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Fig. 1

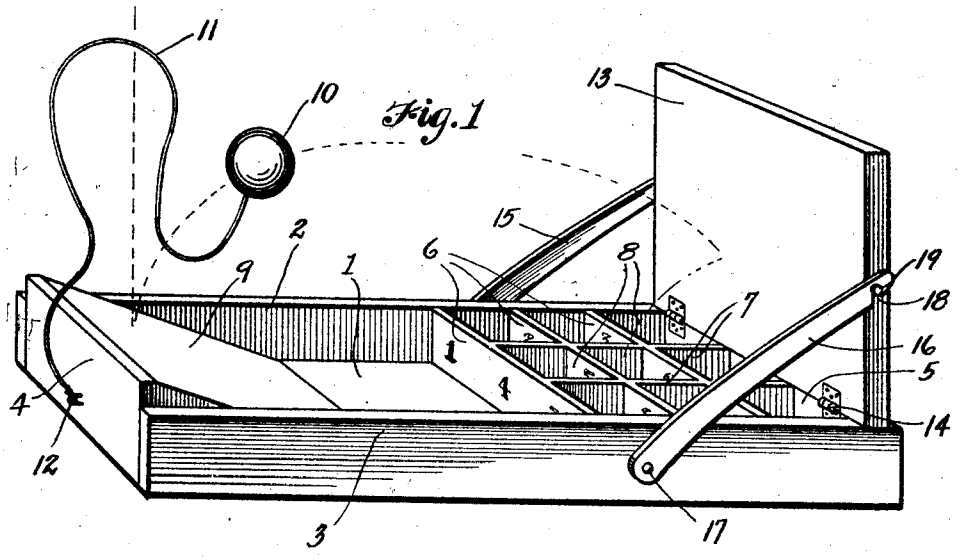


Fig. 2

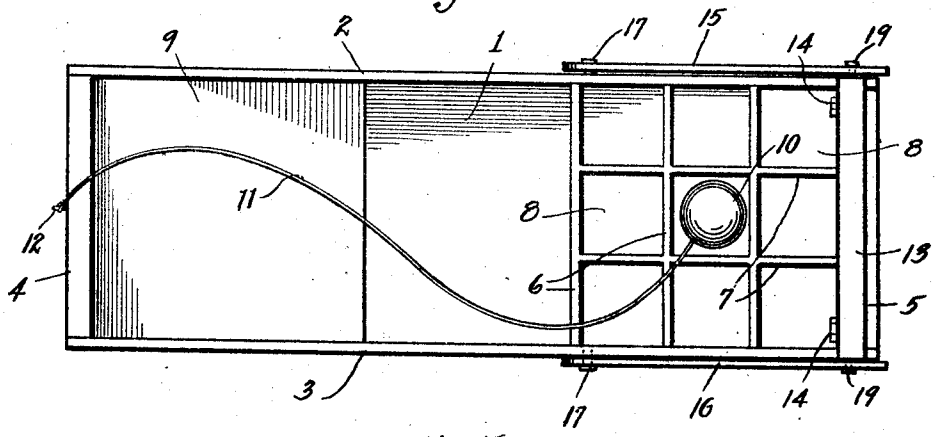
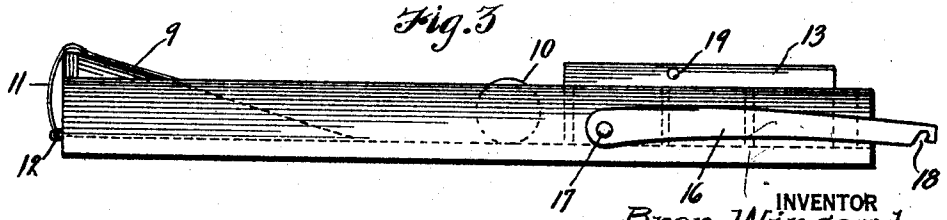


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BROR WINGARD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and more particularly to a game suitable for children; the principal object of the invention being to provide a game that may be played by any number of persons and which is entertaining as well as educational.

