

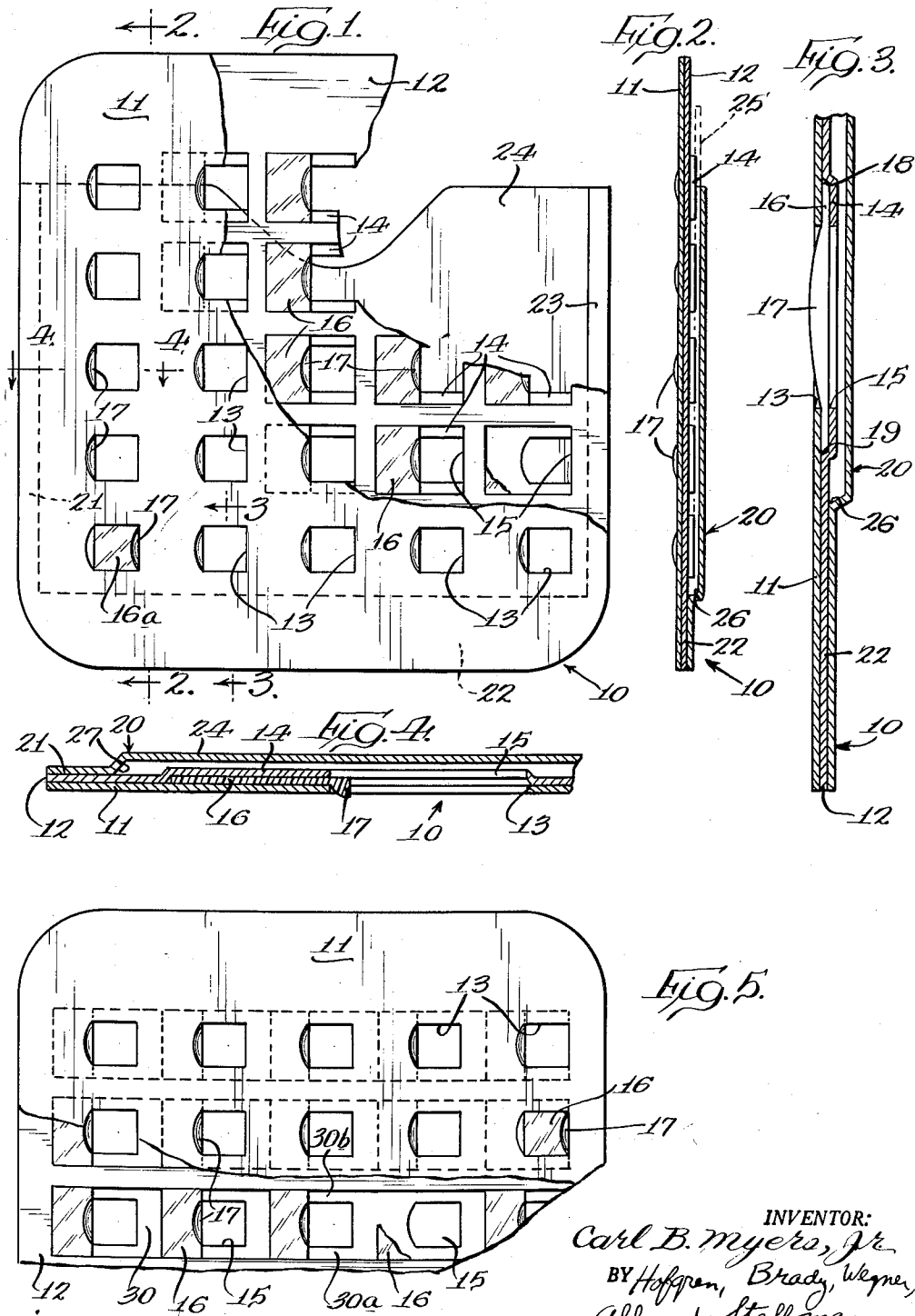
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This application relates to a game board, and more particularly to a game board for playing a variety of games. An object of this invention is to provide a new and improved game board.

Another object of this invention is to provide a game board for playing different games, such as various bingo games, in which a game board base carries a plurality of simply mounted movable slides, each movable between a withdrawn position and an extended position to cover an aperture and in which means are associated with the base of the board to provide for utilization of one of several different cards at any one time with indicia on the card being lined up with the apertures in the base.

Another object of this invention is to provide a game board as defined in the preceding paragraph in which said base is formed of two parts with the slides movably captured therebetween and said means comprises a pocket attached to the underside of the game board base with parts of said pocket defining shoulders for proper alignment of the insertable card with the base whereby indicia on the card are rendered visible through the aligned apertures in the two parts of said base.

Further objects and advantages will become apparent from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of the game board with parts thereof broken away and with one slide shown in extended position;

FIG. 2 is a vertical section taken generally along the line 2-2 in FIG. 1 and with an insertable card shown in position in broken line;

FIG. 3 is a vertical fragmentary section on an enlarged scale, taken generally along the line 3-3 in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary vertical section on an enlarged scale, taken generally along the line 4-4 in FIG. 1; and

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary plan view of a modified embodiment of the invention.

