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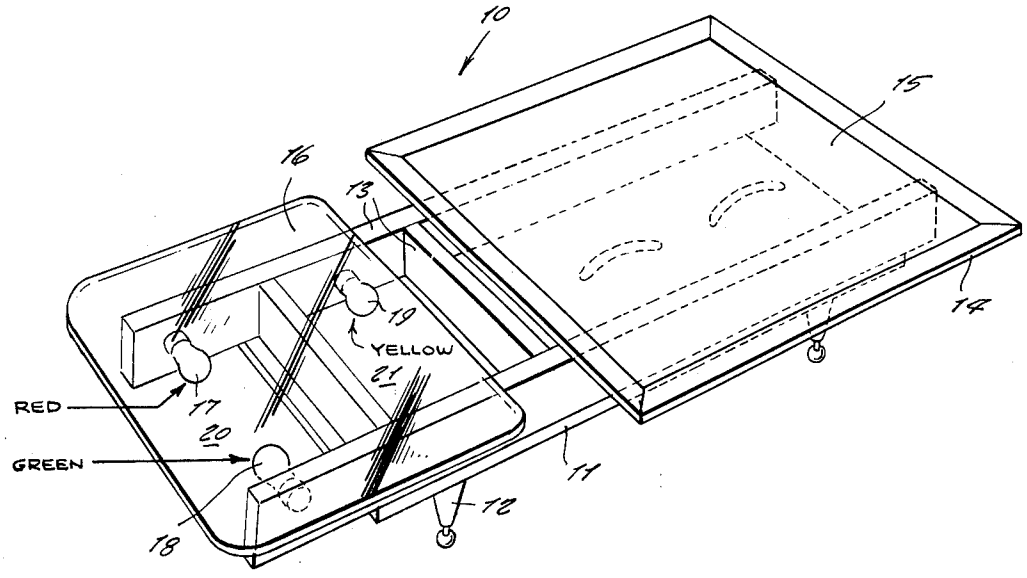
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A table designed specifically for working out puzzles thereupon which are of a type wherein colors must be clearly distinguished, such as jigsaw puzzles and the like, the puzzle table including a platform upon legs, the platform supporting a frame around a clear white canvas or frosted glass having a light therebeneath, the upper surface of the canvas providing a working surface for working out the puzzle, and the frame also supporting a heavy glass located above different colored lamps so that persons trying to distinguish a vague color of a puzzle piece can place the same upon the heavy glass where the various different lights assist in clarifying the same.

