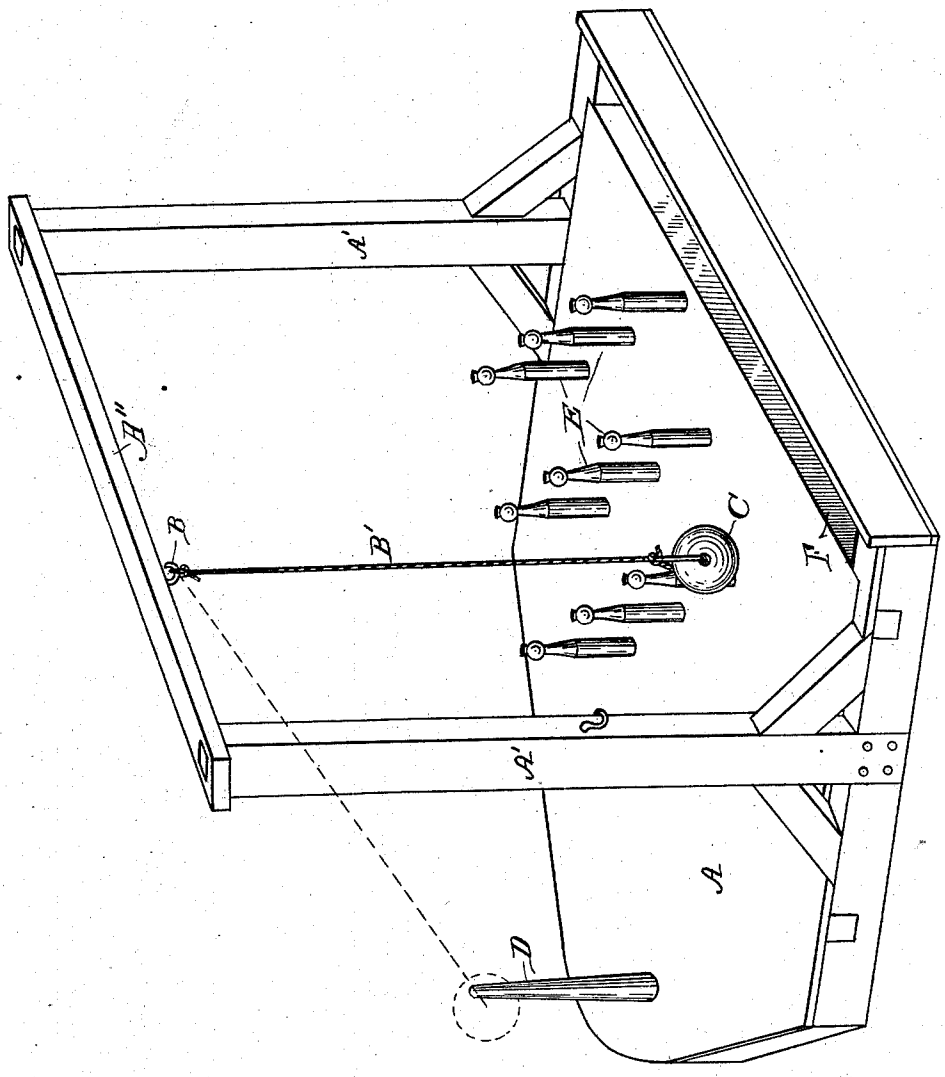
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JOTTEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skittle-Squares or Game-Boards, of which the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming a part thereof, forms a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a device by which a game can be played in the parlor, sitting-room, or other place which will be amusing and attractive; and to this end my invention consists in mounting on a suitable base two upright pieces of timber or other material connected at their upper ends by a cross-piece. The cross-piece has secured thereto a cord or string, to which is attached a ball or other shaped object adapted to be swung or thrown around a standard or pin secured to the base-plate, and detachable or loose pins arranged on the base-plate, so as to be in the path of the returning ball and to be knocked down by the same, as will more fully appear.

The figure of the drawing is a view in perspective of my improved device.

A is the base-plate, in which are secured the standards or uprights A′ A′, said standards being connected at their upper ends by a cross-bar, A″, so as to form a rigid and unyielding frame or structure.

To the under side of the cross-bar A″, and a little to one side of the center, is secured a hook or swivel, B, to which is secured a rope or cord, B′, said cord or rope having attached to its lower end a ball, C.

D is a pin or standard, secured to the base-plate A, and around which the ball C is thrown in playing the game.

E E are pins, much in the nature of "ten-pins," which are set on the base-plate A in any convenient or desirable manner, and adapted to be knocked down if struck by the ball C in its return, or by the other pins striking against them. The pins E may be numbered, so that a person knocking down pins containing the highest numbers in so many trials or throws of the ball will be declared the winner; or the result of the game can be determined and decided in favor of the party knocking down the greatest number of pins in a certain number of throws.

F is a trough or receptacle located in the front portion of the base to catch and retain the pins.

The operation of my devices is as follows: The pins E having been set or arranged in any desired shape to one side of the base, as shown, the ball C is thrown around the pin or standard D to the left-hand side of said pin or standard, and returns to the right-hand side of said pin or standard, and in its return, and during the evolutions of the ball in coming to a state of rest, it strikes the pins E and knocks them down.

While I have designed this game-board as more specially suited for parlor and domestic use, I do not wish to limit myself to such use, for it is obvious that by enlarging its size it can be used in bowling-saloons, gymnasiums, &c., to good advantage.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to use a swinging ball in knocking down pins in a game apparatus, and such I do not claim; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a game apparatus, a suspended ball adapted to be thrown forward around and over a stationary pin or standard, and to come in contact with loose or detached pins placed on the base-plate of the device to knock down the same in the return passage of the ball, as set forth.

2. In a game apparatus, the combination of the suspended and swinging ball C with the stationary pin or standard D and loose pins E, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, in a game apparatus, of the base A, provided with the stationary pin D, loose pins E, standards A′ A′, cross-bar A″, with the cord or rope B′, and ball C, as set forth.

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