While this invention is susceptible of embodiments in many different forms, there is shown in the drawings and will herein be described in detail an embodiment of the invention together with a modification thereof with the understanding that the present disclosure is to be considered as an exemplification of the principles of the invention and is not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment illustrated. The scope of the invention will be pointed out in the appended claims.

The game board, indicated generally at 10 in FIGS. 1 to 4, comprises a base made up of two plate-like members 11 and 12 suitably secured together as by adhesive. Each of these members may be made of cardboard, plastic, or other suitable material. The top plate 11 has a plurality of apertures 13 arranged in rows similar to the arrangement in games of the bingo variety. The lower plate 12 of the base has a plurality of pockets formed by depressed portions 14 thereof, with each pocket 14 having an aperture 15 in alignment with an aperture 13 of the top plate 11. As will be noted in FIG. 1 there are as many pockets 14 and apertures 15 as there are apertures 13 in the top plate 11, to thus render visible through the base of the board the area at the underside thereof. Each pair of apertures 13 and 15 has a movable slide 16 associated therewith with this slide having a raised portion 17 engageable by a finger to shift the slide from the withdrawn position shown in FIG. 4 to an extended position in which the slide obstructs the view through the asso-

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ciated apertures 13 and 15. This position is shown at 16a in FIG. 1. The slide 16 is formed of suitable material such as plastic and may either be opaque or colored to be distinctive and readily indicate the obstructing of the view through the apertures 13 and 15.

As noted in FIGS. 1 and 3, a slide 16 has a length greater than the height of an aperture 13 in the top plate 11 and this length is also greater than the height of the aperture 15 in the bottom plate 12 whereby the slide is movably captured and guided between the top plate 11 and the pocket 14 of the bottom plate 12. A pair of shoulders 18 and 19 formed in the bottom plate 12 function as guides for the slide. From the foregoing, it will be seen that the base constitutes an integral unit including the apertures for rendering indicia disposed to the underside of the game board readily visible. The slides 16 are captured by the bottom plate depressions 14 which in effect form slide pockets, but are movable for obstructing the view through a pair of apertures.

In order to render the game board usable for a variety of games, pocket means are provided for selectively associating a card with the base and with suitable indicia on the card aligned with the pairs of apertures 13 and 15. This pocket means comprises a plate-like member 20 which has a part of its periphery secured to the underside of the base as indicated at 21, 22 and 23 with a major part 24, thereof, offset or depressed relative to the peripheral portions to provide a space between the part 24 and the underside of the slide pockets 14 sufficient to receive a card 25, as indicated in FIG. 2, which is insertable into the pocket so formed at the upper end of the game board as viewed in FIGS. 1 and 2. The offsetting of the major part 24 of the plate 20 provides a bottom shoulder 26 and side shoulders one of which is shown at 27 in FIG. 4 which function to support the insertable card 25 in position relative to the game board to have the indicia on the card aligned with the pairs of apertures 13 and 15.

In the embodiment of FIG. 5 which is generally the same as the embodiments of FIGS. 1 to 4, similar parts have been given the same reference numerals. In the embodiment of FIG. 5 instead of having the individual depressed slide pockets 14 in the bottom plate 12 of the base, the depressions run laterally across the width of the game board base with such a depression being indicated at 30 and having the plurality of apertures 15 therein. It will be seen that in the latter embodiment the slides 16 are movably captured between the top plate 11 and slide pocket parts 30a and 30b running substantially entirely across the width of the game board.

I claim:

1. A game board comprising a base, said base having a two-part construction with a top plate having an aperture and a second plate, said second plate underlying the top plate and having a depression, means defining an aperture in said depression in alignment with said top plate aperture, a slide movably mounted in said depression between a withdrawn position in which the view through the aligned apertures is unobstructed and an extended position in which said view is obstructed, and means removably supporting an indicia-bearing card in assembled relation with the base comprising a plate with a portion of its periphery secured to the base underside and the major part of the plate including part of the periphery offset from the secured portion and spaced from the base underside to permit insertion of a card in said space with indicia on the card in alignment with the aligned apertures.

2. A game board comprising a base, said base having a two-part construction with a top plate having spaced rows of apertures and a second plate underlying the top plate, said second plate having depressions with apertures

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therein in alignment with said top plate apertures, a plurality of slides movably mounted in said depressions between a withdrawn position in which the view through aligned apertures is unobstructed and an extended position in which said view is obstructed, and pocket means removably supporting an indicia-bearing card in assembled relation with the base comprising a plate with a portion of its periphery permanently secured to the base underside and a major part of the plate offset from the secured portion including a part of the periphery forming a card entrance and spaced from the base underside to permit insertion of a card in said space, shoulders on said plate formed by the offsetting thereof aligning the card to place indicia on the card in alignment with the aligned apertures.

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3. A game board as defined in claim 2 in which said second plate depressions are arranged individually with one for each of said slides.

5 4. A game board as defined in claim 2 in which each depression spans a plurality of top plate apertures and receives a plurality of said slides.

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