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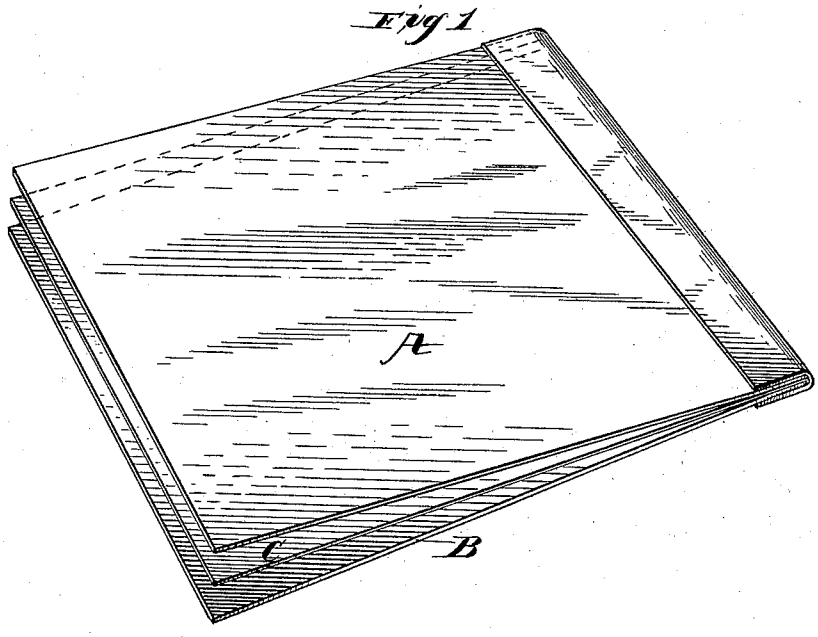


Fig. 2.

K

d

Texas.

Fig. 3.

K

e

Texas.

Capital ---- Austin.
On the ---- Colorado R.
Area ---- 265780 Sq. M.
Population * * * * *
Principal Rivers * * *
" Cities * * *
" Production * *

Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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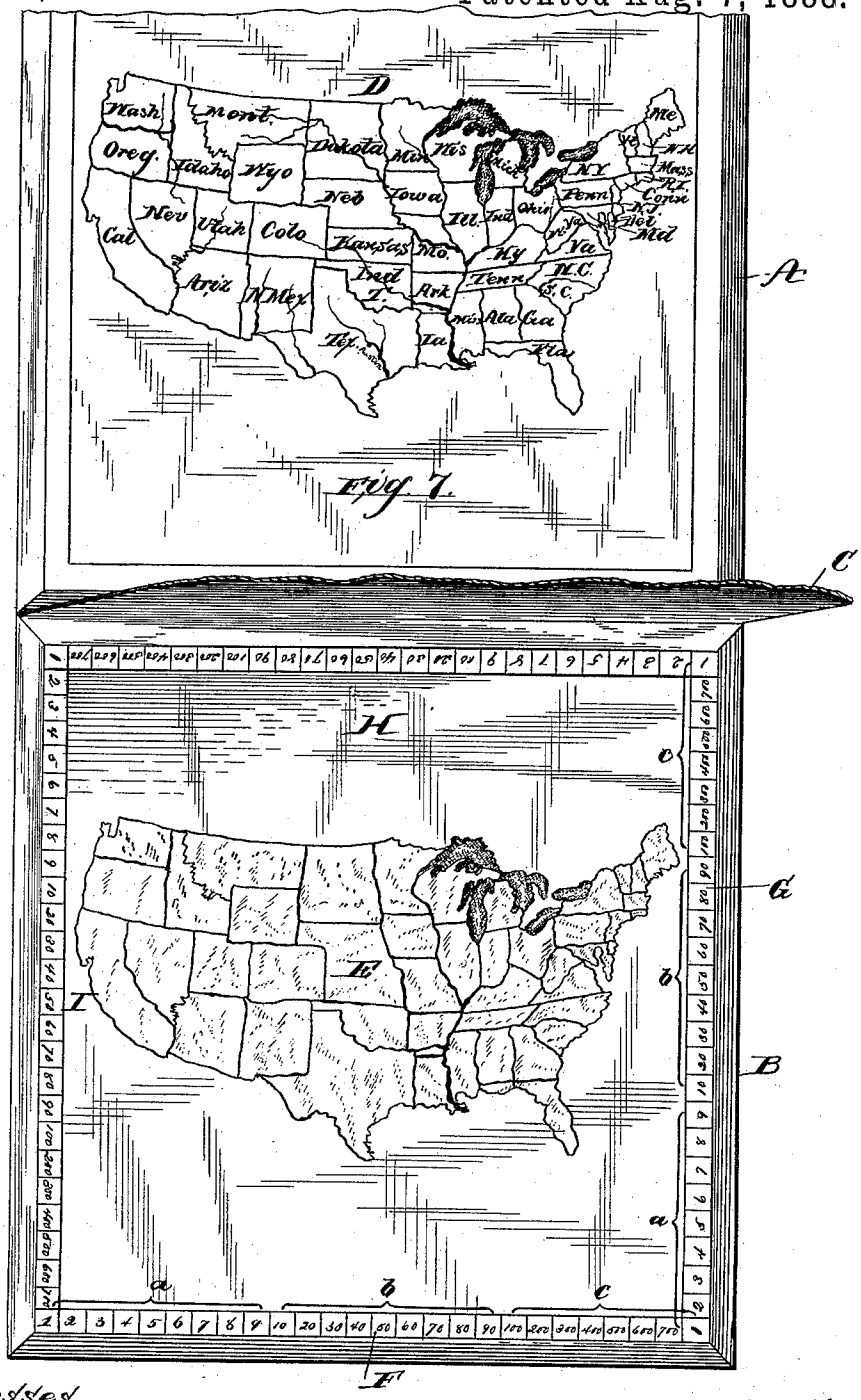
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FORKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glenwood Springs, in the county of Garfield and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to games, and has for its purpose the production of a simple and unique game-board, and the contrivance of the game, herein described, to be played thereon, the object of which is to effect a pleasing and attractive method of teaching geography.

