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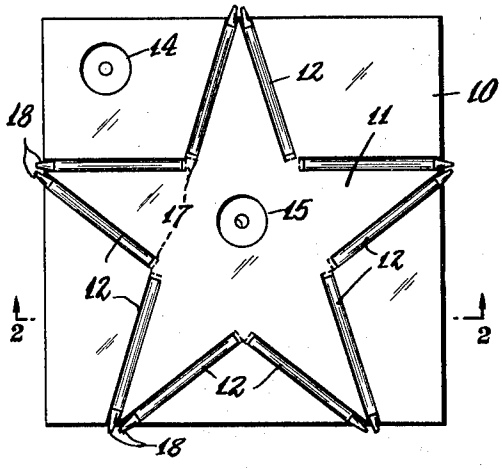


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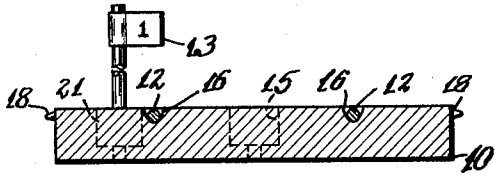


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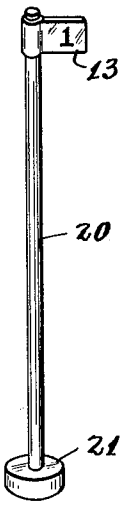


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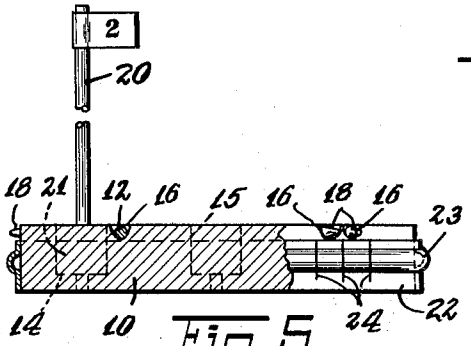


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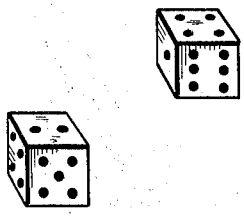


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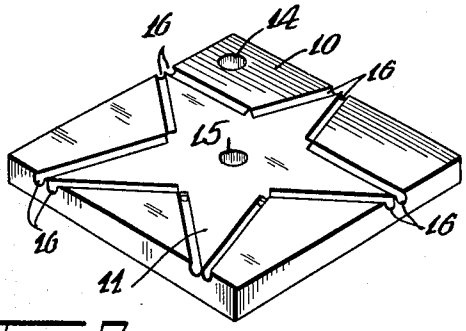


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a star pin game.

The invention has for an object the construction of a game which is in the form of a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, and the provision of a plurality of pins adapted to selectively engage longitudinally into the groove to form the outline of a star in conjunction with other elements and rules for playing the game.

Still further the invention contemplates the construction of a flag adapted to assume a location upon the block outside of the star or upon the star itself according to certain rules of playing.

Furthermore as another object of this invention it is proposed to include in the game a pair of dice adapted to be selectively thrown by the different players and to control the insertion and removal of the pins upon the grooves forming the star during the playing of the game.

As another object of this invention it is proposed to construct the block and the star in a peculiar manner in which the points of the star connect with the edges of the block so that the pins may be easily inserted and removed from the grooves.

Still further the invention contemplates recessing the bases of each of the grooves forming the sides of each of the points of the star in a manner so as to more securely hold the pins in place.

Still further the invention contemplates the provision of an arrangement whereby the pins may be securely held in the grooves upon the blocks when desired.

Still further the invention contemplates the construction of a game as mentioned which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one of the blocks and associated parts of the game according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the pins.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the flags.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but illustrating another embodiment of the invention, a portion of the figure being shown in elevation.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a pair of dice for use in playing the game.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the game block.

