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Fig. 1.

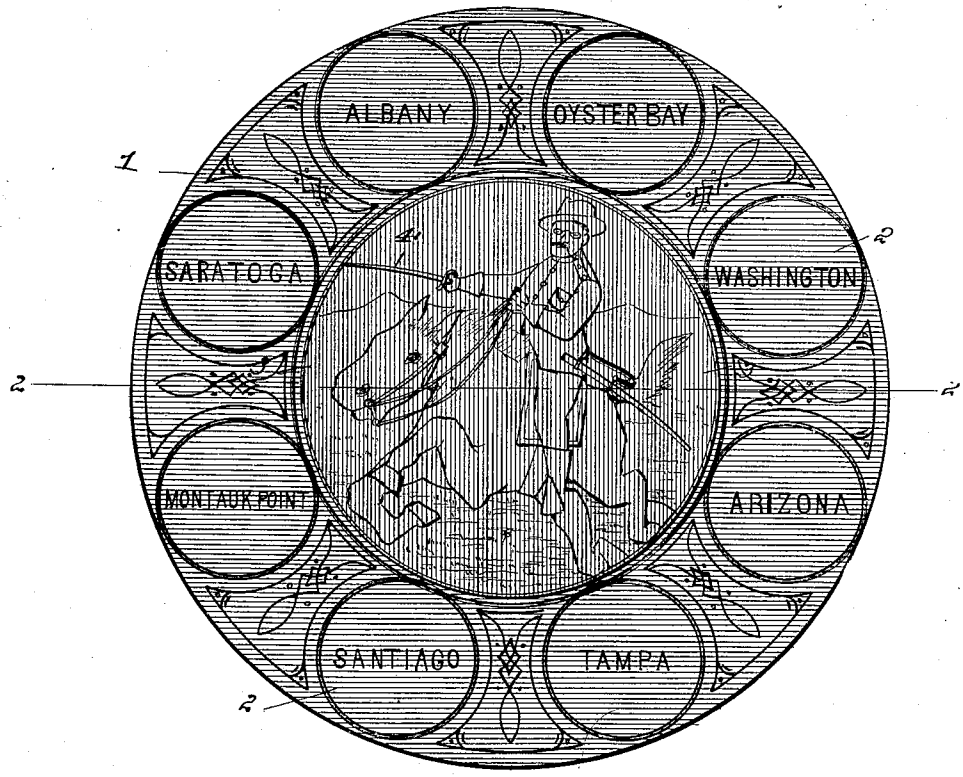
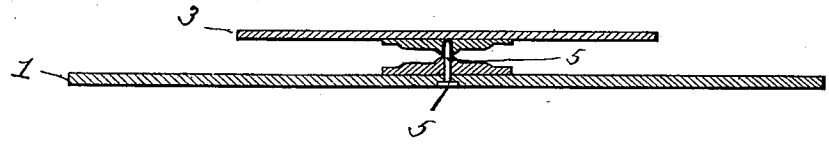


Fig. 2.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE A. CRANDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn borough, city of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Educational Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game-board, showing one application of my invention; and Fig. 2 a vertical sectional view thereof on line 2 2.

The object of this invention is to utilize the well-known seductiveness that competitive games of chance possess for human beings, especially children, to teach and impress upon the memories of the players the principal events in the lives of historical or famous men and women, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the various parts by numerals, 1 designates a circular base-board having arranged on its upper surface around its outer edge equal distances apart a series of eight circular divisions 2, in which are arranged the designating names "Oyster Bay," "Washington," "Arizona," "Saratoga," "Santiago," "Montauk Point," "Tampa," and "Albany." Supported centrally on this base and slightly above it is a circular disk 3 of smaller diameter than the base-board, and on this smaller disk is placed the picture of an army officer—Colonel Roosevelt, in this instance—on horseback. The officer is represented as holding the reins in his left hand, while in his right hand he holds a sword 4, which is pointed forward, the point of the sword reaching the edge of the small disk and serving as a pointer or indicator, the edge of the disk being adjacent the innermost points on the divisions 2. The horse is represented as in the act of galloping furiously. The marginal divisions represent a series of successive events in the life of the person whose picture is placed on the smaller disk. As shown in the drawings, it illustrates a series of important events in the life of the well-known officer, Colonel Roosevelt. The smaller disk is rotatable freely on a central pivot 5, and the game is to be played as follows:

Each player is given one spin or turn of the small disk to determine the order in which the players shall play. The player succeeding in spinning the disk so that it will stop with the sword pointing nearest the starting-point of the game, which in this instance will be considered as "Oyster Bay," is the first to play. Each player then in order takes one or more turns or chances and endeavors to reach the second point, which will be considered as "Washington." A player who is successful in reaching the second place in his "turn" has one or more turns to reach the third place, and so on. The player reaching "Albany" first in the present instance wins the game. Any number of players may take part in the game.

It will be observed that my invention takes advantage of the human propensity for indulging in all sorts of games of chance to teach important facts of history, the chance device employed being of an innocent as well as amusing character. It will be observed also that the invention may be employed to illustrate and teach the successive events of a famous war vessel or famous group or army as well as the successive events of a man, it being preferable in all cases to represent on the disk the career or history of the person or historical vessel or army it is desired to teach.

An essential feature lies in arranging the events around the disk in their proper chronological sequence—that is, in the order in which they in reality happened—whereby the history or career of the person or thing will be properly taught. This renders my device more than a toy, since it may be employed for the serious purpose of instructing the young in the important branch of study, history.

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

1. An educational game of chance, consisting of a rotatable plate and a stationary plate, said plates being supported one above the other, one of said plates having a series of divisions on its upper face, these divisions having characters on them to designate important events in the life or career of the per-

son or thing whose history is to be taught, said characters being arranged to designate the events in their proper chronological order or sequence, the other plate being supported in juxtaposition to said series of divisions and provided with an indicator adapted to point to said divisions in succession as the movable plate is rotated, one of said plates being provided on its face with a representation of the person or thing whose career in history is to be taught.

2. An educational game of chance, consisting of a base-plate having a circular series of divisions on its upper face, these divisions having characters on them to designate important events in the life or career of the person or thing whose history is to be taught, said characters being arranged to designate the events in their proper chronological order or sequence, and a rotatable plate supported in juxtaposition to said circular series of divisions and provided with an indicator adapted to point at said divisions in succession as it is rotated, this rotatable plate being divided on its face with a representation of the person or thing whose career in history is to be taught, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 26th day of June, 1899.

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