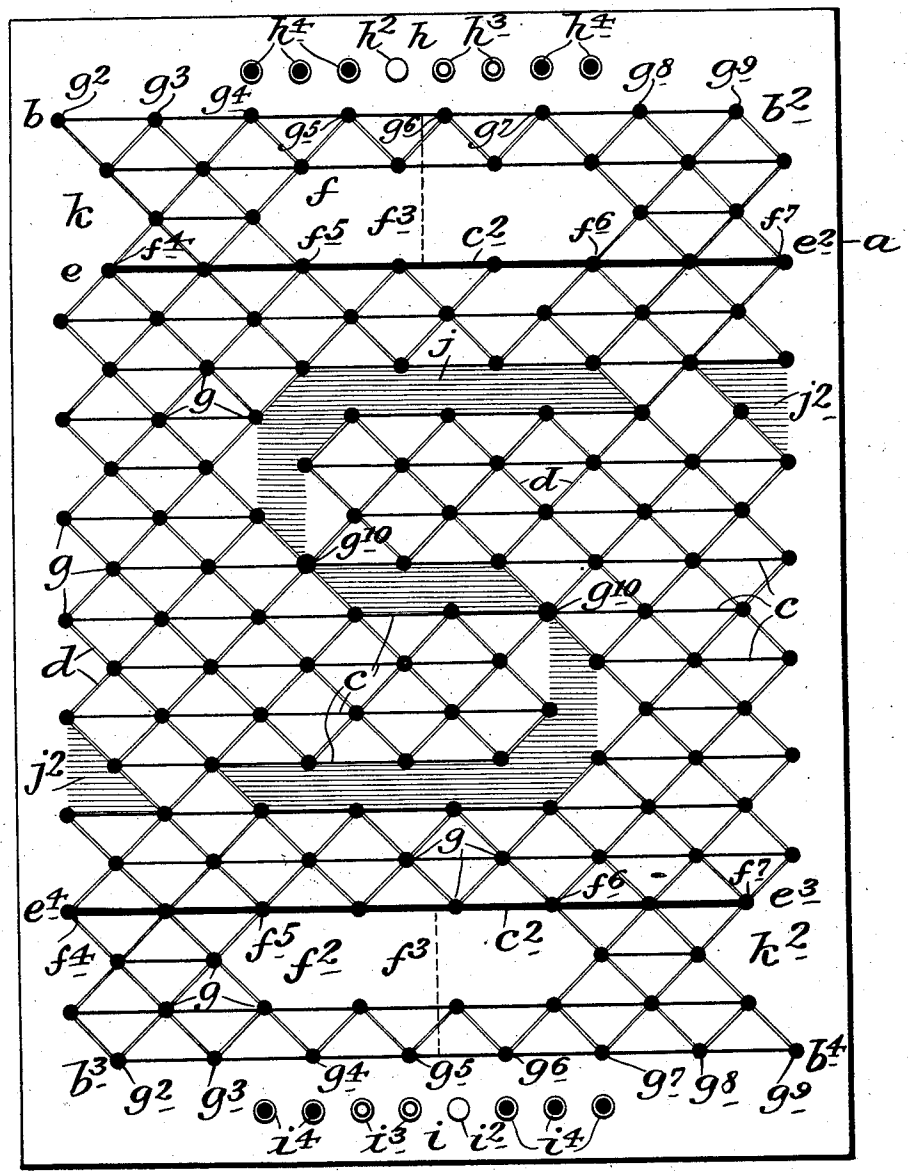
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY VOGELSANG, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to game devices and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is designed to amuse both old and young and which resembles to an extent the game of checkers, and which comprises a board having a diagram formed by transverse parallel lines and parallel diagonal lines which cross each other at right angles, said diagonal lines dividing the diagram into rectangular portions which are subdivided by the parallel transverse lines into triangular portions together with other features as hereinafter described, and two sets of men or blocks by means of which the game is played.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters, said drawing being a diagrammatic view of my improved device.