The star pin game according to this invention comprises a block 10 having its top face grooved into the form of a star 11. A plurality of pins 12 are adapted to selectively engage into the grooves longitudinally to form the outline of the star. The game includes a number of blocks 10, and for each block 10 there is provided a player's flag 13 which is adapted to assume a position upon the block either outside of the star or a position inside of the star. Recess 14 indicates the position outside of the star while recess 15 indicates the position inside of the star, which the flag may assume.

The star 11 is formed by a plurality of short straight grooves 16 arranged so that a pair of the grooves form each of the points of the star. Each of these grooves have one of their ends communicating with the edge of the block, clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. The inner ends of each of these grooves are formed with recesses 17 adapted to receive the inner ends of the pins 12 when the pins are located within the grooves to slightly hold the pins. The pins 12 are of such lengths that when located within the grooves their outer ends 18 project slightly from the edges of the block. The pins 12 are of a size so that a pair of pins form the sides of each of the points of the star and further so that the pins may assume positions fully within the grooves and below the top surface of the block, clearly illustrated in Fig. 2.

The pins 12 are formed from a rod preferably circular in transverse cross section which is cut into small pieces and then one of the ends 18 pointed. The flag 13 is attached upon a staff 20 fixed upon a base piece 21 adapted to set into the recesses 14 and 15. The base pieces 21 are of similar shape as the recesses so as to hold the flag in a vertical position.

In Fig. 5 a modified form of the star pin game has been disclosed in which an arrangement is provided whereby the pins may be held in place upon the block, which is advantageous in storing games so that the pins do not become lost and also during playing the game if no chance is to be taken that the game would be accidently spoiled by a spill. The arrangement comprises a member 22 encircling the block and slidable upon the edges of the block maintaining its position frictionally. This member is of a width

so as to normally assume a lowered position as shown in Fig. 5 so as not to extend over the ends 18 of the projecting pins. The member 22 is adapted to be moved vertically upwards so as to cover and hold the extended ends 18. For this reason the member is provided with a bead 23 completely around its periphery slightly spaced down from the top edge. Furthermore at all the areas immediately below the ends 18 of the pins, the member 22 is formed with vertical slots or cuts 24 from the top edge thereof dividing off flexible areas which are adapted to readily give when the member is moved to the raised position so that the pin ends 18 may assume positions within the bead 23. In other respects this form of the invention is identical with the previous form.

The rules of the game are as follows:—Assume that six players are to play the game, each of the players receives one of the blocks formed with the grooved stars. Each of these players receives sufficient pins to place into the sides of each of the points of the star so as to completely fill in the star with the pins. Furthermore each of the players receives one flag which carries a certain number. As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4 the flag carries #1 which designates player #1. As designated in Fig. 5 the flag carries #2 indicating player #2 and so on, each of the players receiving a different number. These numbers being limited to the numbers contained on a conventional pair of dice. Thus six players in all (maximum) may play since there are six numbers on each dice. As illustrated on the drawing the star is a five-pointed star and consequently ten pins are necessary to fill in the star outline.

One of the players starts the game by rolling the pair of dice, a conventional pair being illustrated in Fig. 6, the numbers at the top of the pair of dice when they assume a position of rest designate a point scored for the different players. For example if the pair of dice present the numbers 2 and 5, this means that players 2 and 5 score and consequently they place one of their pins into the groove forming one side of one of the points of the star. Then the next player rolls the pair of dice and the game continues with the players placing their pins into the grooves forming the outline of the star.

