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[54] **EXPANDED CHESS AND CHECKER BOARD**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A game board for the playing of checkers, chess and the like has two removable and replaceable central rows of squares. Some of these squares carry different inscriptions forbidding the movement of the pieces thereon under the playing rules. The removable rows may be located upon panels, sheets, films or the like. Their number and location can be varied. Games can be varied to the greatest extent by the use of differently located movement forbidding squares.

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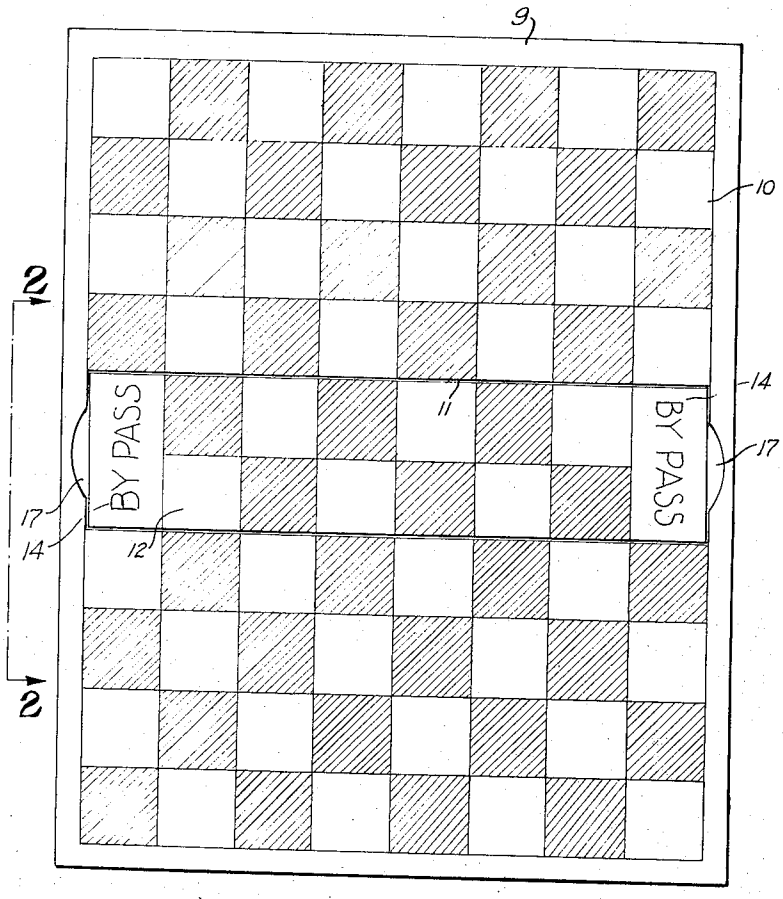
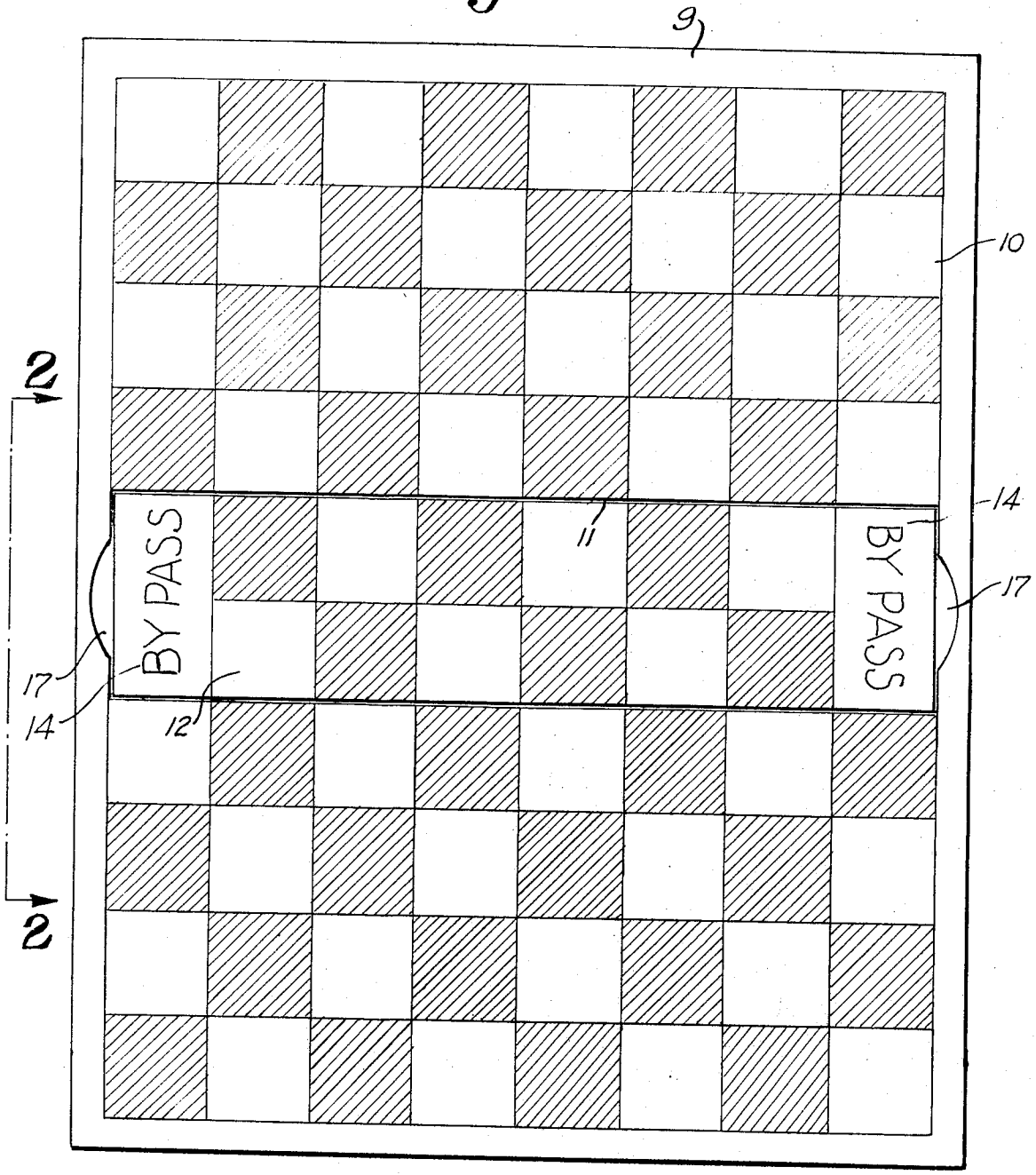


