

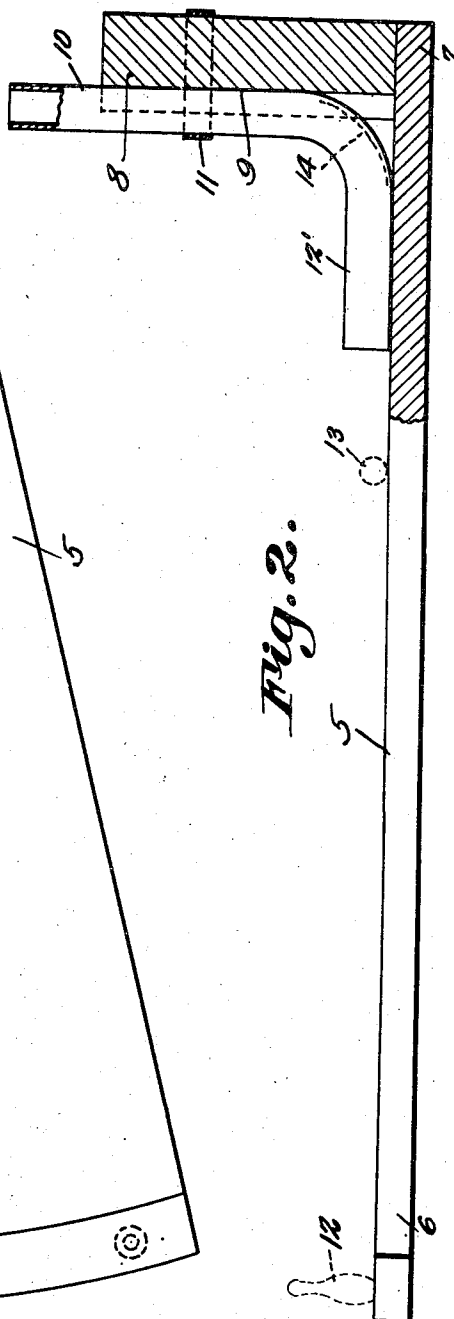
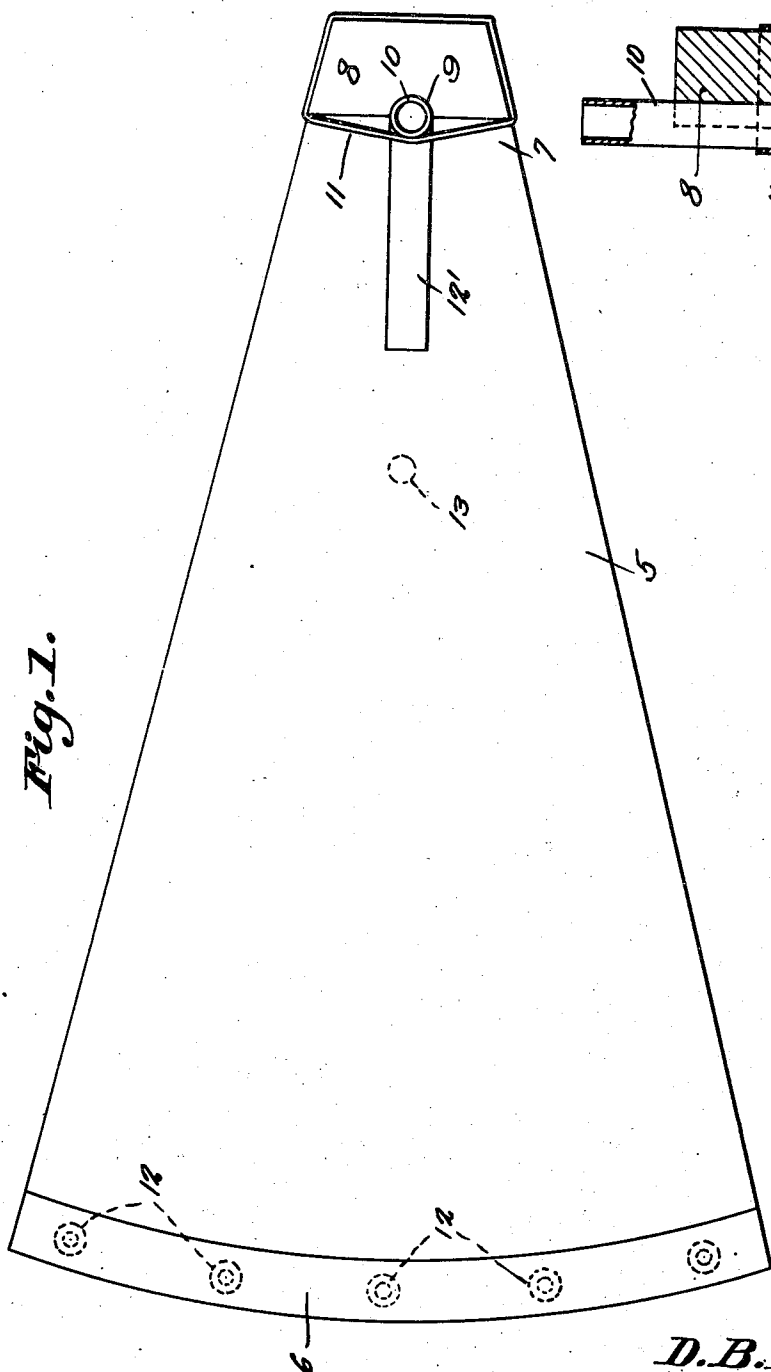
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This invention relates to games, and more particularly to that type of game wherein a game board is provided on which game pieces are positioned, the game pieces to be knocked over by marbles or the like directed across the surface of the game board, towards the game pieces.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will rely on the skill of the player for scoring the points of the game, thereby providing a game which is not only amusing, but very attractive and interesting.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a game of this character which will be exceptionally cheap to manufacture, since it only embodies the game board, arm or projecting pipe, and marble.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a game embodying game pieces which may be constructed to simulate various wild animals, as well as game pieces simulating tenpins, to be knocked over by the marbles as they are projected by the tube.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts herein-after more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board, constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof, a portion of the game board being shown in section, illustrating the manner of supporting the projectile tube.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the game board which is indicated by the reference character 5, is provided with a wide end 6, the side edges of the game board tapering towards a narrow end 7.

