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GAME BOARD.

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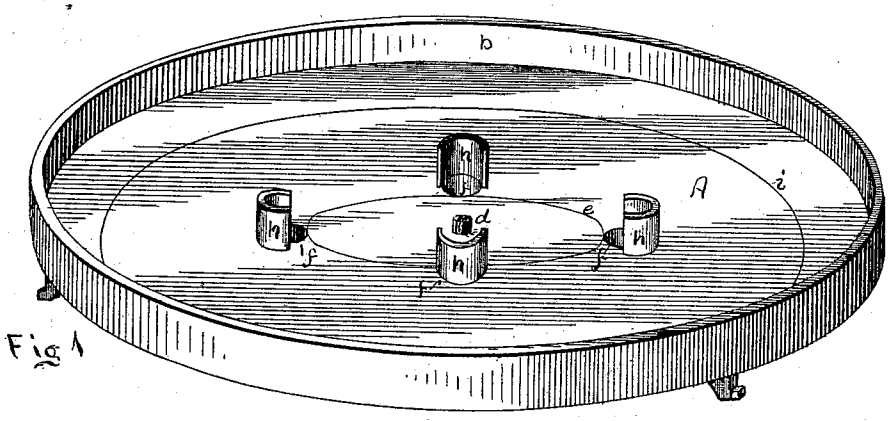


Fig 1

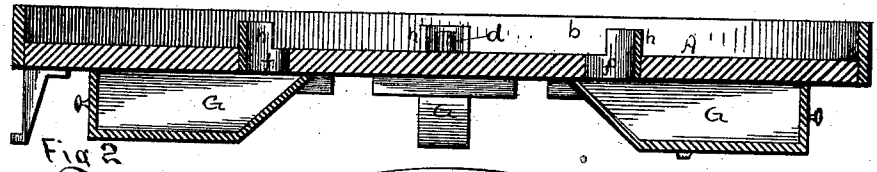
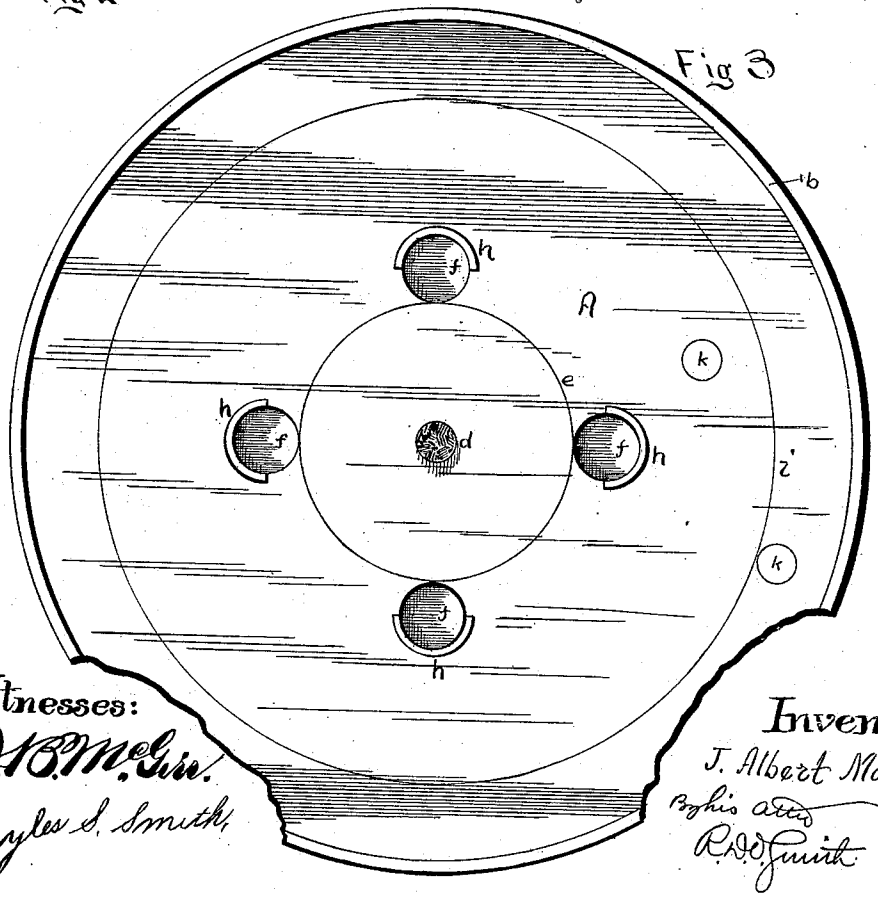


Fig 2

Fig 3



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. ALBERT MARTIN, of Charlestown, Clarke county, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and accurate description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my game-board. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section. Fig. 3 is a plan of the same.

A is the field-board. I prefer to make it circular and to place around its periphery a raised margin or ledge, *b*, to prevent the playing pieces from escaping off the field; but neither the circular figure nor the band is essential. I also prefer to provide supporting-feet for the board A. At the center of the field there is a small post, *d*, made of elastic rubber. At a distance of about five inches from the center of the post *d* a circle, *e*, is inscribed, and immediately exterior to said circle and equidistantly arranged there are several holes, *f*, preferably four; but the number may be greater or less. The holes pass through the board A, and are, for convenience, provided with the pockets or drawers G to receive the playing-pieces, which pass through said holes. Each hole *f* is provided on the exterior with a margin or ledge, *h*, projecting upward from the surface of the table or field A, to arrest any playing-piece which may be projected or caused to move across the hole *f*. At about six inches exterior to the line *e* another circle, *i*, concentric with the circle *e*, is inscribed on the field A. This is the line from which all shots are made.

The game is played with circular or disk playing-pieces *k*, less in diameter than the diameter of the holes *f*, so that they will pass freely through said holes. It is contemplated to provide each player with, say, seven of such counters differently colored, for each player, and the contemplation of the game is to drive said disks *k*, by a blow of the finger, from the line *i* into the circle *e*, resting there, and incidentally to drive the adversary's disks from the field within the circle *e* and through one of the holes *f*, when the disk so pocketed becomes permanently withdrawn from the game; but the particular order and rules for playing, counting, &c., cannot be given herein, because they may be varied indefinitely without in any way changing the device which is the subject of this patent.

I am aware that a game-board has heretofore been made with holes near the center of the field and ducts therefrom leading down through the table to pockets at its margin, and that ledges were erected on the table behind said holes; but that game board differed from mine in these particulars: it was intended to be played with balls driven with a cue. The ledges were placed at a considerable distance from the holes, and their ends were extended so as to inclose the central part of the table, leaving only narrow passage-ways. It had no central stud and no surface-ring to indicate playing limits. It therefore was differently constructed and played in a different manner.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. The game-board A, provided with the center post, *d*, the circles *e i*, concentric with said post, and the pocket-holes *f*, provided with the ledges *h*, exterior to the circle *e*, substantially as set forth.

2. The game-board A, provided with the circles *e i*, pocket-holes *f*, provided with ledges *h*, and the pockets or drawers G, to receive the playing-pieces when driven into said holes.

3. A game board or device consisting of a circular field-board, A, provided with a marginal ledge, *b*, concentric circles *e i*, inscribed on the field, a central post, *d*, and holes *f*, provided with ledges *h*, combined with disks *k* for playing-pieces, as set forth.

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