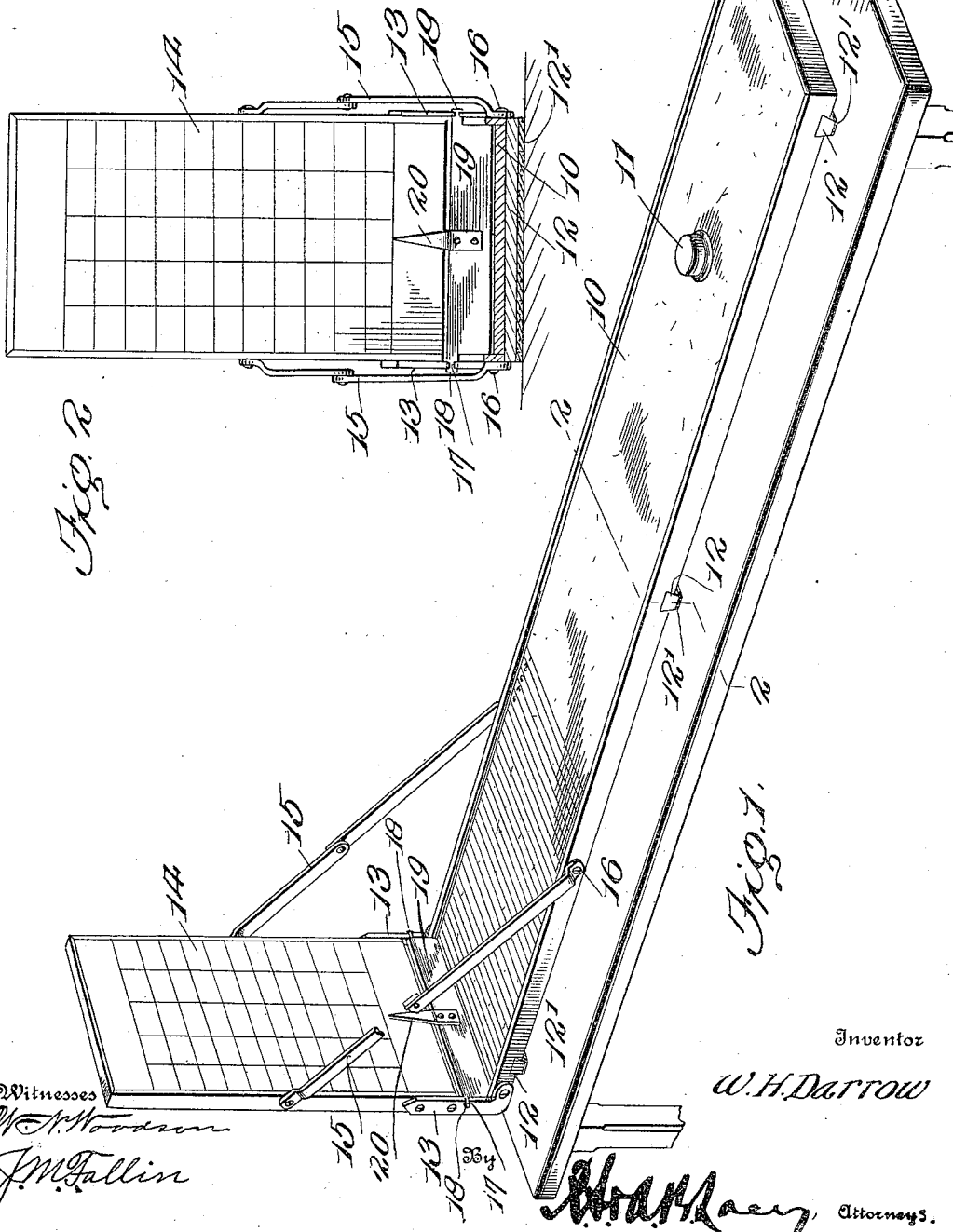


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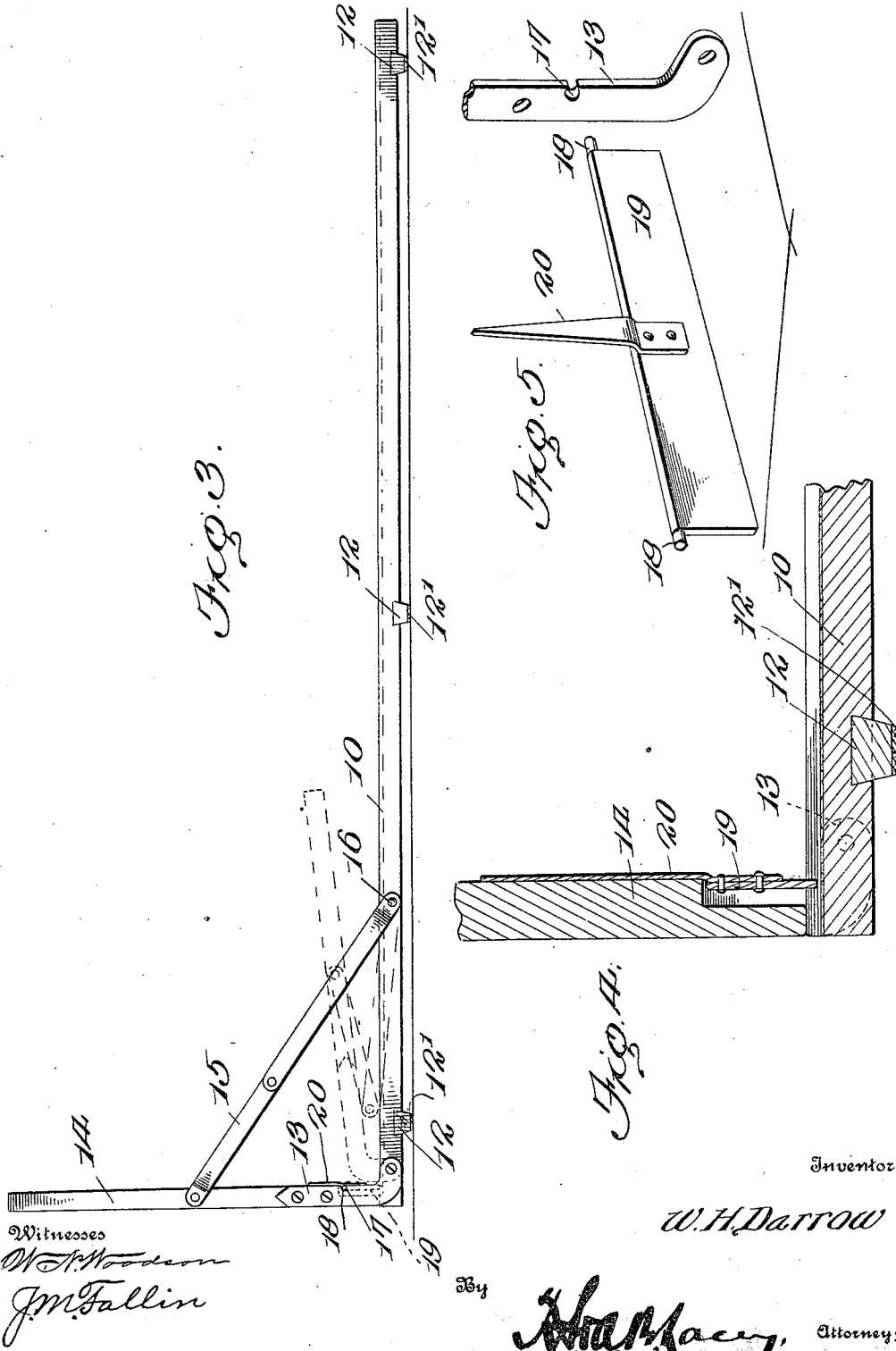
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. DARROW, citizen of the United States, residing at Traverse City, in the county of Grand Traverse and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game apparatus and has particular reference to a device by means of which the well-known game of curling or shove may be played indoors.

An object of the invention is to provide means whereby the disks employed may be projected along a smooth surface toward a goal and which are adapted to approximate the same but not to strike the goal, the tally being taken by noting the approximation without striking the same.

