proprietor of the game to formulate such rules and regulations for the conduct of the game as may seem wise.

What I claim to be new is:

1. A game comprising a plurality of pouches of different sizes arranged in predetermined relation, each of said pouches comprising a marginal non-collapsible frame, a fabric secured at its marginal edges to the frame and depressed to form a bag below the plane of the frame, and foldable legs formed integral with parts of the frame extending normally below the frame and adapted to penetrate and support the bag out of contact with the ground and to be folded substantially within the lines of the frame.

2. A game comprising a plurality of pouches, each consisting of a frame having parts thereof constructed as legs foldable in contiguity with other sections of the frame, a fabric having its edges secured to the frame and bagged beneath and all proportioned so that the legs support the bag out of contact with the ground, and markers comprising sections hinged together and presenting means for securing the markers to the ground.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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