

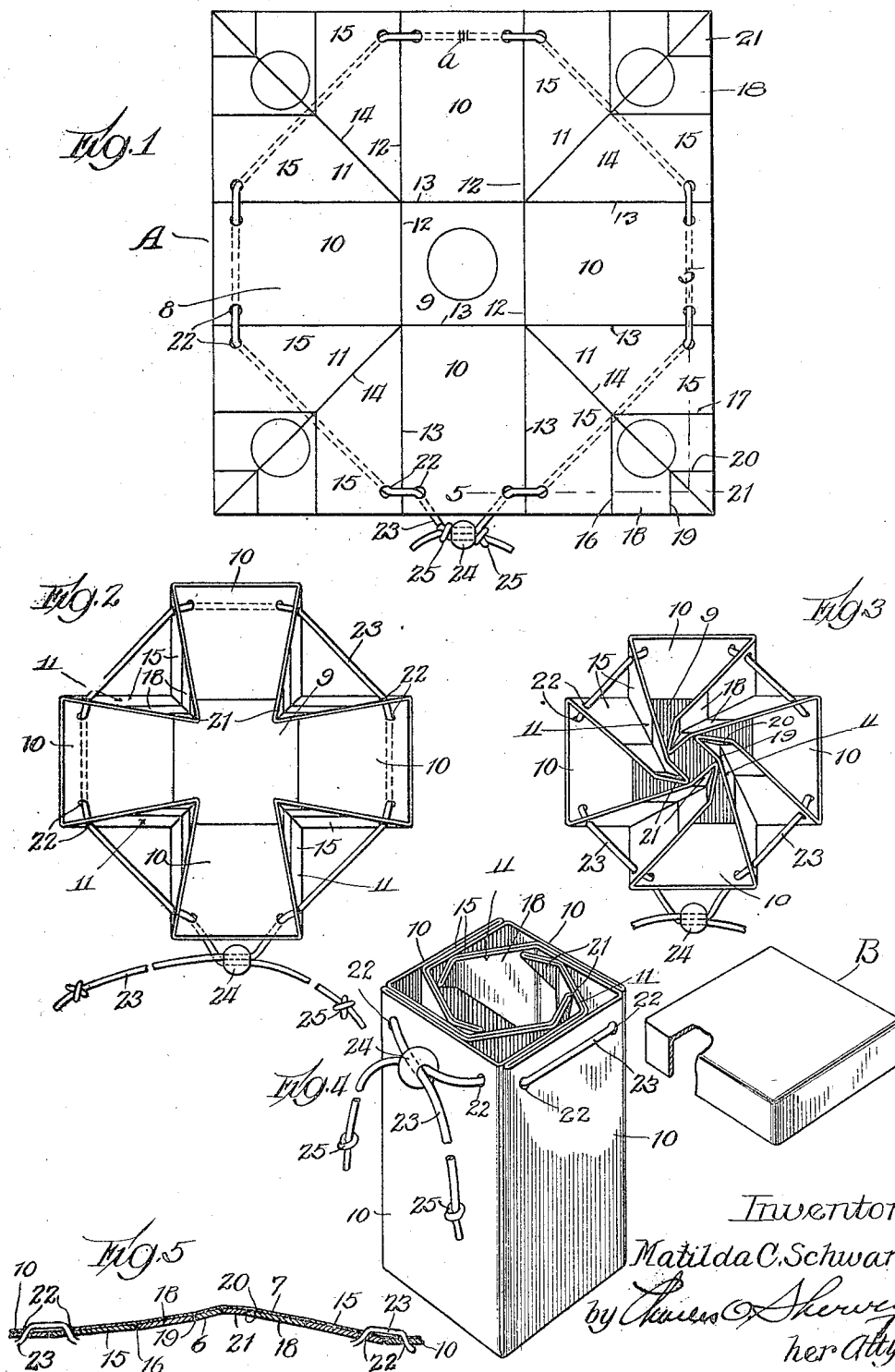
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MATILDA C. SCHWARZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Freeport, Stephenson County, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foldable Receptacles for Games and Other Articles, of which the following is declared to be a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to foldable receptacles for games and other articles and its principal object is to provide a pleasing and attractive article of manufacture which may be used as a game board and also as a container for the game, or it may be used as a container or receptacle for other articles, as for instance, ladies' toilet articles. Another object is to provide a sheet of flat, stiff material having displayed on one side a game or game board and divided into a rectangular central portion and other portions extending away from the four sides of the central portion, and from the corners thereof, which are arranged to be folded up to form a receptacle having four sides secured in such folded condition by a cord threaded in and out through eyes located in the projecting portions. Another object is to provide a foldable receptacle as above set forth, with a cover adapted to close the receptacle and hold the sides thereof in folded position. With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the several novel features hereinafter fully set forth and claimed.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the drawing accompanying this specification, in which Fig. 1 is a face view of an unfolded receptacle, embodying a simple form of the present invention, showing the same laid out flat for use in playing games; Fig. 2 is a plan of the article, illustrating a position occupied by its parts when it is partially folded into a receptacle; Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, except that the parts are shown in a position occupied when the formation of the receptacle is almost completed; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the completely folded receptacle, showing the cover for the receptacle detached therefrom, and Fig. 5 is a diagrammatical view of a fragment of the sheet from which the receptacle is formed, the view being in section and the line of section being indicated at 5-5 in Fig. 1.