The invention will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents my game-board, being of a portfolio or book form and closed. Fig. 2 shows the front of one of a pack of playing-cards constituting a part of my game; Fig. 3, a rear view of the same. Figs. 4, 5, and 6 represent counters; and Fig. 7, a full view of the board thrown wide open.

Reference being had to the drawings and the letters marked thereon, A indicates the front of the game-board, B the back of the same, and C a fly-leaf separating the two. On the inside of the front A is printed or affixed a complete map, D, of the country, State, district, or other subdivision to be played, and on the inside of the back B is printed an outline-map, E, of the same country or division. In this instance I select the United States, as shown at D in Fig. 7, though it is obvious that any other country or division may be used in the same way; or there may be many leaves in the front A of the board, each bearing a complete map and a corresponding number in the back B, provided with outline-maps of the same countries or divisions, the former and the latter being separated, in the manner already described, by the fly-leaf C.

Around the field bearing the outline-map E are four tally-columns or counting-scales, F G H I, divided into a number of squares, *a b c*, which are numbered from left to right, the first nine of which, *a*, represent units, the second, *b*, tens, and the third, *c*, hundreds, the second and third set, *b* and *c*, increasing in arithmetical progression, as clearly shown at F, G, H, and I in Fig. 7.

K represents a card, which constitutes an important element in this game, and which bears upon its face *d* the name of the State or subdivision of land or water which it represents and upon its back *e* leading points of information concerning that particular State or division, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In connection with each of the tally-columns F, G, H, and I, I use counters *f g h* for the purpose of keeping score. These counters are preferably sawed from a round piece of hard wood about three-eighths (⅜) of an inch in diameter, and are then painted red, white, and blue, respectively. The elements of my game being substantially as set forth, I will proceed to describe how to use them.

The country to be played being the United States, as shown in Fig. 7, the fly-leaf C is thrown back so as to conceal the complete reference-map D and to expose the outline-map E surrounded by the tally-columns F G H I. The pack of cards consists of thirty-eight, representing the States, and ten the Territories, at least, and there may also be a card representing each county in said States or the great lakes or oceans. In every instance, however, the face of the cards must bear the name of the division which it represents and the reverse side a series of questions relating to the same. The players—of whom there may be two, three, four, or even more, provided they be divided into sides, each side scoring on one of the tally-columns—each draws one card from the pack, the one securing the State of the greatest importance dealing. The cards having been thoroughly shuffled and cut, the pack is placed upon the table, face up, Fig. 2, and we will suppose the card representing Texas to be on top. Now, the first player to the left of the dealer begins the game by locating that State on the outline-map E, and if this is done correctly he gets one credit, which he scores by placing his red counter, Fig. 4, on space 1 of tally-column F. He is then entitled to proceed, and the first player to his right reverses the card Texas and propounds the questions on the back thereof, Fig. 3, which, if answered correctly, credits the player according to the number of questions, and the counter is

moved along his tally-column until it reaches 10, when it is withdrawn and the white counter, Fig. 5, substituted. The red counter commences the ascent at 1 again, and upon reaching 10 for the second time, counter, Fig. 5, is promoted to the next space in tens. This process is repeated, as the credits of the player warrant it, until white counter, Fig. 5, reaches space 100, when the blue counter, Fig. 6, is substituted for it, and both counters, Figs. 4 and 5, are removed to commence anew, so that the only limit to the extent of the count is the length of the tally-columns F G H I.

Should the player fail to locate the State, he forfeits his right to play, and the questions are propounded to the first player to the left, who locates it correctly, and should he fail to answer any of the questions from the back of the card, Fig. 3, the number of failures is deducted from his score by retracing the counters on his tally-column. The card Texas having been played out, in the manner described, and laid aside, the next player to the left proceeds to play out the next card in the pack in the same manner, registering his score on his tally-column in the same manner, and so on, until the pack is exhausted, when the player whose counters register the highest score is adjudged to have beat the game.

In the construction of my game board I do not limit myself to any particular material from which it shall be made, for it may be made of wood, card-board, leather, or metal; and while I prefer counters made as described, it is obvious that those of any other material—as card-board, metal, buttons, or grains of corn or coffee—may be used.

In another application, Serial No. 275,971, filed June 4, 1888, I have claimed an improvement in the board used for playing my game.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A game-board consisting of a field appropriately printed or engraved thereon having tally-columns around its four sides, in combination with cards representing geographical divisions or subdivisions of said map, and bearing on one side the name of said division and on the reverse side information relative to the same, substantially as described.

2. A folding game-board having on one half thereof a complete geographical map and on the other half an outline-map of the same geographical division, in combination with a fly-leaf for covering the complete map while a game is being played, and a pack of cards representing geographical divisions or subdivisions of said map, and bearing on one side the name of said division and on the reverse side information relative to the same, substantially as described.

3. A game apparatus consisting of a board having on one half a complete geographical map and on the other half an outline-map of the same geographical division separated by a fly-leaf, in combination with a pack of cards representing geographical divisions or subdivisions of said map, and bearing on one side the name of said division and on the reverse side information relative to the same, and tally-columns around the margin of the board which bears the outline-map and counters, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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