In the practice of my invention I provide a board a which is preferably rectangular in form and the field of which contains a rectangular diagram b, b^2, b^3, and b^4, said diagram being formed by parallel transverse lines c and parallel diagonal lines d which cross each other at right angles and which divide the diagram into separate rectangular blocks which are sub-divided by the parallel transverse lines into triangular blocks. The fourth transverse line, counting from each end portion of the diagram and represented, in the form of construction shown by the reference character c^2, is distinguished from the other transverse lines either in size and dimensions or by coloring or in any other way, and these transverse lines c^2 divide the diagram into a central field e, e^2, e^3, e^4 and two end fields or portions b, b^2, e, e^2, and e^3, e^4, b^3, b^4, and the end fields or portions are called forts and are designated as a whole by the reference characters f and f^2. The diagonal lines d which cross each other at right angles are also distinguished from the transverse lines c, and this may be done by means of different colors, or as shown in the drawing wherein the said diagonal lines are double while the transverse lines are single, and at the points where the transverse and diagonal lines cross are formed stations g which consist in the construction shown, of circular black spots, but may be of other form and color.

The game is played by means of two sets of men or blocks h and i each of which comprises a general h^2, i^2 two sub-officers h^3, i^3 and five privates h^4, i^4, and at the beginning of the game the men or blocks h are placed on the end stations g^2, g^3, g^4, g^5, g^6, g^7, g^8 and g^9 in the fort f, and the men or blocks i on the corresponding end stations g^2, g^3, g^4, etc., in the fort f^2, in any desired order. Each fort contains a vacant space f^3 and the men by means of which the game is played can only enter the center field at or between the points f^4 and f^5, f^6 and f^7.

In the playing of the game the generals h^2, i^2 may be moved in any direction along any of the diagonal lines or transverse parallel lines and may jump or take any other men, sub-officers or privates, found on any of such lines, but cannot jump or take more than one man at a single movement unless a number of said men are found on said line or lines separated by alternate stations g, in which event a general may take all of the men so found. The sub-officers h^3, i^3 may move or be moved forward or backward on the diagonal lines and also laterally on the horizontal lines and may jump or take one or more men in so doing; and the privates may move or be moved forwardly and laterally on the diagonal and transverse parallel lines, but cannot move or be moved backwardly, and in making such movements they may jump or take any man found on said lines and in proper position, and if a plurality of men are found on said lines separated by a station, a number of said men may be jumped or taken. The object of each player is to get a man into the other or opposite player's fort and when this is accomplished he takes all the men found in the fort, but the said opposite player may still continue the game by means of other men which he may have in the center field and the player who gets the greatest number of men into his opponent's fort wins the game.

In the construction shown the center field

contains a number of hazards which are not crossed by either the horizontal parallel or the diagonal parallel line and these hazards are three in number and consist of a central S-shaped hazard j and two diagonally opposite triangular hazards j^2 distinguished from the rest of the diagram by coloring or otherwise, and the center S-shaped hazard j consists of three separate parts separated by stations g^{10} at which points said hazards may be crossed. In the playing of the game the men cannot be moved across the hazards j and j^2 except across the hazard j at g^{10}, and the use of these hazards complicates the playing of the game and renders the same more difficult.

My invention is not limited to the exact construction and arrangement herein shown and described, nor to the exact method of playing the game herein set out and various changes therein and modifications thereof may be made, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A game device of the class described, comprising a board and a plurality of sets of blocks representing men of different grades, said board being provided with a rectangular diagram formed by parallel transverse lines and diagonally arranged lines which cross each other in opposite directions, the transverse and diagonal lines forming, where they cross, stations, and the transverse lines at a predetermined distance from each end of the diagram being distinguished from the other transverse lines and forming division lines which divide the diagram into a central field and into two end forts, and said end forts containing transverse vacant spaces at both ends of which the diagonal lines are continuous.

2. A game device of the class described, comprising a board and a plurality of sets of blocks representing men of different grades, said board being provided with a rectangular diagram formed by parallel transverse lines and diagonally arranged lines which cross each other in opposite directions, the transverse and diagonal lines, where they cross, forming stations, and the transverse lines at a predetermined distance from each end of the diagram being distinguished from the other transverse lines and forming division lines which divide the diagram into a central field and into two end forts, and said end forts containing transverse vacant spaces at both ends of which the diagonal lines are continuous, and the center field of the diagram being also provided with hazards which are not crossed by the transverse and diagonal lines.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 9th day of June 1911.

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