More specifically stated, the object of the invention resides in the provision of a game comprising a board equipped at one end with a vertical wall serving as a back stop and forwardly of which are pockets into which a captive ball may be bounced after being dropped or thrown against an inclined platform at the other end of the board; the different pockets being given different values whereby a person's score may be determined.

Other objects reside in the details of construction of the various parts and the arrangement of the back stop which permits it to be folded downwardly to serve as a cover for the board when the game is not in use.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention, I have provided the improved details of construction, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the game device when set up for use.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a side view of the game with the back stop wall in lowered position.

Referring more in detail to the drawings—

In its preferred form of construction, the game comprises a boxlike structure having a horizontal base portion 1 to which opposite side walls 2 and 3, and opposite end walls 4 and 5 are attached. At one end, the box is divided by a plurality of transverse and longitudinally extending partition walls 6 and 7, respectively, into a plurality of upwardly opening pockets or compartments 8 of equal size; each of which is given a numerical value by placing a number thereon which is taken into consideration in figuring the scores of the different players of a game.

Within the end of the box, opposite that containing the pockets, is a platform 9 that slopes downwardly from the upper edge of end wall 4 to the bottom wall and against which a resilient ball 10, held captive by a cord 11 attached thereto and to a tack or staple 12 in the outer side of the end wall, may be dropped or thrown to cause it to bounce into one of the pockets.

At the end of the box opposite the platform, a cover or wall member 13 is attached by hinges 14 secured thereto and to end wall 5. This cover is adapted to be supported vertically by brace arms 15 and 16 having ends pivotally fixed by pins 17 to the outer surfaces of side walls 2 and 3 and provided at their other ends with notches 18 for receiving pins 19 that are fixed in the end edges of the wall 13 whereby the wall will be held in vertical position to serve as a stop against which the ball may be bounced. The brace arms serve also as stop members against which the ball may be bounced into the pockets.

When the game is not in use, the arms 15—16 are detached from the pins 19 and the cover is lowered over the pockets, as shown in Figure 3.

To play the game, the cover, or wall, 13, is raised to vertical position and secured by the arms 15 and 16. The players then, in turn, take the ball and by dropping or throwing it against the platform cause it to bounce into one of the pockets. Each player is given a certain number of plays with the ball and his score is determined by adding the numbers of the pockets into which he has bounced the ball.

Such a game may be played by any number of players, and is especially entertaining to children. It is also educational and instructive in that it teaches skill in the use of the ball and the addition of numbers.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

1. A game of the character described, comprising a base member, a plurality of pockets arranged at one end of said base, an inclined platform at the other end of said base and a captive ball adapted to be bounced from the platform into said pockets.

2. A game of the character described, comprising a base, a vertical wall at one end of said base, a plurality of upwardly opening pockets arranged on the base for-

ward of said wall, a platform at the other end of said base inclined toward said pockets, and a captive ball adapted to be bounced on said platform and against said wall into said pockets.

3. A game device of the character described, comprising a shallow, oblong box, a cover member hingedly attached to one end thereof, means for supporting said cover in vertical position to serve as a back stop wall, a plurality of pockets formed in the box forwardly of said wall, a platform in the opposite end of the box inclined toward said pockets and a captive ball adapted to be bounced from said platform against said back stop wall and into said pockets.

4. A game device of the character described, comprising a shallow, oblong box divided at one end by transverse and longitudinally extended partitions into a plurality of upwardly opening pockets, a cover section hingedly attached to the end wall adjacent the pockets and adapted to swing upwardly from position over said pockets, pins in the ends of said cover section, arms pivotally fixed to the sides of the box and having notches therein for receiving said pins to retain the wall in vertical position and whereby said arms and wall are supported in position to serve as stops, a platform at the other end of said box inclined toward the pockets and a captive ball adapted to be bounced from said platform against said stops and into said pockets.

Signed at Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, this 21st day of November, 1924.

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