The invention further provides a novel means for supporting a telltale to indicate the striking of the disks at the goal and also provides a score board which is disposed at one end of the slide and which is in constant view of the players.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete game apparatus positioned upon a table and in operative position. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the complete apparatus. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view through the forward end of the apparatus disclosing the telltale and tally board in position, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the telltale and one of the supporting hinges detached therefrom.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 10 designates the base-board which forms the body of the device and which is planed or otherwise treated upon its upper face in order to form a smooth surface upon which the disks 11 are adapted to slide. The board 10 is narrow so that it is necessary to direct the disks 11 in a straight line from one end of the board to the other, the board being of any suitable length according to the requirements and the space into which the

same is to be positioned. The board 10 is preferably mounted upon transverse strips 12 which are disposed in the opposite ends of the same and intermediately thereof and carry rubber strips 12' at their under faces for deadening the noise incident to the employment of the disks 11 thereon. The forward end of the board is provided upon its opposite sides with hinges 13 which support a score board 14 pivotally upon the end of the board 10, the same being held in a substantially vertical position by means of the brace rods 15 pivotally mounted upon the sides of the score board 14 and detachably engaged with pins 16 positioned in the opposite edges of the board 10.

The hinges 13 are each provided in their inner edges with apertures 17 disposed in registered relation and in which are positioned lugs 18 carried upon the upper opposite corners of the metal strip 19 which is thereby pivotally secured between the hinges 13 at the lower end of the score board 14. The score board 14 is recessed in its forward face at the opposite end thereof for the reception of the strip 19 and to admit of the partial swinging of the same upon the striking of one of the disks 11 thereagainst. The strip 19 is provided intermediately with an indicator arm which extends upwardly therefrom and normally rests against the outer face of the score board 14, the same being moved outwardly therefrom by the striking of the disks 11 against the lower end of the strip 19. The score board 14 is provided with a suitable number of squares which are disposed thereon in any suitable manner in which are marked the numbers indicative of the respective tallies of the player. The board 10 is provided at its forward end with a plurality of configurations which assume the form of score lines disposed transversely upon the board 10 in spaced relation from one another and which are provided with numbers which indicate the several lines from one another and which are employed for the purpose of designating the respective lines with certain scores which the players receive upon the positioning of the disks 11 upon such lines. The lines are preferably thirty in number and are consecutively numbered from one to thirty from the inner line outwardly. This arrangement is for the purpose of giving the player a high

score upon the positioning of the disks 11, adjacent the telltale strip 19 without touching the same, upon one of the outer lines.

In playing the game the same is preferably positioned upon a table when the players dispose themselves singly at the rear end of the board 10 and grasp the disks 11 in one hand without raising the same from the board and shove the disks 11 forwardly toward the telltale 19. Should the disks be projected at a sufficient angle to direct the same upon the board over one of the edges thereof the player loses the score which that disk would bring him should it pass over the score line. If the disk is projected with sufficient force to carry the same to the score board 14 and the disk strikes the lower end of the telltale strip 19 to move the indicator arm 20 the player loses a certain amount which is designated in the rules of the game.

When the disks 11 are projected along the board 10 it is the object of the players to position the disks 11 upon the score lines and to dispose the disks as close to the telltale 19 as is possible without striking the same, the players thereby gaining an additional number to their score proportionately to the approximation to the telltale 19. The score board 14 may be formed of any suitable material and in any manner upon which the tally of the respective players is to be kept.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

1. A game apparatus including a base, strips disposed upon the under face of said base to support the same, a supporting board mounted at the forward end of said base, hinges carried at the forward end of said base and connected to said supporting board, said hinges having registered apertures formed in the edges thereof, a strip disposed between said hinges, lugs projected from the opposite corners of said strip and

engaged in the apertures in said hinges, an indicator arm carried by said strip and extended upwardly therefrom for normal engagement against said supporting board, and braces hingedly disposed between said supporting board and said base for retaining the said supporting board in a vertical position.

2. A game apparatus including an elongated board having a plurality of lines disposed in spaced relation transversely thereon at the forward end of the same, a supporting board hingedly disposed at the forward end of said first board, braces disposed between said boards for retaining said supporting board in a vertical position and a telltale carried by said supporting board.

3. A game apparatus including an elongated base, strips positioned on the under side of said base at the opposite ends and at the central portion thereof, a supporting board hingedly disposed at the forward end of said base, a metallic strip hingedly disposed across the lower end of said supporting board adjacent said base, and an indicator arm mounted on said strip to move therewith.

4. A game apparatus including a base having a plurality of spaced lines disposed across the upper face of the same at the forward end thereof, a board hingedly disposed at the forward end of said base and extended upwardly therefrom, a strip hingedly mounted across the lower end of said board and pendent immediately over the forward extremity of said base, and an indicator arm carried by said strip for normal engagement against the lower portion of said board.

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

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