Fig. 1



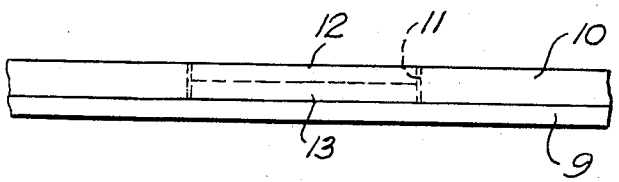


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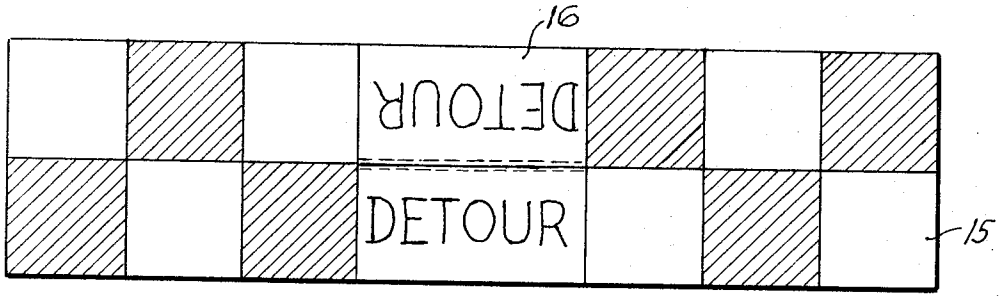


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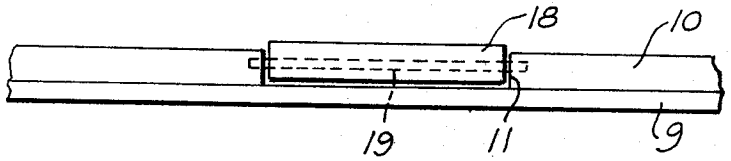
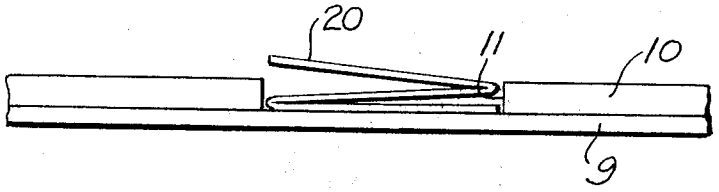


Fig. 5



EXPANDED CHESS AND CHECKER BOARD

This invention relates to a chess and checker board.