Referring to said drawings, which illus-

trate one embodiment of the invention, a sheet A of stiff, flat material is used, preferably made of card board or the like 6 (see Fig. 5) covered on one side with a flexible material 7, such as cloth, canvas, paper or the like, glued, pasted or otherwise secured thereto. On the surface of the covering 7 is displayed a game or game board 8 of any suitable and desirable description, intended for use in playing games that employ "men," tokens or the like, which are moved from one place to another in the course of the game. The particular game displayed on the device is immaterial to the present invention, broadly considered, as the surface may be printed to take the form of any game which may be represented on a flat surface.

The sheet of material A is of rectangular form, and is made flexible along certain hereinafter described lines, and is thereby divided into a centrally located rectangular portion 9, four other rectangular portions 10, which project from the four sides of the rectangular portion 9 and four rectangular portions 11 which project from the corners of the central rectangular portion, and said several portions may be formed by scoring the material along the lines 12, 13, or the cardboard body portion 6 of the sheet may be made of separate pieces having the shapes shown, hingedly connected together by flexible hingelike connections, which connections may comprise the cloth, canvas, or paper covering. The corner portions 11 are each further divided into two triangular portions 15 by diagonal lines 14, which run from the corners of the central portion 9, and said corner portions 11 may be further divided by lines 16, 17, into square portions 18, which square portions 18 may be still further divided by lines 19, 20, into smaller square portions 21. The bodies of said divided portions 15, 18, 21, may also be made of separate pieces of cardboard hingedly secured together by the flexible covering 7.

In the rectangular portions 10, 11, adjacent the hinge lines 13 are holes or eyes 22 through which is threaded a cord 23, the ends of which pass in opposite directions through an eye member 24, and are formed with knots at their extreme ends, or they may be provided with other knobs or protuberances 25, whereby they are prevented from being pulled out of the eye member 24. Said cord 23 is threaded upwardly through

the eyes in the portions 10 of the sheet and down through the eyes in the portions 11, whereby the greater part of the cord is placed on the underside of the sheet when
 5 laid out flat, as shown in Fig. 1. Said cord may be secured to the sheet at *a* to prevent it from being displaced.

When the sheet A is laid out flat, the game or game board displayed on the sheet
 10 may be used for playing the game, and when it is desired to fold the sheet into the form of a receptacle, the extreme ends of the cord are taken hold of and drawn through the eye member 24. This has the effect of fold-
 15 ing up the rectangular portions 10 along lines 12, 13, at the sides of the central portion 9 and at the same time has the effect of tucking the corner portions 11 in towards the center of the structure, as is clearly indi-
 20 cated in Fig. 2.

When the cord has been pulled through the eye member 24 a certain distance, the extreme folded corner members 21 strike
 25 against the inner faces of the adjacent corner members 11, as seen in Fig. 3, whereupon said extreme small corner members 21 are folded upon the lines 19, 20, (see Fig. 3). By drawing the cords tightly around the ar-
 30 ticle, the rectangular members 10 are drawn into the position shown in Fig. 4, thus forming a rectangular receptacle with the corner members 11 tucked into the hollow formed by the sides of the receptacle. A flanged
 35 cover B may then be placed upon the open end of the receptacle, thereby closing the same and securing the portions 10 thereof in place to act as the side walls of the recep-
 40 tacle.

The "men," tokens, or other articles used
 40 in playing the game may be left on the flat sheet when folding the same up into a receptacle and in this way all of said "men," tokens or other articles will be retained in the receptacle when the sheet has been folded
 45 up.

Instead of using the article as a game board, it may be suitably finished and orna-
 mented, and may act as a receptacle for other articles, such as ladies' toilet articles.

50 It is to be observed that the extreme end portions 21 of said intucked corner portion 11 engage with and bear against the inner faces of adjacent corner portions 11. As a result, the sides of the receptacle are braced
 55 from the inside of the receptacle and may be

drawn tightly against said braces by the cord to form a substantial receptacle of neat and symmetrical shape.

More or less variation of the exact details of construction is possible without departing
 60 from the spirit of this invention; I desire, therefore, not to limit myself to the exact form of the construction shown and described, but intend, in the following claims, to point out all of the invention disclosed
 65 herein.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-
 ters Patent:

1. A foldable game receptacle comprising a sheet of stiff, flat material having on one
 70 face a game board displayed thereon, and consisting of a central, rectangular portion, lateral rectangular portions projecting from all four sides thereof, and intermediate rec-
 75 tangular portions joining said lateral portions, said central portion and the other portions having hinge like connections with one another, a cord threaded in through eyes
 80 located in said lateral portions and out through eyes in said intermediate portions at places adjacent the hinge like connections
 85 therebetween and an eye member through which the ends of said cord extend in opposite directions, said cord acting, when its ends are drawn through said eye member, to
 90 fold said lateral portions of the sheet upward into a four sided receptacle with the intermediate portions tucked into the hollow of the receptacle.

2. A foldable receptacle comprising a sheet
 90 of stiff, flat material and consisting of a central, rectangular portion, lateral rectangular portions projecting from all four sides thereof, and intermediate rectangular por-
 95 tions joining said lateral portions, said central portion and the other portions having hinge like connections with one another, a cord threaded in through eyes located in
 100 said lateral portions and out through eyes in said intermediate portions at places adjacent the hinge like connections therebetween and an eye member through which the ends of said
 105 cord extend in opposite directions, said cord acting, when its ends are drawn through said eye member, to fold said lateral portions of the sheet upward into a four sided recep-
 110 tacle with the intermediate portions tucked into the hollow of the receptacle.

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