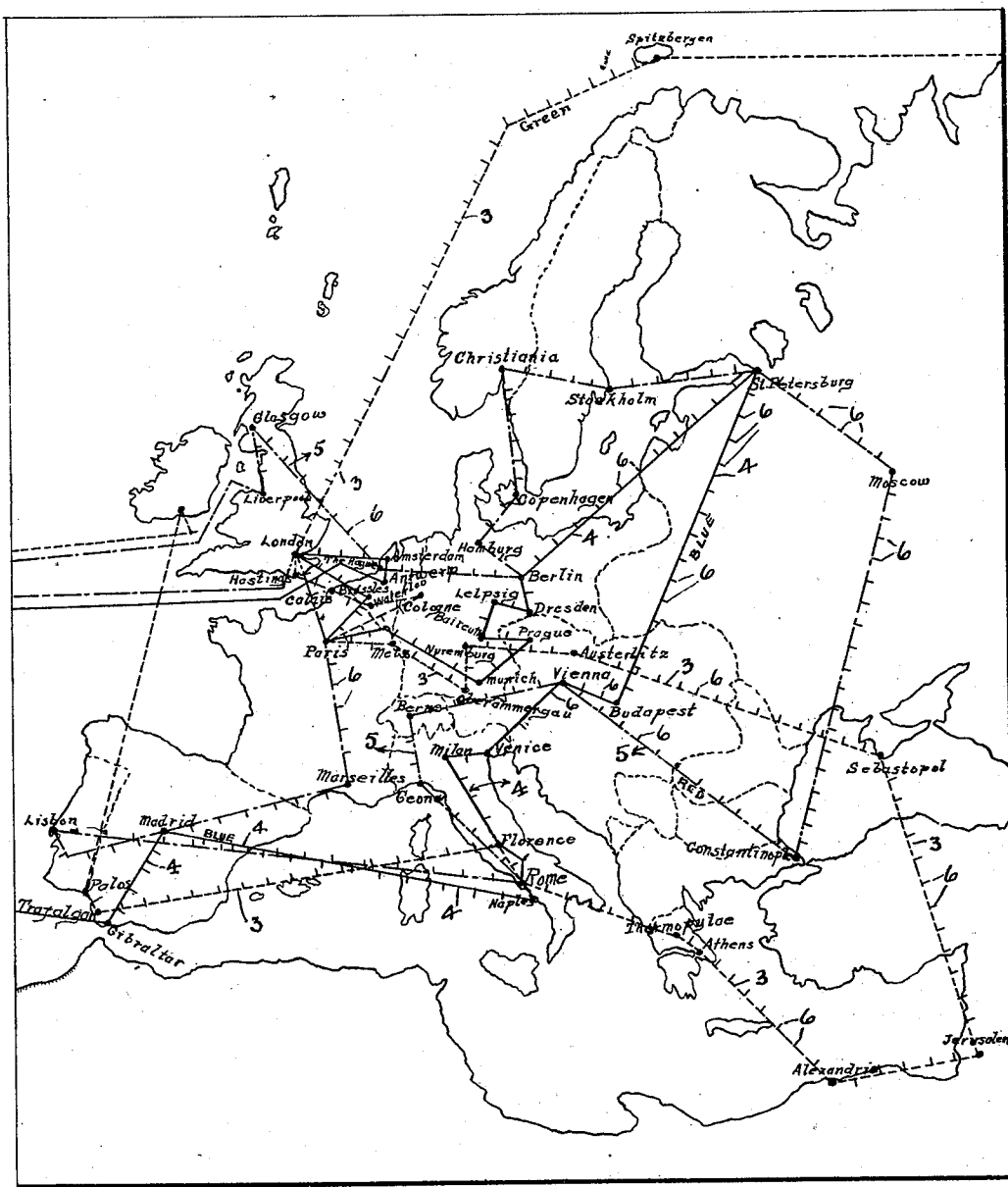


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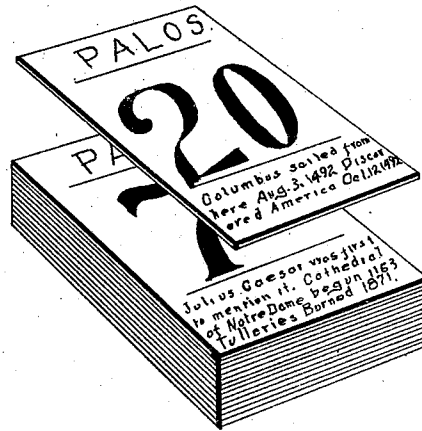


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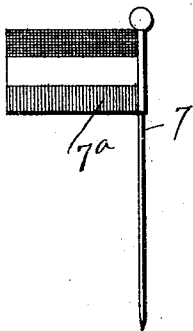


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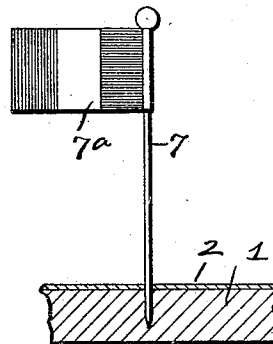


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALLEN B. CLEMENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of game apparatuses which are adapted to play games of that class which may be termed geographical games or games of travel, and the objects of my invention are to provide an improved game apparatus of this class which may be played by one or more persons, and which in addition to creating interest and affording amusement, will serve to educate or instruct the minds of the players as to the geographical location and arrangement of cities or interesting points included in fixed routes through various countries or States and to produce certain improvements in details of construction and arrangement which will be more fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 represents a face view of my improved game board, showing thereon a map of Europe on which appear a plurality of lines representing predetermined routes of travel, Fig. 2 is a transverse section through said board, Fig. 3 is a detail view in perspective of a pack of cards such as are adapted for use in connection with one of the routes indicated on the map, Fig. 4 is a similar view of a pack of cards employed in connection with another of said routes, Fig. 5 is a view in elevation of one of the marking flags which I employ in the manner hereinafter described, and, Fig. 6 is a similar view of one of said flags, showing the point or lower end of the staff of the same embedded in the game board.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a suitable flat board or base member 1, which may be of any desirable material and upon this base member or board is secured a sheet of paper or other material 2 upon the upper face of which appears in colors or otherwise a geographical map. In the drawing a map of Europe is used for the purpose of illustration, although it is obvious that such map might represent any country, combination or divisions of countries. On the

