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GAME TABLE.

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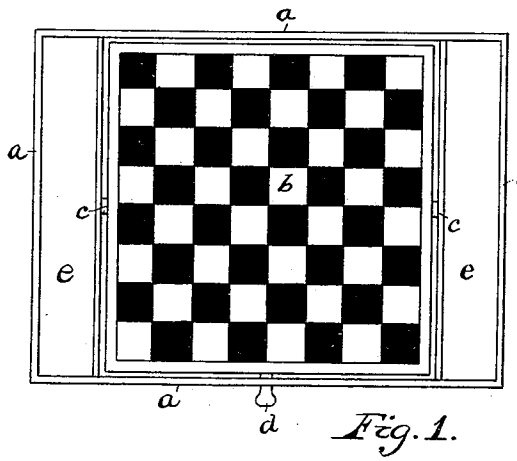


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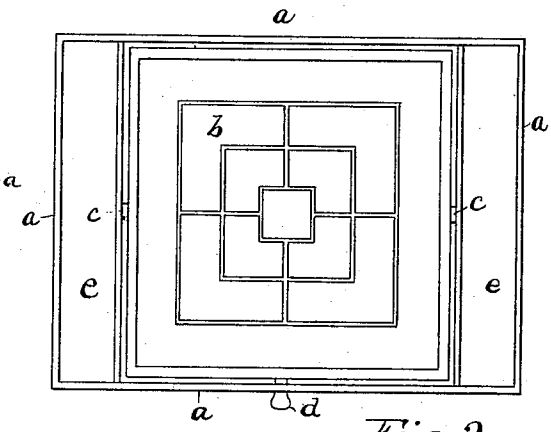


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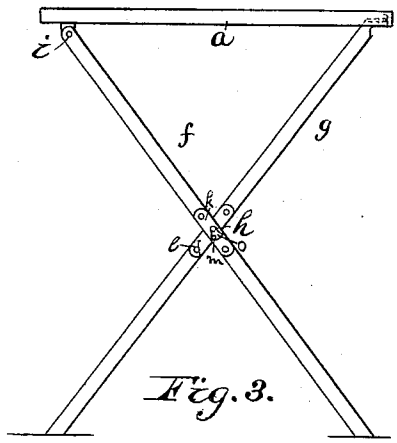


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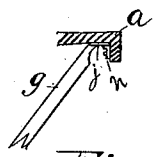


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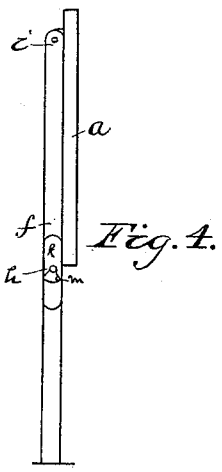


Fig. 4.

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GAME-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES MERKEL, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and GEORGE MERKEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of our invention is to provide a neat, substantial, and inexpensive folding table which will be particularly adapted for a play or game table.

In the drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views, Figures 1 and 2 are plans of our table, showing the two faces of the middle part; Fig. 3, an end view of the table; Fig. 4, an end view when folded up; and Fig. 5, an end view of the upper part of the legs, showing catch for holding table in position when opened for use.

The table consists of a frame-work, *a*, which is open at its center, and in which opening the game-board *b* is placed.

c are pivots in the frame *a*, upon which the board *b* is hung.

As shown in the drawings, one side of the board *b* is arranged for the game of checkers, while the other side is arranged for the game of mill; but it will be understood that we do not confine ourselves to any particular game or games.

d is a pin passing through frame *a*, which locks the board *b* firmly in place.

When it is desired to use the lower face of the board *b*, the pin *d* is withdrawn, and the board is turned upon the pivots *c* until the lower face takes the place of the upper. Then the board is locked again by pin *d*.

e are sides upon the frame *a* for holding the game-counters.

The frame *a* is supported upon legs *f g*, which are pivoted together at *h*.

k and *l* are metal plates on the legs at their intersections.

m is a pin on plate *l*, and *o* a hole in plate *k*, in which pin *m* travels. The pin *m* and hole *o* prevent the legs *f* and *g* from being opened more than the proper distance.

The legs *f* are pivoted to the frame *a* at *i*, while the legs *g* are furnished with a catch, *j*, made of metal, which engages with the inside of the frame *a* and keeps the table open.

u is a plate fastened under frame *a*, as shown in Fig. 5, which prevents legs *g* from falling from top *a* when the table is carried from place to place.

Fig. 4 shows position of table when not in use and folded up.

We are aware that tables having double-faced tops which are pivoted to a frame, and which can be turned upon said pivots to bring either face to the top, have before been known; and we are also aware that tables having legs and tops which are adapted to be folded up are not new, and hence we do not claim either of these features, broadly; but

What we do claim is—

The combination, in a game-table, of the frame *a*, having sides *e* for holding game-counters, and a double-faced game-board, *b*, pivoted to said frame *a* at *c*, a pin or catch, *d*, and legs *f g*, pivoted together at *h*, the former being hinged or pivoted to frame *a* at *c*, and the latter being furnished with a catch, *j*, adapted to engage with a plate, *u*, on interior of frame *a*, to keep the table open, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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