

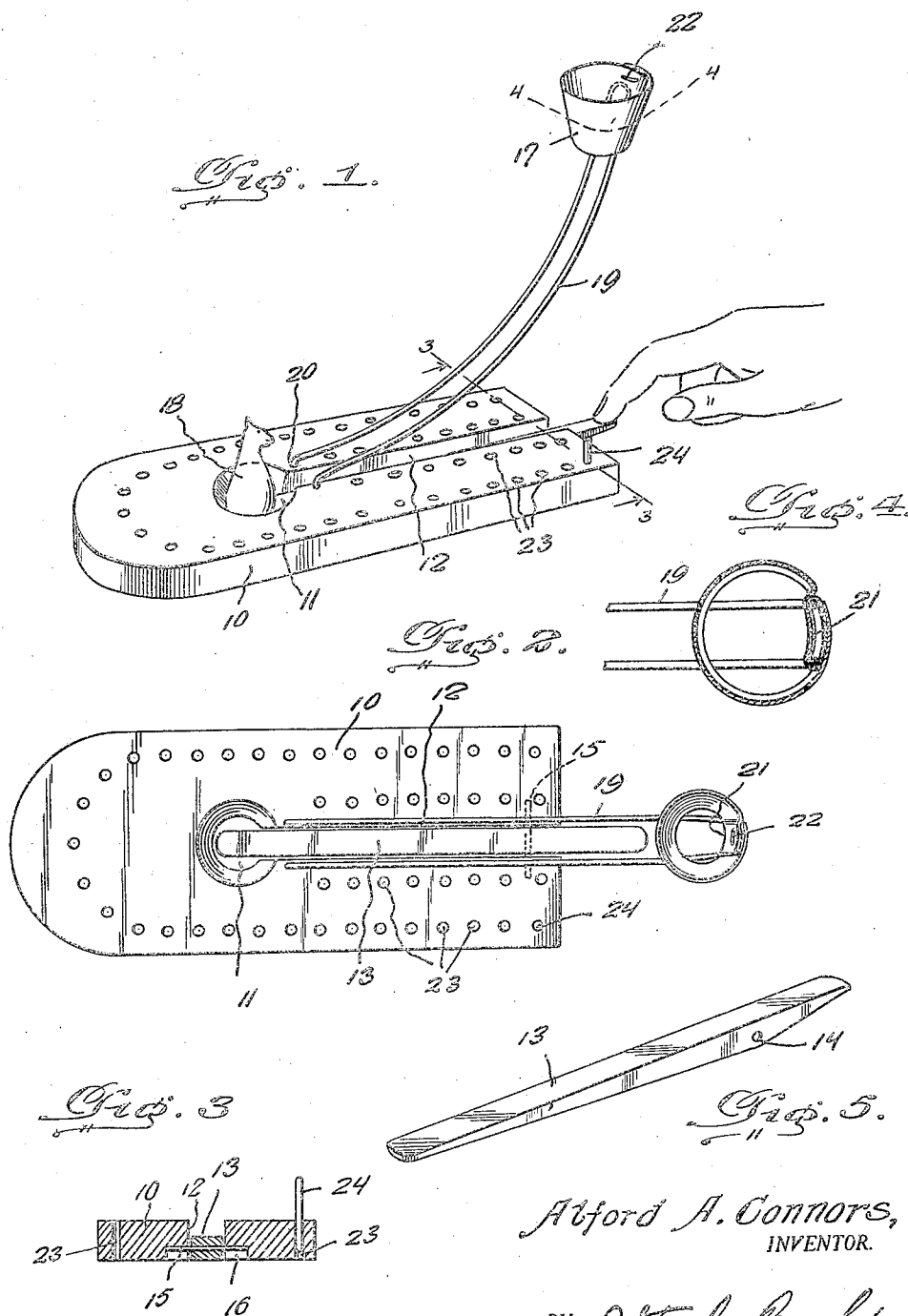
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This invention relates to a game apparatus of novel construction, which embodies amongst other features a figure toy or other object adapted to be projected by a lever into an elevated receptacle.

In carrying out the invention I preferably support a receptacle having an open bottom on the upper end of a slide along which the figure toy or other object is returned from the receptacle to its initial position on the lever for another operation of the game apparatus.

Another object of the invention resides in providing an open bottom receptacle having a pocket to receive the upper end of the slide, whereby the parts can be quickly assembled or disassembled as the occasion may require.

