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DICE CUP

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Fig. 1

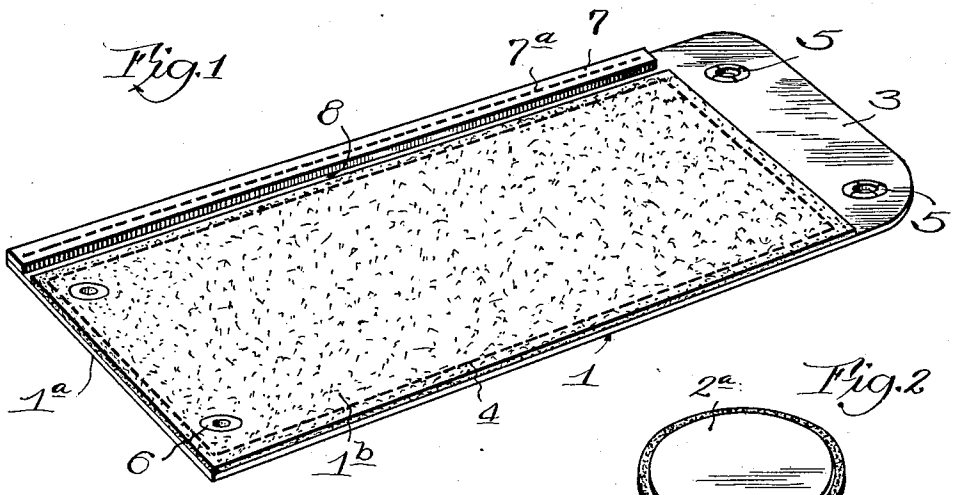


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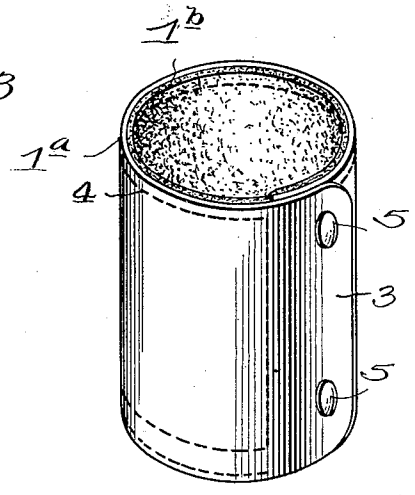
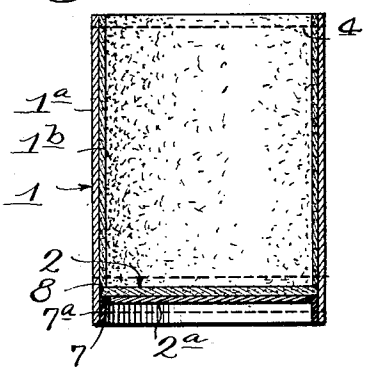


Fig. 4



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DICE CUP

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This invention relates to improvements in dice cups or boxes used for the throwing of dice, and more particularly as part of the equipment of games in which dice are used.

The object of the invention is to provide a two-part cup which may be disassembled or "knocked down" so that it can be carried or packed in a flattened form when not in use, as for instance in the container for the game apparatus with which it is used.

A preferred embodiment of my invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cylindric wall 1 of the cup in knock-down form;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the bottom section of the cup;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the cup assembled for use; and

Figure 4 is a view in vertical section through the cup.

A dice cup or box is usually a cylindric container open at one end and preferably made of some pliable material such as leather or a suitable imitation thereof, and in the better grades are lined with felt or other sound-deadening material.

The cup of the present disclosure departs from the usual one-piece construction in that it consists of two parts, one forming the cylindric wall 1 and the other the bottom wall 2. The cylindric wall 1 comprises a rectangular piece of leather or like material 1*a* elongated in one direction, its length being equal generally to the circumference of the cup and its width to the height thereof.

Stitched to one face of the wall section 1*a* is a piece of felt or other suitable lining material 1*b* of a substantial thickness. The lining does not cover the entire surface of the wall section, there being an uncovered portion across one end which forms a flap 3, and a narrower portion extending lengthwise along one edge. The lining 1*b* is applied in any suitable manner, as by stitching its inturned edges to the wall material as at 4. The end flap 3 is about one inch in width and near each end thereof are inserted the recessed members 5, 5 of two snap fasteners. In corresponding positions along the opposite edge of the wall section 1*a* are mounted the head members 6, 6 of the fasteners, so that by rolling the wall section into a cylinder with the flap 3 overlapping the opposite end and snapping the parts of the fasteners together, a permanent cylinder is formed, with its inner surface completely covered by the lining.

The bottom member 2 has the form of a circular disc of substantial thickness which is also covered on one side at least with the same lining material, and on its opposite side is secured a smaller disc 2*a* of leather or the same material as the body of the cylinder section 1. In order to assemble the two sections together, the cylindric wall section 1 is provided along its unlined edge portion with a narrow strip of leather or other pliable material 7, secured in place by stitching 7*a*, and spaced from the edge of the lining 2 to form a groove or channel 8 of a width and depth equal to the thickness and radial width of the marginal portion of the bottom section projecting beyond the smaller disc 2*a*.

Now, if the wall portion 1 of the cup be rolled into cylindric form and fastened in the manner before explained, but with the marginal portion of the bottom section 2 inserted in the groove 8 along its lower edge and the smaller disc 2*a* facing outwardly, the assembled sections form a rigid cup, and as such is used as would any one-piece cup for the shaking of dice and, with the exception of the overlapping flap and fasteners, has the same appearance, even to the recessed bottom. Obviously, the cup can be disassembled or knocked down by merely unsnapping the fasteners and flattening the wall portion.

Having set forth a preferred embodiment of my invention, I claim:

1. A dice cup comprising separable wall and bottom sections, said wall section of a pliable material having fasteners mounted at opposite ends, and strips of material stitched to one face thereof and in spaced relation to form a narrow channel extending along one of the longitudinal edges of said wall section, and said bottom section consisting of a relatively stiff disc adapted to have

its marginal portion fit within said channel when said wall section is rolled into cylindric form and fastened.

2. A dice cup comprising a wall section consisting of a piece of pliable material having a lining on one side thereof and a flap across one end, said lining being spaced from one of the longitudinal edges of said piece and a narrow strip of pliable material applied along said edge and spaced from the adjacent edge of said lining to form a channel, a bottom section consisting of a relatively stiff disc, adapted to have its marginal portion fit within said channel when said wall section is rolled into cylindric form, and fasteners mounted in the flap and at the opposite end of said wall section.

Signed at Chicago, Ill., this 14th day of August, 1930.

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