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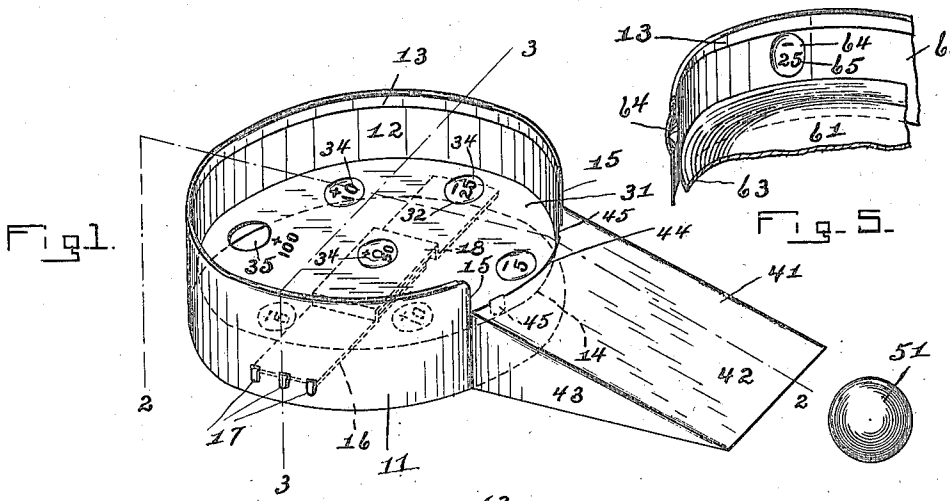


Fig. 1.



Fig. 5.

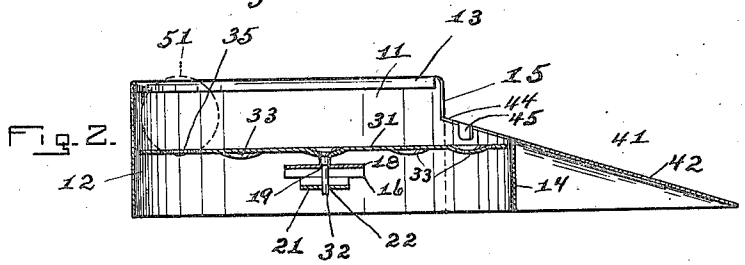


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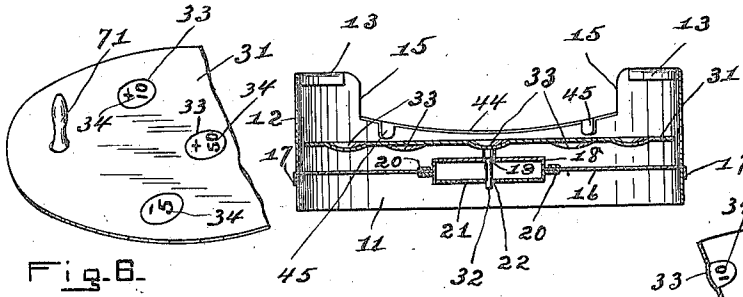


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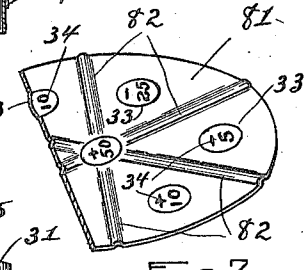


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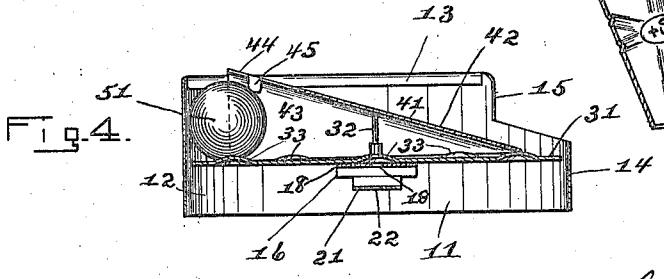


Fig. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM C. MARTINEAU and CLARENCE R. MARTINEAU, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Albany, Albany county, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to game devices in which a rolling object, as a ball, comes to rest in one of a plurality of pockets or the like, either by chance or by the skill of the player or both. Its object is to produce such a device which shall be simple of construction, easily and cheaply packed, capable of a variety of results, instructing, entertaining and adapted to players of all ages.

Further objects of the invention and the means for securing these will appear in this specification and be pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, which represent preferred forms of our invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device set up as for playing; Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical sections through planes 2—2 and 3—3, respectively in Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a sectional view, like that of Fig. 2, showing the device knocked down for packing; Figs. 5, 6 and 7 are partial details in perspective, showing various modifications.