face of this map is printed lines representing different routes of travel, the lines of the routes being ordinarily printed in different colors so as to readily distinguish one from the other.

For the purposes of illustration, I have shown three different route lines, although it is obvious that more might be employed if desired and for the sake of clearness, I have indicated what may be the green line route by dots or a succession of equal sized short dashes, as shown at 3. What may be the blue line route, is indicated in the drawing by solid black lines which are shown at 4 and the red line route is indicated as formed of a succession of dots and dashes as shown at 5. The lines 3, 4 and 5 are divided into an equal number of spaces, by the employment of short transverse lines or marker lines which extend at right angles from the main lines, at equal distances one from the other, these markers being indicated at 6. As shown in the drawing, each route line intersects a given number of cities or points of interest printed on the map and indicated by the usual dots.

In conjunction with my improved game apparatus, I employ a pack or deck of cards for each route indicated on the map, two of these packs of cards being indicated in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawing, and there being as many cards in each pack as there are stopping points or points of interest indicated on the corresponding route. Each of the cards of each pack is numbered and at the head of each of said numbered cards is printed the name of one of the cities or points of interest on the corresponding route. Below each of the numbers is printed some information historical or otherwise relative to the city named at the head of the card. I also employ in the manner hereinafter described a marking flag for each of the routes, each of these flags comprising as indicated in Figs. 5 and 6, a pin or staff portion 7 having a pointed lower end and carrying a rigid laterally projecting flag member 7^a on its upper portion. The flag members 7^a may be colored or printed to represent national or State flags.

