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Fig. 1.

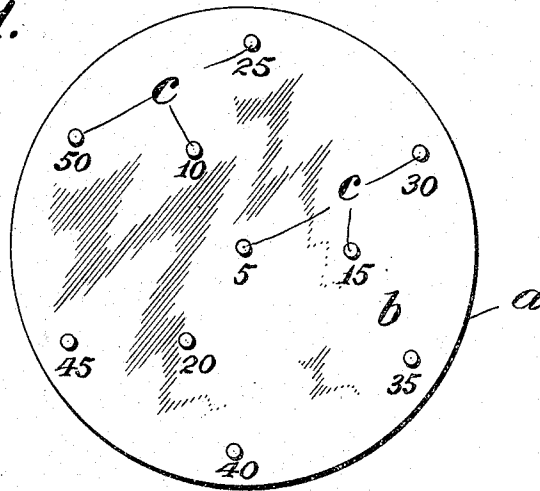


Fig. 2.

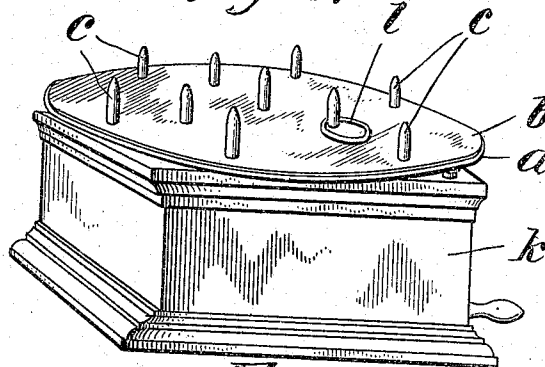
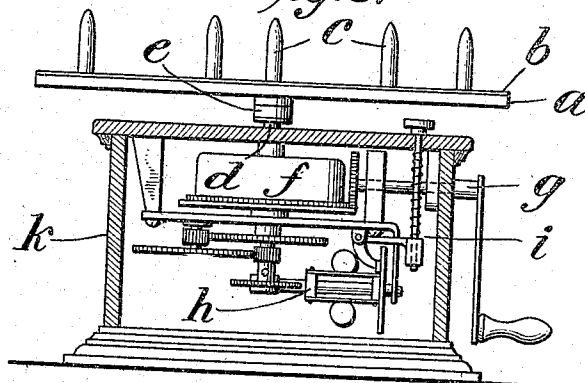


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCRETIA TORRENCE YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Bank, in the State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

The object of this invention is to produce a novel and improved game apparatus for the practice of a sport or game similar to that known as "ring-toss" but calling for a greater exercise of skill.

The improved apparatus comprises a board provided with vertical pins or pegs and means to rotate the board upon a substantially vertical axis, so that the pins of the board, except the central pin or peg, shall be in constant movement.

The invention will be more fully explained hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which it is illustrated, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of the rotatable board with its pins or pegs. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective showing the rotatable board mounted on a base which contains the mechanism for rotating the board. Fig. 3 is a view partly in elevation and partly in section showing the driving mechanism and the relation of the board thereto.

A board or plate *a*, of wood, metal or other suitable material, preferably circular and usually about sixteen inches in diameter, and preferably provided with a covering *b* of felt or other suitable material, to deaden noise and prevent the rebound of the playing rings, supports a series of pins or pegs *c* which are vertical to the surface of the board *a* and preferably about two and one quarter inches in height if the board has a diameter of about sixteen inches. The board is mounted upon a spindle *d*, having a hub *e* which may be slipped upon the spindle. Means are provided for supporting and rotating the spindle *d* upon a substantially vertical axis, such means preferably comprising a clock spring *f*, winding mechanism *g*, a governor *h*, and a brake mechanism *i* by means of which the speed of rotation of the board *a* may be controlled. All of these parts may be inclosed in and supported by a suitable casing *k* which forms the base of the apparatus. Rings *l*, preferably of a suitable

quality of hard rubber and about two inches in diameter, are provided for the players and the several pins of the board are marked with figures indicating different values, the center pin having the lowest value, the three pins in the next series having higher values and the six pins of the outer series having still higher values.

In the use of the apparatus, the board is set in motion, the speed thereof being regulated, according to the skill of the players, by the brake mechanism. The players then in turn toss the rings from a suitable distance upon the board, endeavoring to make them engage the pegs or pins of highest value. The player who secures the highest total of values represented by the pegs or pins with which his rings are engaged is the winner. Obviously the pin at the center has no motion except about its own axis and is, therefore, most easily engaged by a ring and has the lowest value, while the pegs or pins nearest the periphery of the board have the greatest speed of movement and have the highest value. To aid the eye the pegs or pins may be colored differently if desired.

I claim as my invention:

1. A game apparatus comprising a board rotatable upon a substantially vertical axis, pins or pegs carried upon the board perpendicular to the surface thereof and adapted to be engaged by playing rings, and means to rotate the board continuously.

2. A game apparatus comprising a board rotatable upon a substantially vertical axis, pins or pegs carried upon the board perpendicular to the surface thereof and adapted to be engaged by playing rings, means to rotate the board continuously, and means to control the speed of rotation of the board.

3. A game apparatus comprising a supporting case, a driving mechanism having a substantially vertical spindle, a governor and speed controlling mechanism, and a board mounted upon said spindle and having upon its upper surface substantially vertical pegs or pins adapted to be engaged by playing rings.

This specification signed and witnessed this first day of April A. D., 1909.

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