Should the pair of dice assume a position of rest with each of the dice having the same number at the top, for example two 2's this privileges player #2 to place his flag 13 from outside of the star to the position inside of the star. Should this particular player again double score, that is, should the dice assume another position on two 2's then this player may place two pins upon the grooves instead of one. The game continues until certain or all of the players have completely placed all their pins within the grooves and the flags within the star. Then upon subsequent plays of these players they start removing the pins as directed by the dice. Should any player obtain the double dice indication for example two 2's then this player, player #2 may remove his flag from the star and place it outside to its original position. The player who succeeds in removing all of the pins from the grooves, and the flag from the star to the outside, first, wins the game. The winner has the right to select which flag he wants for his next game and he is the first one to start the new game. This gives the winner a continued advantage since a pair of dice quite often are slightly unbalanced and therefore certain of the numbers are scored more times than other of the numbers.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star.

2. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, the groove portions forming the points of the star extending to the edge of the block.

3. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, the groove portions forming the points of the star extending to the edge of the block, each point of the star having a different groove forming one side thereof.

4. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, the groove portions forming the points of the star extending to the edge of the block, each point of the star having a different groove forming its side, and each of said grooves being formed at the inner ends with a recess to accommodate the inner end of the pin adapted to engage into the groove to slightly hold the pins.

5. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, the groove portions forming the points of the star extending to the edge of the block, each point of the star having a different groove forming its side, and each of said grooves being formed at the inner ends with a recess to accommodate the inner end of the pin adapted to engage into the groove to slightly hold the pins, each of said pins being of lengths so as to extend slightly from the edge of the block.

6. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, the groove portions forming the points of the star extending to the edge of the block, each point of the star having a different groove form-

ing its side, and each of said grooves being formed at the inner ends with a recess to accommodate the inner end of the pin adapted to engage into the groove to slightly hold the pins, each of said pins being of lengths so as to extend slightly from the edge of the block, and each of the pins being of a size so as to form one complete side of each of the sides of the points of the star.

7. A star pin game, comprising a block having its top face grooved into the form of a star, a plurality of pins selectively engageable longitudinally in the grooves forming the outline of the star, and a player's flag adapted to be placed outside of the star on the block or inside of the star, said block being formed with a recess outside of the star and another recess within the star, and said flag being provided with a base adapted to engage in one or the other of said recesses.

8. A star pin game, comprising a block having a top face grooved into the form of a star with one groove forming each of the sides of each of the points and extending from the edge of the block inwards, a plurality of pins adapted to selectively engage in each of said grooves longitudinally and to slightly project and to form the outline of the star, a member slidable upon the edge of said block and adapted in a raised position to engage the projecting ends of said pin and hold the pins against displacement.

9. A star pin game, comprising a block having a top face grooved into the form of a star with one groove forming each of the sides of each of the points and extending from the edge of the block inwards, a plurality of pins adapted to selectively engage in each of said grooves longitudinally and to slightly project and to form the outline of the star, a member slidable upon the edge of said block and adapted in a raised position to engage the projecting ends of said pin and hold the pins against displacement, the inner ends of said pins engaging in recesses formed in the inner ends of said grooves.

10. A star pin game, comprising a block having a top face grooved into the form of a star with one groove forming each of the sides of each of the points and extending from the edge of the block inwards, a plurality of pins adapted to selectively engage in each of said grooves longitudinally and to slightly project and to form the outline of the star, a member slidable upon the edge of said block and adapted in a raised position to engage the projecting ends of said pin and hold the pins against displacement, the inner ends of said pins engaging in recesses formed in the inner ends of said grooves, said member being provided with a bulged portion adapted to engage over the extended ends of said pins.

11. A star pin game, comprising a block having a top face grooved into the form of a star with one groove forming each of the sides of each of the points and extending from the edge of the block inwards, a plurality of pins adapted to selectively engage in each of said grooves longitudinally and to slightly project and to form the outline of the star, a member slidable upon the edge of said block and adapted in a raised position to engage the projecting ends of said pin and hold the pins against displacement, the inner ends of said pins engaging in recesses formed in the inner ends of said grooves, said member being provided with a bulged portion adapted to engage over the extended ends of said pins, and slits engaged in from the top edge to make certain portions of the member flexible so that the member may be readily slipped over the ends of the pins.

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