As will be understood, my new game may be played by as many players as there are routes represented on the map, the object of each player being to start at a given point on the route selected by him and reach his destination before his competitors reach

their destinations, the plays being made successively. While it will be understood that a game of this character, comprising the elements heretofore described, may be played under varying rules, I will proceed to briefly describe a simple manner of playing the game between two persons, one having selected the red line route and starting at Liverpool and the other player selecting the green line route and starting at Spitzbergen and each player having selected the proper marking flag, inverts his previously shuffled pack of cards, so that the faces thereof are downward. The first player which we will assume is on the red line route, then turns the top card face upward. Should the number disclosed on this card be an even number, he moves his flag from the dot indicating the city of Liverpool along the line of his route over a number of marks 6 which is equal to the even number on the upturned card, sticking the pointed end of the flag staff at the junction of the last mark 6 covered by said number and the route line. However, it is a requirement of the game, that the player stop his flag at each city or point of interest indicated on his route and should the even number on the upturned card of the player be greater than the number of marks 6 between the starting point and the next city, which in this case is indicated as Glasgow, he must insert his flag staff at Glasgow, thereby losing the advantage of moving over the full number of marks 6 corresponding with the card number. The second player having started from Spitzbergen, turns his top card and moves his flag along the green line in the manner prescribed for the first player. It now being the turn of the first player, he turns the next card of his pack and moves the staff of his flag forward on his line of travel over a number of the marks 6 equal to the number displayed by the card, providing said number is an even number.

In case the number disclosed by the card is an odd number, the general rule of the game is that the player shall move his flag backward on the line of travel over a number of the marks 6 corresponding with the number on the card turned. In order, however, to insure an advancement over the line, I have made it one of the rules of the game that when certain predetermined odd numbers appear on the upturned cards, the player loses his move or play and on the turning of certain other odd numbers, the player advances his flag to the next station only. As stated before, however, the rules for playing the game are subject to variation and it will be understood that those rules do not constitute an essential part of my invention.

In the construction of the game apparatus, it is proposed to provide the various routes

with an equal number of stations or places to be visited and to make the routes of equal length, the difficulties in reaching the end of a route traveled, thus being dependent upon the numbers disclosed by the turning of the cards in conjunction with the requirements of the rules.

In the manner described for the starting of the game, each player moves his flag forwardly or recedes on his route, until one of the players reaches the end of his route and is declared the winner of the game. When all the cards of the pack have been turned or inverted and the end of the route is reached, the cards may be shuffled and the pack again turned with the card faces down, after which the operation of successively removing and turning upward the cards, may be continued.

Owing to the fact that each card contains certain information with reference to the station indicated thereon, or to the country or State in which said station is located, it will be understood that players of the game will eventually become familiar with the statements contained on said cards, thereby gaining desirable information which might otherwise require considerable study to attain.

It is also obvious that the playing of my improved game, must tend to educate the player as to the location of the various stations indicated on the map.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that simple and efficient means are herein provided for accomplishing the objects of the invention, but while the elements shown and described are well adapted to serve the purposes for which they are intended, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise construction set forth, but includes within its purview such changes as may be made within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim, is:

1. In a game apparatus, the combination with a board having on its face a geographical map, indicated stations and route lines on said map each intersecting a plurality of said stations, said lines showing equidistant divisions, of a pack of cards for each route line, the cards of each pack each bearing a number and the name of one of the stations on the corresponding route line and a movable marker for each route line adapted to be supported on said line at the stations and at the divisions thereof.

2. In a game apparatus, the combination with a board having on its face a geographical map, indicated stations and route lines on said map, said route lines each intersecting a plurality of said stations and showing equidistant divisions, of a pack of cards for each route line, the cards of each pack each bearing a number, the name of one of the

stations on the corresponding route and
printed information concerning said station
or the country in which said station is lo-
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In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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