Referring to the first four figures, 11 designates the body of the device, having a circular wall 12, hemmed at its upper edge 13, and with a front portion 14 of reduced height forming shoulders 15, and a transverse bridge 16 secured at its ends by tongues 17 engaging in suitable apertures in wall 12 and formed with a raised central portion 18, pierced with an aperture 19, which is axial of wall 12. Below raised portion 18 and held in place by tongues 20 engaged in apertures in bridge 17 is a depressed member 21 also pierced with an aperture 22 in vertical line with aperture 19.

31 is a turntable of slightly less diameter than wall 12 and having an axial depending stem 32 adapted to free rotation in the step-bearing formed by apertures 19 and 22, and to be supported by bridge 16 in a horizontal plane somewhat below the upper edge of front wall portion 14. In the upper face of table 31 is stamped a plurality of pockets 33, shown as seven in number, one axially and the others annularly positioned, each being marked with a plus or minus numeral 34. A finger hole 35 is cut through table 31, as shown through one of the depressions or pockets 32.

41 is a ramp comprising inclined deck 42 and supporting sides 43, the greatest height of which is slightly greater than that of front wall portion 14. The width of deck 42 is substantially equal to the distance between shoulders 15, and its upper edge 44 is shaped to fit the arc of wall 12 and provided with downwardly turned integral lugs 45 adapted to hook over the edge of wall portion 14 and hold the ramp closely thereagainst. A playing ball 51 is shown in Fig. 1.

The operation of the device will be readily understood from an inspection of the drawings. The parts being assembled as shown in Fig. 1, one player, by means of finger hole 35, spins turntable 31, when his opponent rolls ball 51 from a predetermined distance. On reaching table 31, the ball is thrown by centrifugal force against wall 12, receives a whirling motion and usually settles in one of pockets 33, the numerical value of which is marked to the player's score. To reduce the device to a small compass for boxing, the table is lifted from its bearing and inverted, and the ball 51 and ramp 41 placed thereon, as shown in Fig. 4.

In Fig. 5 of the drawings, we have shown a modification in which a turntable 61, preferably having a depressed edge 62 is substituted for table 31, wall 63 being formed with vertical recesses 64 each marked with a numeral 65, in one of which the ball comes to rest as in a pocket 32 in the former construction.

Fig. 6 shows an obvious modification, in which a post 71 is secured to the turntable for spinning it, instead of finger hole 35.

Fig. 7 shows a turntable 81 formed with radial ribs 82, which serve the double purpose of stiffening the table and of giving an additional, jumping, movement to the ball.

It is obvious that modifications other than those shown may be made in the device without departing from our invention.

What we claim is:

1. A game device including ball retaining means, comprising a substantially circular wall and a turntable rotatable therein; means for guiding a ball on to said turntable; and a plurality of pockets in said

ball retaining means in any of which such ball may come to rest after it has been whirled on said turntable.

2. A game device including a substantially circular wall; a turntable rotatable therein; means for guiding a ball onto said table; and a plurality of pockets in said table in any of which such ball may come to rest after it has been whirled on said table.

3. A game device including a circular wall, a portion of which is of less height than the remainder; a turntable rotatable within said wall; a ramp engageable with the lower portion of said wall for guiding a ball on to said table; and a plurality of pockets in said table, each marked with a numerical value, in any of which such ball may come to rest after it has been whirled on said table.

4. A game device including a circular wall, a portion of which is of less height than the remainder; a bridge extending diametrically of said wall and pierced with an aperture axial thereof; a turntable rotatably supported on said bridge; means for guiding a ball over the lower portion of said wall on to said table; and a plurality of pockets in said table, each marked with a numerical value, in any of which such ball may come to rest after it has been whirled on said table.

5. A game device including a circular wall, a portion of which is of less height than the remainder; a turntable rotatable within said wall; a plurality of pockets in said table, each marked with a numerical value, in any of which a ball may come to rest after it has been whirled on said table; and a plurality of ribs stamped in said table for varying the motion of such whirling ball.

6. A game device including a circular wall, a portion of which is of less height than the remainder; a bridge extending diametrically of said wall and below the upper edge of said lower portion; a turntable detachably and rotatably supported on said bridge; a ball; and a ramp detachably engageable with the lower portion of said wall for guiding said ball on to said table; the dimensions and construction of the parts being such that said table, when removed from said bridge, may be inverted and replaced thereon, and said ball and said ramp be placed on said table, all substantially within said wall, for the purpose of boxing the entire device as described.

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