Games of chess and checkers have been played for centuries on a chess board including 64 squares. While the rules of the games permit a large number of moves by the participants, some players, particularly those who continuously play one against the other, find that their moves are liable to become repetitious.

An object of the present invention is to improve the chess board by providing thereon means changing its appearance and use in a very large number of ways.

Other objects will become apparent in the course of the following specification.

In the accomplishment of the objectives of the present invention it was found desirable to provide removable and replaceable parts in the chess board. According to a preferred embodiment the removable part of the chess board includes two central rows of squares. However, obviously other removable parts can be used. The removable part may consist of rigid panels or of adjustable parts, such as flexible films or sheets. The panel carries squares constituting a continuation of the squares upon the chess board. However, some of these squares are provided with drawings and/or inscriptions indicating that the players cannot place their pieces thereon. Words such as "by-pass," "tunnel," "no trespassing," etc. can be used. It is apparent that these forbidding squares can be placed in any number and in any location upon the panels.

The players by changing their panels will be able to increase the variety of their games to a very great extent.

The invention will appear more clearly from the following detailed description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings showing, by way of example only, preferred embodiments of the inventive idea.

In the drawings:

FIG. **1** is a top view of a chess board of the present invention.

FIG. **2** is a side view of a portion of the board along the line **2** — **2** of FIG. **1.**

FIG. **3** is an enlarged view of a different panel.

FIG. **4** is a side view of a portion of the board illustrating the use of a film.

FIG. **5** is a side view of a portion of the board illustrating the use of a folded sheet.

The drawings show a chess board **10** divided into a number of squares and carried by a base **9.** However, in accordance with the present invention the board has a recess **11** extending over two central rows of squares.

In the embodiment shown in FIGS. **1** and **2** two panels **12** and **13** are placed one over the other in the recess. As shown in FIG. **1** the panel **12** on its top surface

has two side areas **14** each of which covers two squares which are marked "by-pass" so that they cannot be used by the players. The bottom surface of the panel **12** will have differently marked squares. The lower panel **13** has differently marked squares on its top and bottom surfaces. By way of example, the panel **15** shown in FIG. **3** has a central marked area **16** covering four squares. The game board may have curved recesses **17** to facilitate removal and exchange of the panels.

It is apparent that in use the players may play their game, for example, upon the board shown in FIG. **1.** Then they may decide to change their game by replacing the panel **12** by the panel **13,** for example, or the panel **15.** The number of different panels may be varied.

In the embodiment shown in FIG. **4** the panels are replaced by a film **18** which slides across the recess **11** upon supports **19.** The film carries various representations of forbidden squares. Suitable means (not shown) may be used for moving and winding the film.

In the embodiment shown in FIG. **5** a folded sheet **20** is used instead of panels or films. Each folded side of the sheet has different forbidden squares. When users wish to change the board they merely remove the sheet, fold it differently and then return it into the recess **11.**

It is apparent that numerous changes may be made in the above-described embodiments within the scope of the appended claims. Thus the marked squares can be differently located and can be applied to the chess board in a different manner.

I claim:

1. A chess and checker board having a flat rectangular surface divided by two sets of intersecting lines into a plurality of squares and an edge portion enclosing said surface, said board having a recess extending below said surface and between two opposed edges of said surface, and at least one separate member removably fitting into said recess and having a surface adapted to extend in the same plane as said rectangular surface, and carrying inscriptions different from those upon said rectangular surface.

2. A chess and checker board according to claim **1,** wherein said member is a rigid panel.

3. A chess and checker board according to claim **2,** wherein said opposed edges have curved recesses facilitating the insertion and removal of said panel.

4. A chess and checker board according to claim **1,** wherein said member consists of a movable film and supports carrying said film, said inscriptions extending upon the length of said film.

5. A chess and checker board according to claim **1,** wherein said member consists of a folded sheet, said inscriptions being located upon different folds of said sheet.

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