Other objects and advantages will appear when the following detail description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this application like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a top plan view.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a detail view of the lever.

The apparatus includes a base member 10 preferably constructed of wood and of elongated contour as illustrated, although it may vary in design and size without departing from the inventive idea. In the specific embodiment of the invention disclosed the base is provided with an enlarged opening 11 appropriately located in the length of the base, while leading from this opening to one end of the base is a longitudinal slot 12. Pivoted within the slot is a lever 13 preferably of the construction illustrated in Figure 5, the fulcrum point of the lever being indicated at 14. The lever at this point is provided with an opening to receive a pivot pin 15, and the latter is received and frictionally held within a slot 16 formed in the under side of the base

as clearly illustrated in Figure 3. The lever is of a length to project beyond one end of the base so that it can be conveniently manipulated, while the forward end of the lever extends within the opening 11 as clearly illustrated in Figure 2.

Supported above the base 10 is a receptacle 17 into which an object is adapted to be projected by the lever 13. The object is preferably in the nature of a figure toy indicated at 18, although it can be of any suitable character. The object is initially arranged within the opening 11, reposing upon the adjacent end of the lever 13, and when the lever is manipulated the object is projected through the air in the direction of the receptacle 17, in an effort to position the object within the receptacle.

The receptacle 17 may be supported in any suitable manner, but for this purpose I preferably employ a curved slide 19. The slide is preferably formed from a single length of wire bent upon itself to provide spaced limbs, and the free ends of these limbs are offset as at 20 and adapted to be received by suitable openings in the base 10. The receptacle 17 is open in the bottom, so that when the object 18 is successfully projected within the receptacle, it passes therefrom onto the slide 19, which returns the object to the opening 11, and to its initial position upon the adjacent end of the lever 13. For this reason, the slide is supported on the base immediately adjacent the opening 11.

The receptacle 17 may be constructed in any suitable manner, but is preferably formed from a single blank of cardboard or other suitable material. One end of the receptacle is folded upon itself and then arranged in overlapping relation with the adjacent end to form a pocket 21 as clearly illustrated in Figure 4, the pocket being closed at its upper end and open at its lower end, to receive the adjacent end of the slide 19. The overlapped ends of the receptacle are connected together by a staple 22 located adjacent the upper end of the receptacle. By virtue of this construction it is manifest that the receptacle can be quickly and conveniently associated with or removed from the

slide, while the latter may also be quickly connected with or disconnected from the base 10.

The base is provided with a plurality of 5 openings 23 adapted to receive a pin 24, and each time the object is successfully projected into the receptacle 17, the pin 24 is inserted in the next opening, and in this manner the score of the game counted.

10 While it is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of the invention will be thoroughly understood, I desire to have it known that I do not limit myself to what is herein illustrated or 15 described and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a base 20 having an opening and a slot leading from the opening through one end of the base, a curved slide rising from the base and having its lower end connected therewith at a point immediately adjacent said opening and 25 its upper end terminating beyond the adjacent end of the base, a receptacle supported by the upper end of the slide and wholly in advance thereof and open at both ends, and a lever pivoted in said slot and having 30 one end positioned in said opening and utilized to project an object into the receptacle, said slide returning the object from the receptacle to said opening.

2. A game apparatus comprising a base 35 having a central opening and a longitudinal slot leading from the opening through one end of the base, a receptacle supported above the base and having a pocket formed thereby, a curved slide rising from the base and having 40 its lower end connected with the base immediately adjacent said opening and its upper end terminating beyond the adjacent end of the base and received by said pocket to support the receptacle wholly on one side 45 thereof, said receptacle being open at both ends, and a lever pivoted on the base and having one end terminating in advance of the slide and utilized to project an object into the receptacle, said slide returning the object 50 from the receptacle to the base.

3. A game apparatus comprising a base having a central opening and a longitudinal slot leading from the opening through one end of the base, a longitudinally curved element comprising spaced parallel limbs having 55 their free ends connected with the base at opposite sides of said slot and immediately adjacent said opening, the upper end of said element terminating beyond one end 60 of the base, a receptacle supported by the upper end of the element wholly to one side thereof, and open at both ends, and a lever pivoted in the slot and having one end normally positioned in said opening and utilized to project an object into the receptacle, 65

said element constituting a slide for returning the object from the receptacle to said opening.

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