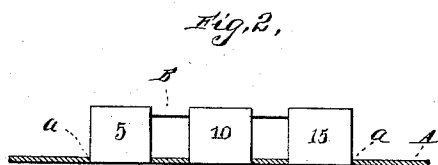
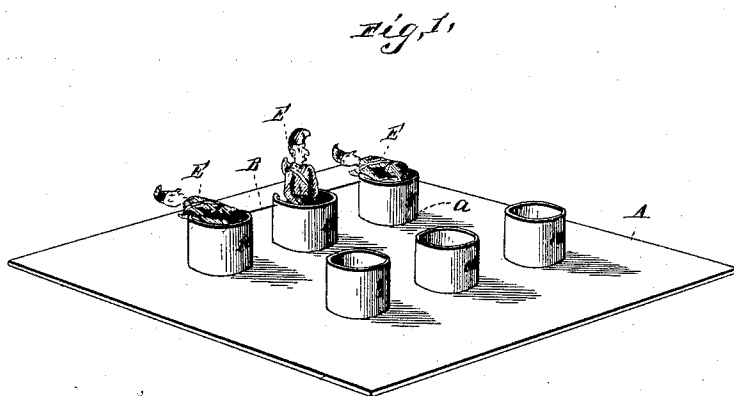


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THERON J. LOVELAND, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bantam, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of the invention in perspective, and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

This invention has relation to game apparatus; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings the apparatus of my game is shown. Apertures *a a* are made in a thin piece of metal or any other stiff material, and these apertures are surrounded at their edges with flanges, which rise in a direction perpendicular to the base *A* of the apparatus, thus forming a series of cups. Extending through any number or all of these cups back of their center and near the top is a wire *B*. Dolls or images *E* are pivoted on this wire where it passes through the cups, and notches are cut in the anterior top portion of the cups down to a level with the bearings of the wire in each cup, thus allowing the image or doll to be pivoted in a horizontal position. The portion of the dolls or images extending from the pivoted portion downward is made of such suitable length that when it is turned into a vertical position it will just clear the front edge of the cup. Hence when the image or doll is in a horizontal position nothing can be placed in the cup without depressing this image. Buttons or balls of suitable size are used to project at the cups, and when one is projected accurately it can only

enter the cup by depressing the doll or image suspended in it. The bottom of the apertures *a a* is formed by the receptacle on which the apparatus is placed, or may be formed by another piece of material fastened below the base *A* without materially altering my construction. Each cup is numbered, and the apparatus being placed on a table or any suitable stand the balls or buttons are thrown, and the rising of the figures indicates when a ball has entered a cup.

Although in the accompanying description I use only six cups, I may use eight or ten cups without materially altering the construction. Any suitable system of counting may be employed.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a game apparatus, the combination, with a perforated base and flanges surrounding these perforations, of a wire extending through any or all of these cups formed by the flanges and the images pivoted thereon, substantially as specified.

2. In a game apparatus, the combination of a base-plate with flanged perforations and wires extending through these flanges, the images pivoted thereon, and the rectangular notches in the flanges, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a game apparatus, the combination, with the perforated base-plate, the notched flanges surrounding these perforations, the wires extending through these flanges, and the images pivoted thereon, of the buttons or balls designed to be received in these cups formed by the flanges, substantially as specified.

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

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