Secured at the narrow end 7 is a supporting block 8 that is provided with a vertical groove 9 formed in the front wall thereof, the groove 9 being curved to accommodate the long end 10 of the projectile tube.

A rubber band 11 is positioned around the block

8 in such a way as to grip a portion of the projectile tube 10, as clearly shown by Fig. 2 of the drawing. In this way, the projectile tube, which is formed with a right-angled lower end 12', is held in a vertical position by the supporting block 8. The game pieces which are indicated by the reference character 12, and which in the present showing, are in the form of tenpins, may be constructed to simulate any wild animal, such as a bear, rabbit or the like, without departing from the spirit of the invention. These game pieces 12 may be arranged in the manner as shown by the drawing, at a point along the wide end of the game board. The marbles, one of which is indicated by the reference character 13, are deposited in the open upper end of the projectile tube 10, and allowed to drop through the tube, where they strike the curved edge 14 of the tube and are directed forwardly towards the game pieces. It will of course be understood that the projectile tube will be moved by the players in directing the discharge end thereof towards the game pieces to be knocked down by the marbles 13. Thus it will be seen that high scoring will rely on the accuracy of the players aiming or directing the discharge end of the projectile tube, to cause the marbles which roll therefrom, to move in a direct line to knock over the game pieces.

When scoring the points of the game, the number of points gained by knocking over a game piece may be decided on by the players, and the one who is credited with the greater number of hits, which are determined by knocking over the game pieces, will of course win the game on points.

It might be further stated that due to the construction of the game board and projectile, the game may be manufactured at a minimum cost, and embodies a game which will be exceptionally attractive to the players, and one which will hold the enthusiasm of the players.

What is claimed is:

In a device of the class described, a supporting block having a vertical groove in the front wall thereof, a projector tube curved intermediate its ends providing a long vertical end mounted within the groove, and a substantially short horizontal end at the base of the long vertical end, means for holding the tube within the groove, said means embodying an elastic band stretched around the block in engagement with the vertical

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end, the elastic band gripping the vertical end, whereby the short horizontal section may be adjusted laterally, and said tube adapted to direct a game piece in the form of a marble, dropped into the tube, forwardly in front of the supporting block.

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