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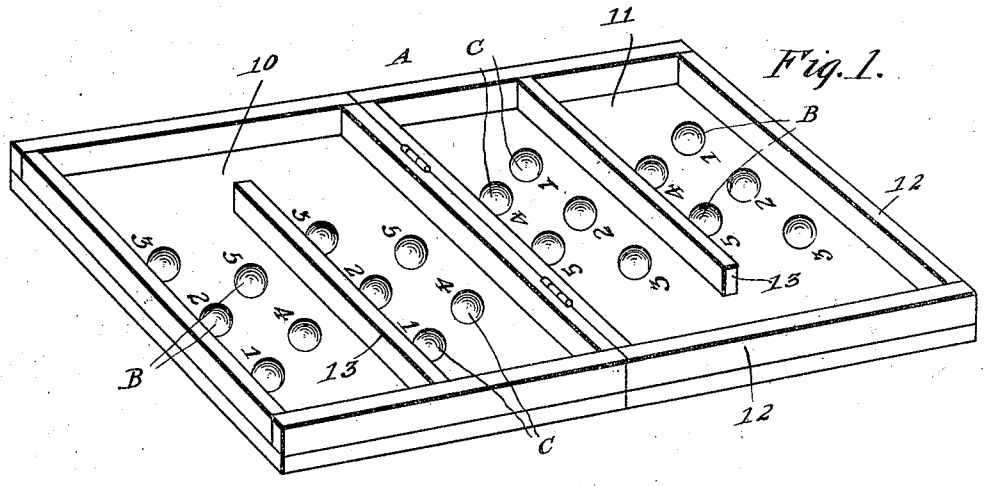


Fig. 1.

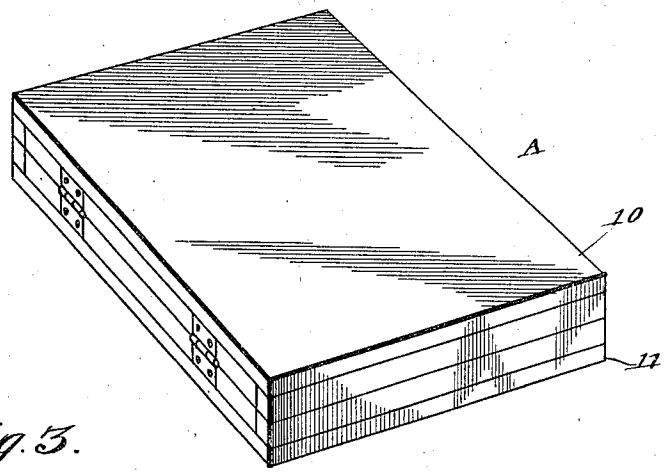


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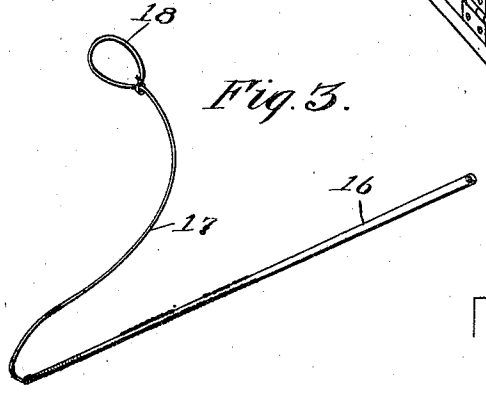


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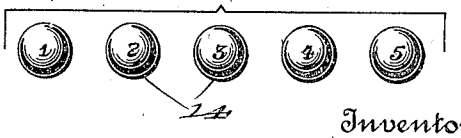


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. RAMSEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roswell, in the county of Chaves and State of New Mexico, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game apparatus, and embodies a game board divided into two sections, each section having a spaced series of pockets or depressions to accommodate a number of spherical game elements, a hand instrument of novel construction being employed to move the game elements from one series of pockets to the other over a prescribed course in the playing of the game.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be more apparent when the following detailed description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this specification, like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the playing board with the playing elements removed from the pockets.

Fig. 2 is a view showing the board folded.

Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the hand manipulating elements.

Fig. 4 is a view of one set of balls or game elements.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, A indicates a board including hingedly connected sections 10 and 11 respectively which permit the board to be folded in a manner shown in Fig. 2, when use of the board is not desired. The board as an entirety is provided with side and end walls 12 to prevent the game pieces from leaving the board while the game is being played.

Each section of the board is provided with two sets or series of openings or pockets B and C respectively, the series being spaced by a vertical partition 13 which has one end connected with one of the longitudinal walls 12 of the board, the opposite end of the partition being spaced from the opposed wall 12 of the board, to provide a passage for the game elements while being moved from one series of pockets to the other. There are preferably five pockets in each of the series B and C respectively, and the pocket of each series is numbered from 1 to 5. The pockets may also be arranged in any suitable manner. There are five spherical game elements or balls 14 for each playing section or surface of the board, the number of game elements also corresponding to the number of pockets of one series, which of course may be varied. The game elements are also numbered consecutively from one to 5 and vary in color from the color of the game pieces of the other section. If desired, the sections 10 and 11 may vary in color.

The game apparatus further embodies a handle 16 which may be constructed from any suitable material, and having connected to one end thereof a flexible element 17 the latter terminating to provide a loop 18 the purpose of which will be presently set forth. This element in its entirety is adapted to represent and also be used in the manner of a lasso.

In playing the game, each player places his game pieces in the pockets of the series C according to the number of the game pieces and the number of the pockets. The area in which the pockets C is provided, represents a range, while the game elements are adapted to represent bronchos. It is the aim of each player to lasso the respective game elements removing of the elements singly and in numerical order from the pockets of the series C, and placing said elements singly in the proper pockets of the series B. To accomplish this, the handle 16 with its flexible element 17 is employed, it being understood that the loop 18 of the flexible element must be arranged about the game element to remove the latter from the pocket of one series and place it in the proper pocket of the other series. The game elements can at no time be touched by the hand of the player or can the handle 16 be utilized or brought in contact with the game elements at any time. It will be noted that the partitions 13 are so arranged that the player in bringing the game elements from the range or pockets of the series C must pass the elements around the ends of the partition 13. In other words, the player cannot cause any of the game elements to jump over the partition, and the player who succeeds in first arranging his game pieces in the proper pockets of the series B wins the game. It will be noted that the partitions 13 are reversely disposed, or in other words terminate short of the op-

posed walls 12 of the board, so that the players can stand at the opposite sides of the board facing each other, both playing at the same time.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent, I desire to have it understood that what is herein shown and described is merely illustrative of one embodiment of the invention, to which I do not limit myself, as various changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. A game apparatus comprising a board having two playing sections, each section having a series of pockets, each series being correspondingly numbered, a partition projecting from one side of each section and separating the respective series of pockets, said partition terminating short of the opposite side of the section, balls for the pockets of one series, and a hand operated element for moving said balls from the pockets of one series to the pockets of the other series around the free end of the partition.

2. In a game apparatus, the combination with a board having a plurality of playing surfaces, each surface having spaced series of pockets correspondingly numbered, a partition separating the respective series, and balls for the pockets of one series, of a device for moving said balls singly from said pockets to the pockets of the other series, said device including a handle, a flexible element carried thereby, said element terminating at one end to define a loop.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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