

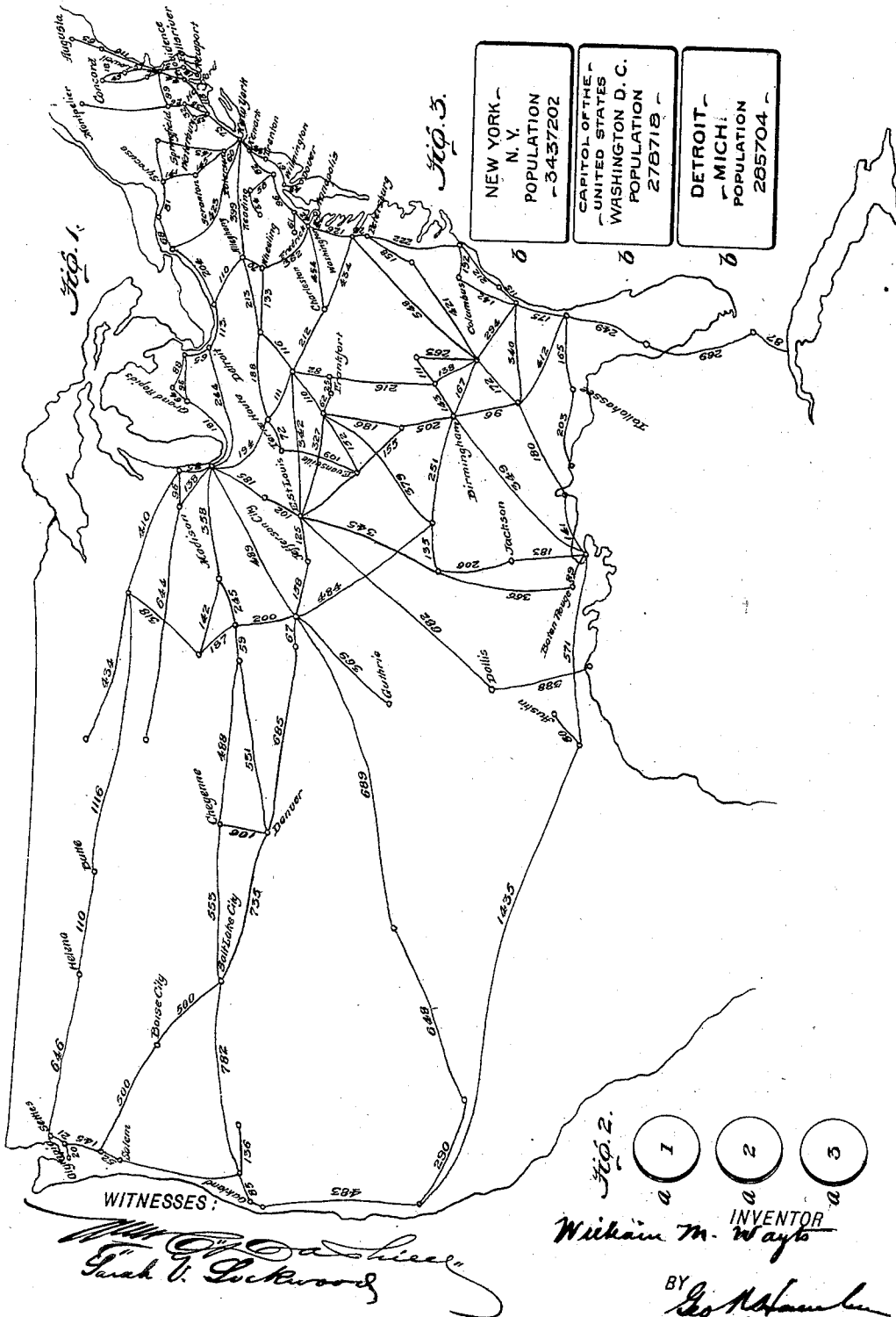
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. WAYTS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of games employing a map with cities represented thereon and playing-pieces for use on the map.

The object of the present invention is the provision of a game of the general class specified which will familiarize the players with the principal cities of the United States, although the map could as well be that of other countries, the principal railroad routes and distances between the cities, and the population of such cities, as also to provide an interesting game in which two or more persons can participate.

Having the foregoing object in view, the invention consists of a map, preferably of the United States, having indicated thereon the principal cities, the shortest railroad routes between said cities, with the distances in miles indicated thereon, playing-pieces for use by the different players, and cards bearing the names and population of the different cities represented on the map.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the map, Fig. 2 some of the playing-pieces, and Fig. 3 some of the cards employed.

As shown in Fig. 1, a map—in this instance that of the United States—is employed, on which are indicated the principal cities and the shortest railroad routes connecting them, with numbers indicating the distances in miles along said routes.

In Fig. 2 I have shown some of the playing-pieces employed, one of which is used by each player in the game. From two to eight playing-pieces of this character are used, the same being indicated by *a* and bearing distinguishing indicia, which may be numerals. Thus the playing-pieces would be consecutively numbered from "1" to "8."

In Fig. 3 are illustrated some of the playing-cards employed, these being represented by the letter *b*. There is a card for each city

indicated on the map, the card bearing the name of the city and the population.

The game is played in the following manner: Each player takes a playing-piece *a*, which represents his traveler, and draws a card *b* from the pack. The city named on the card is the point where the playing-piece is to start on its journey. After the players have placed their playing-pieces or travelers on the map in accordance with the cards first drawn they draw again from the pack of cards in rotation. The playing-piece or traveler is to be advanced to the city named on the card by the nearest route, account being kept on a separate piece of paper of the number of miles traveled by the playing-pieces of the respective players or the number of cities or towns passed through by the traveler or playing-piece. The game is continued in this manner until all the cards have been drawn from the pack. The totals of the number of miles traveled by the playing-pieces of the different players are then compared, and the player who has the greatest number of miles to his credit is considered the winner of the game, or the totals of the number of cities or towns reached or passed through by the travelers or playing-pieces of the different players are then compared and the player having the least number wins the game.

The game, it will be seen, familiarizes the players not only with the location of the principal cities and the shortest railroad routes and distances, but also impresses on the mind the population of the cities, thus making a game which is both instructive and interesting.

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

The herein-described game comprising a map having represented thereon given cities, railway routes of different railway systems connecting the different cities, and distances between adjacent cities on any railway-line indicated on that line, a playing-piece for each player for advancement along the railway routes from city to city at a single jump, and a pack of cards each bearing the name of only one city represented on the map and

corresponding in number to the cities represented on the map and used to indicate the starting-point and continuous course of travel of the playing-pieces over the map in traveling from one city to another according to the city represented on succeeding cards used by the player.

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

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