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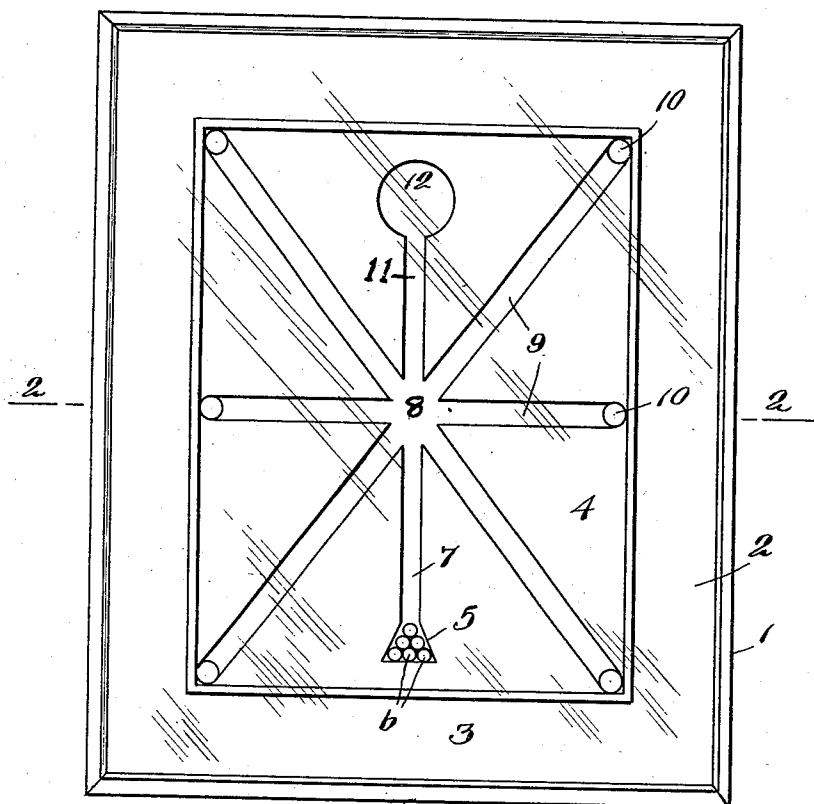


Fig. 1.

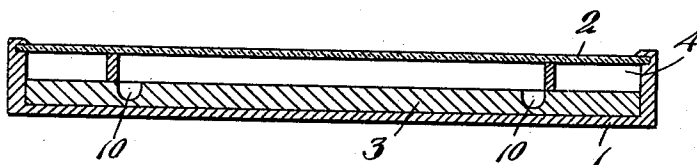


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. O'REILLY, a subject of George V, King of England, residing at Roxbury, county of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to puzzle apparatus and particularly to a chance controlled game board. The board is fashioned to approximate in miniature an ordinary pool table in outline and general appearance, while the puzzle itself retains, to a certain extent, some of the characteristics of the game of pool. The game pieces used are colored balls corresponding in number to the number of pockets of the pool table, and the object of the game or puzzle is to roll each colored ball into its similarly colored pocket by tilting the game board.

The construction and principle of my invention will be more fully discussed in the specification which follows, and as illustrative of the same I have shown in the annexed drawing a practical embodiment of the invention.

Throughout specification and drawing similar reference numerals are employed to indicate corresponding parts, and in these drawings: Figure 1 is a plan view of a puzzle embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

I preferably provide a shallow container 1 having a transparent top 2, in which to house the game board. This board comprises a base 3, which fits snugly within the container and a raised part 4, preferably rectangular, in cross section. This raised part is fashioned to approximate an ordinary pool table.

I have indicated at 5 a "triangle" or "frame" in which the game pieces or balls 6, individually differentiated, preferably by distinctive colors, are normally held. This triangle is cut out of the game board and is connected by a short runway 7 with a cut out central space 8 from which radial runways 9 extend to the corners and sides of the board. At the end of these runways are

pockets 10 individually differentiated, preferably by distinctive colors. A short runway 11 connects the center space 8 with a circular cut out space 12 which is supposed to represent the "spot" of a pool table from which the "break" is made. This space 12 is designed to receive some of the balls and hold them out of the way while others are being rolled into their respective pockets. This permits the central space 8 to be free for the passage of the balls into any of the radial runways and prevents said space from becoming blocked. The spot circle 12 also aids in carrying out the general effect of a pool table.

In use the balls 6 are collected in the triangle 5. The board is then tilted to roll said balls out of the triangle and into the center space 8. The object of the game is to roll each colored ball into its corresponding colored pocket by tilting or otherwise manipulating the board.

The device may be used either as a puzzle or as a game. In its latter use the time required to correctly pocket the balls can be taken and the person succeeding in pocketing all the balls correctly in the minimum time will win the game.

Various modifications in the construction and form of my invention, coming within its spirit and scope, may obviously be resorted to, if found within the limits of the appended claims.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A puzzle comprising a game board having a central cut out space and a plurality of pockets communicating therewith, said board having a space cut out to represent the triangle of a pool table, spherical game pieces normally located in said triangle, said board also having a space cut out to represent the "spot" of a pool table and in which the game pieces may be rolled during the play, both of said spaces having communication with said central space and the whole board approximating a pool table in general outline.

2. A puzzle comprising a base and a portion raised therefrom, said raised portion

having a central cut out space and a plurality of pockets communicating therewith, said raised portion having a space cut out in which game pieces are normally located, 5 game pieces normally located in said space, said board also having a space cut out to receive some of the game pieces during the play, both of said spaces having communi-

cation with said central space and being diametrically opposed to each other. 10

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

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