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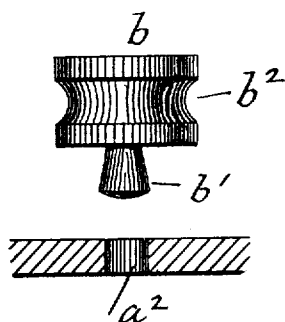
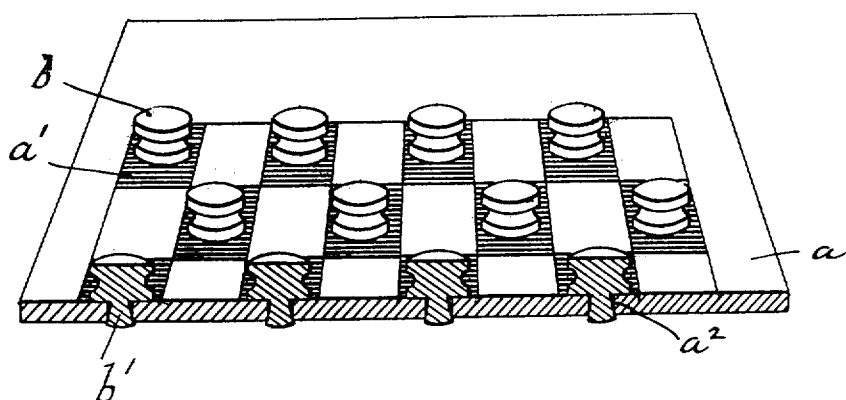
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Fig. 1.*Fig. 2.*

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. CALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Game-Boards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to games of that character in which a board is used, whereon "pieces" or "men" are placed and moved about from one position to another, as in chess or checkers.

One object of the invention is to provide a "pocket" game apparatus of this kind which can be played without the use of a table and which can be held in any position in the hand of the players and subjected to jarring or other unusual disturbances without the liability of displacing the men.

A further object is to produce a game which can be sold at low cost.

My invention consists of a board, preferably made of pasteboard, provided on its face with indicated spaces for the men, each space having a socket adapted to receive a projection formed upon the men, the socket and projection being of such shape that they interlock when properly brought together.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional perspective view of a checker-board with the men in place thereon and constructed according to my invention, and Fig. 2 is a side view of one of the men and a section of the board enlarged.

The board is indicated by *a*. It is preferably made of pasteboard, fiber, or similar material and on its face is marked off into playing-spaces *a'* to be occupied by moving pieces or men *b* and from one to the other of which said pieces are to be moved as the game progresses.

The men, which may be of any shape conforming to the game, are each provided with a conical projection *b'*, widest at the lower or outer end, and when representing checkers will have an annular groove *b²*, enabling the player to grasp and manipulate them easily. Each of the spaces on the board where the men are to rest is provided with a socket consisting of a hole *a²*, extending entirely

through the board. This hole should be cylindrical in general shape, although it may be conical, with its greatest diameter at the face of the board.

In playing the game the board is usually to be held in one hand and the men moved by the other. To place a man in position, the projection *b'* is adjusted to the hole and forced inward until it snaps into place, as seen in Fig. 1. The enlarged end of the projection slightly displaces the material in which the hole is formed, which again springs back and grips the neck of the projection as soon as the pressure is relieved by the enlarged portion passing through to the opposite side. This enlarged end then acts in the nature of a cross-head or dovetail to form an interlocking connection between the man and the board, which ordinary jarring or disturbances cannot separate. At the same time the men can be easily pulled from the sockets by the thumb and finger, the groove *b²* aiding in this. The fact of the projection passing entirely through the opening is important, because the enlarged end is not then constantly compressing the material of the board, which, if it were the case, would soon "set" the material and destroy its elasticity at the affected points.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. In a game, a board having spaces marked thereon for moving pieces or men, each space containing a socket, in combination with moving pieces or men each having a conical projection largest at its outer end and adapted to interlock with any of said sockets, substantially as described.

2. In a game, a board having spaces marked thereon for moving pieces or men, each space containing an opening extending entirely through the board, in combination with moving pieces or men having conical projections largest at their outer ends and adapted to pass through said openings to hold them in place, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I subscribe my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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