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Game-Boards.

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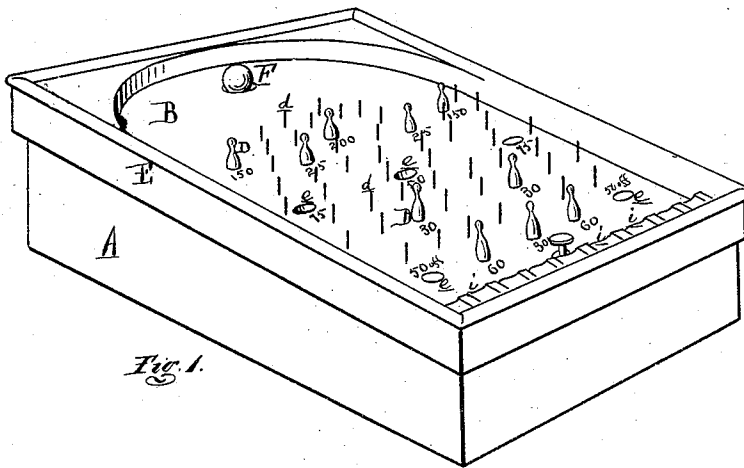


Fig. 1.

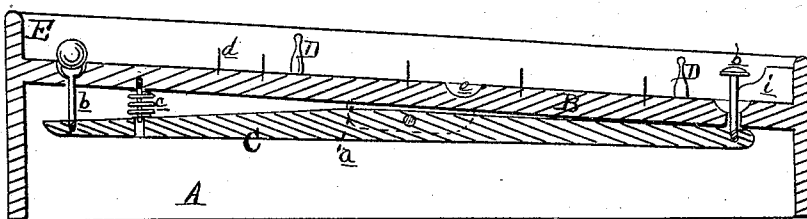


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT F. R. ARNDT, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game-Tables; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section.

Like letters refer to like parts in each figure.

The nature of this invention relates to the construction of a new gaming-table, which I denominate "Krikak;" and it consists in a table with an inclined bed, upon the face of which are arranged suitable pins. There are, also, depressions or sockets in the table-bed, each of which sockets is numbered, which counts in favor of or against the player in the score. Arranged across the foot of the table are slips or stalls, which are also numbered. Underneath the bed of the table is a lever extending lengthwise thereof, having a stud at each end, which projects through the table-bed, at the head and foot, for starting the ball on its downward course, all arranged and operating as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing, A represents the body of the table, on which is secured the inclined bed B. C is a lever, pivoted at its center in brackets *a* on the under side of the table-bed, having at each end upward-projecting studs *b*, which pass through said bed. *c* is a coil-spring, placed between the lever and the bed of the table near the upper end, which will always keep that end of the lever depressed, and the head of its respective stud below the upper plane of the bed. Around the head of each of these studs *b* a socket is formed in the face of the table. *d* are pins driven in the face of the table-bed in diagonal rows across it. There are also depressions or sockets *e* in the face of the table, each of which is numbered, as are also the spots, upon which are placed suitable pins or men, D. Arranged across the foot of

the table are slips or stalls *i*, each of which is numbered to have various values. Around the side of the table is a flange, E, corresponding with the cushion of a billiard-table, but merely to keep the ball F, with which the game is played, from rolling off it.

The game is played as follows: Place the two largest pins on the two highest spots—300 and 200—and the rest on the remaining spots, which are numbered 150, 25, 30, and 60; place the ball F in the socket over the upper stud of the lever at the head of the table; then, by pressing down the stud at the foot of the table, we depress that end of the lever, which forces the upper stud up, and pushes the ball from the socket, and the incline of the table-bed will cause the ball to roll down among the pins, which deflect it from one to the other, and give it a zigzag or erratic course toward the foot of the table. In its course it may knock down one or more of the pins, or lodge in one of the sockets, or finally stop in one of the stalls at the foot of the table; the sum set opposite the pin or pins which it knocks down and that set opposite to the socket or stall in which it may finally lodge constitute the value or sum of the shot. Each player makes five shots, the one having the highest aggregate winning the game.

All the sockets count to the favor of the player, excepting the two lower ones, marked 50. Should the ball lodge in one of these, that sum is deducted from his score.

Aside from the fascination always attending a game of chance, this game naturally tends to promote the habit in the players of rapid mental calculations in addition and subtraction.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A game-table having the inclined bed B, lever C, studs *b*, pins *d*, sockets *e*, stalls *i*, men D, ball F, and flange E, when said parts are constructed and arranged substantially as herein described and shown.

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