3 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures



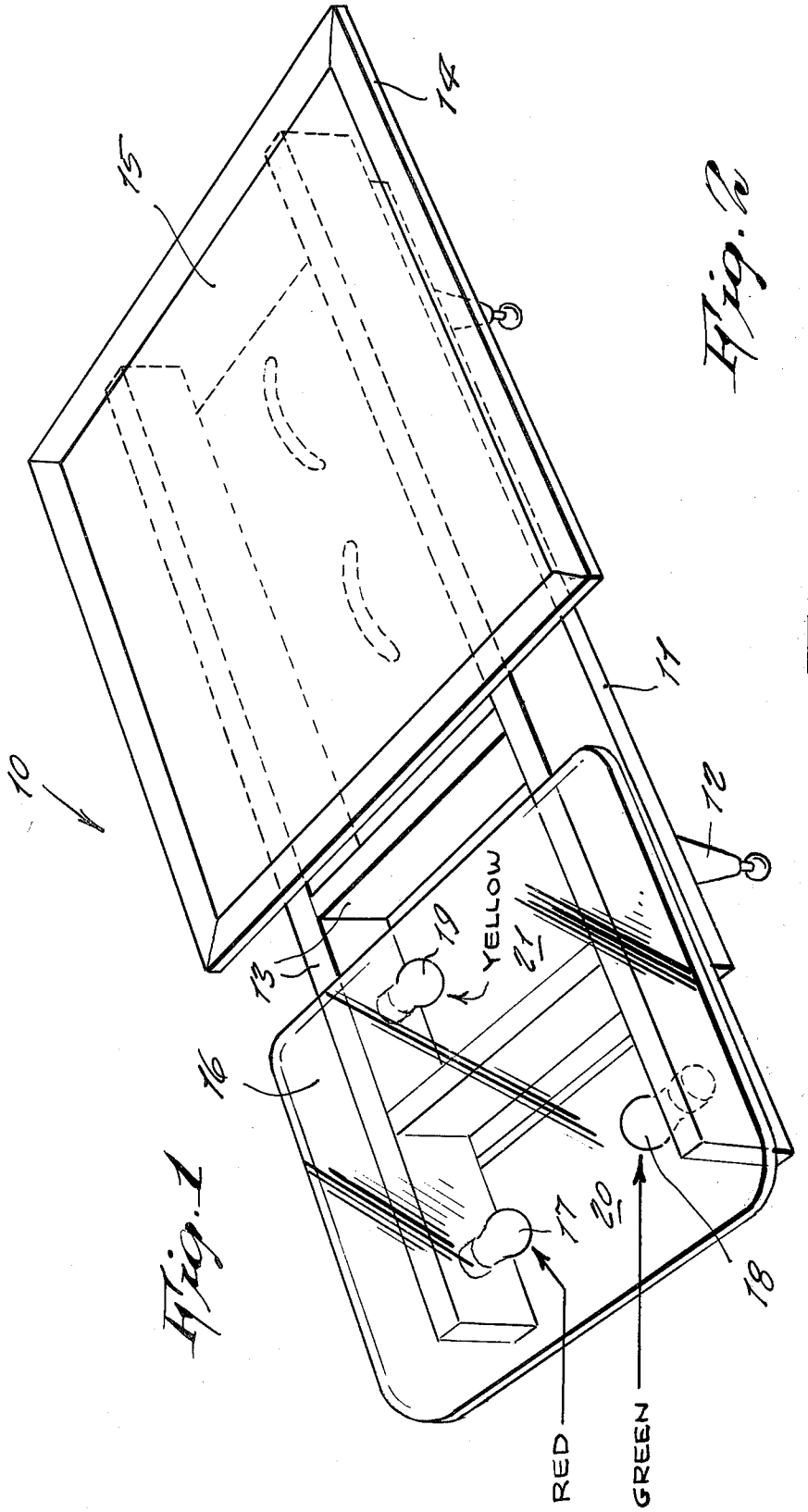

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Fig. 1

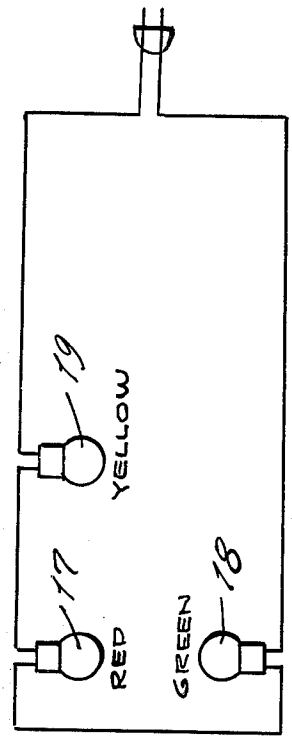

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Fig. 2

PUZZLE TABLE

This invention relates generally to game accessories. More specifically the present invention relates to tables.

It is generally well known to many persons who enjoy working out puzzles, such as jigsaw puzzles and the like, that at time it is difficult to distinguish colors that are vague, and which of course is important for assisting in properly aligning correct pieces next to each other. This situation is of course objectionable and therefore in want of an improvement.

Accordingly it is the principal object of the present invention to provide a puzzle table which incorporates an area where vague colors of puzzle pieces can be readily ascertained.

Another purpose of the present invention is to provide a puzzle table which also includes an area where a puzzle can be assembled.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a puzzle table which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, rugged in construction, easy to use and efficient in operation.

These and other objects will be readily evident upon a study of the following specification and the accompanying drawing, wherein:

FIG. **1** is a top perspective view of the present invention;

FIG. **2** is an electrical diagram thereof.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the reference numeral **10** represents a puzzle table according to the present invention wherein there is a platform **11** that is mounted upon a plurality of vertically extending legs **12** in order that the platform may be at a sufficient elevation so to be comfortable for person's when trying to work out a puzzle upon the table. Upon the platform **11**, longitudinal and cross sectional structural beams **13** support at one end a rectangular frame **14** which supports therein a clear, white canvas **15**, an upon which the pieces of a puzzle are placed so that the puzzle can be worked out upon the canvas. Alternately if desired, instead of a clear, white canvas, the same may comprise a frosted glass. In either instant, there is a light provided there beneath.

Adjacent one side of the frame **14**, a heavy clear glass

16 is supported upon the opposite end of the beams **13**, as shown in FIG. **1**. The beams **13** below the heavy glass **16** support a plurality of lamps each one of which is of a different color. Thus there is a red lamp **17**, a green lamp **18** and a yellow lamp **19**. A transverse beam **13** forms a partition between areas **20** and **21**, the area **20** having the red and green lamps therein where as the area **21** has the yellow lamp **19**. The red and green lamps are spaced apart from each other as shown.

In operative use, it is now evident that a puzzle can be worked out upon the canvas or frosted glass, the puzzle pieces being shuffled upon the glass over the colored lights so to distinguish the vague colors.

The puzzle table **10** alternately may be used as a night light when not required for use in working out puzzles.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it is understood that such changes will be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as is defined by the appended claims.

What I now claim is:

1. A puzzle table, comprising in combination, a platform in a horizontal plane supported upon a plurality of vertically extending legs, said platform supporting a plurality of longitudinally extending and transversely extending beams, said beams at one end supporting a frame unit where a puzzle may be worked upon, and a glass unit adjacent thereto whereupon puzzle pieces may be shuffled, said frame unit where puzzles may be worked upon comprises a frame member around a central material permitting light to glow therethrough, said central material having a light therebeneath, said glass unit where puzzle pieces may be shuffled comprising a heavy glass of clear type placed upon said beams, and different colored lamps located below said glass, said lamps being supported by said beams.

2. The combination as set forth in claim **1**, wherein said central material of said frame unit comprises a clear white canvas.

3. The combination as set forth in claim **1**, wherein said central material of said frame comprises a frosted glass.

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