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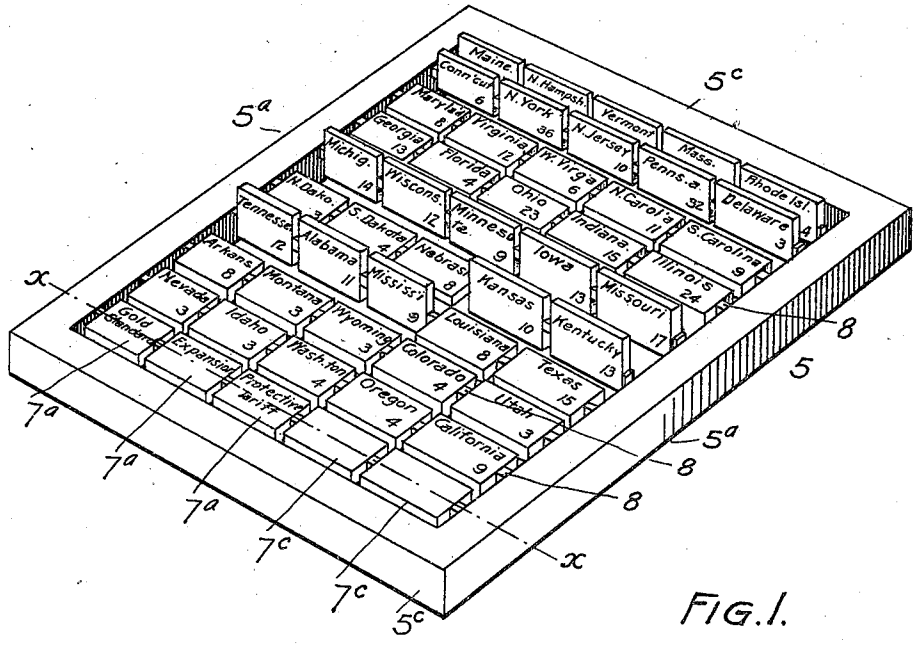


FIG. 1.

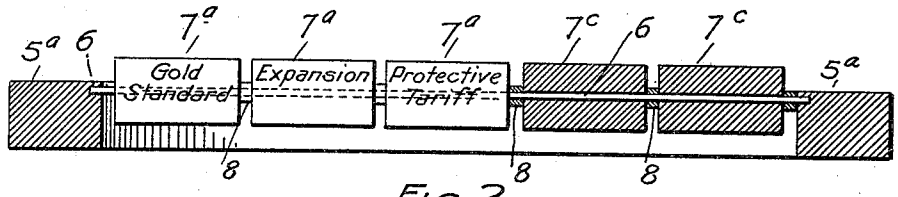


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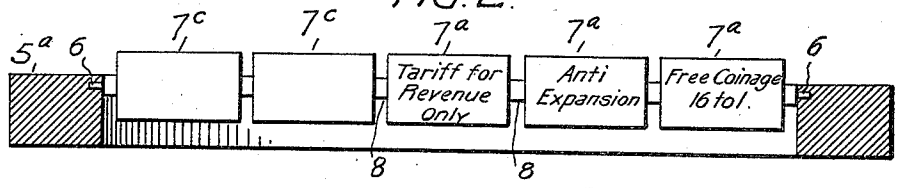


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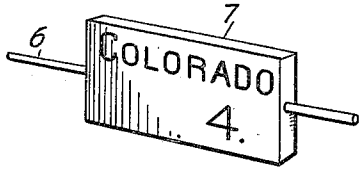


FIG. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. CARNEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in game apparatus; and it consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved apparatus, a portion of the game-pieces being set edgewise or in a vertical position and a portion of them in a flat or horizontal position. Fig. 2 is a cross-section taken on the line X X, Fig. 1, showing the pieces in the edgewise position. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the same line viewed from the opposite direction and showing the pieces in the same position. Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating one of the pivotally-mounted game-pieces.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate a rectangular frame composed of opposite parallel bars 5^a and 5^c, inclosing an opening of corresponding shape. To the two parallel side bars 5^a are attached the extremities of a number of wires 6, which extend across the opening of the frame and occupy a position parallel to each other. On these wires are pivotally mounted rectangular pieces or small plates 7. These pieces, as shown in the drawings, are centrally mounted on the wires, which pass through them in a line parallel with their longer sides. Between the adjacent ends of these blocks are located small washers 8, mounted on the wires in such a manner that they cannot turn. On a number of these pieces corresponding with the number of States of the United States are printed or otherwise suitably formed or indicated the names of the States, together with the number of votes to which each State is entitled in the electoral college. Each piece has the name of a State and its number of electoral votes indicated on its two opposite sides, so that when it occupies a vertical position (see Fig. 4) its name and number may be observed by both players, who sit opposite or facing each other.

As shown in the drawings, (see Fig. 1), there are ten parallal wires 6, each having five pieces mounted thereon. The forty-five pieces on nine of these wires contain the names of the forty-five States and numerals to indicate the number of electoral votes to which the States are respectively entitled. Of the five pieces upon the other wire, three of them (designated by the reference character 7^a) contain a representation of the issues or questions before the public in a political campaign. As shown in the drawings, on the opposite sides of one of these pieces are printed "Gold standard" and "Free coinage, 16 to 1," respectively. On the sides of another piece are printed "Expansion" and "Anti-expansion," while upon the sides of the other piece are printed "Protective tariff" and "Tariff for revenue only." The remaining two blocks (designated by the reference character 7^c) are blanks, since they contain no information on either side. The opposite sides of the pieces should be differently colored. For instance, one side of each piece may be silvered and the other side gilded. In this event one of the players will turn the pieces played by him so as to expose the silvered side, and the other player will turn the pieces played by him so as to expose the gold-colored side. Then when the game is played it will be easy to determine the pieces played by each.

Before beginning the game the pieces are all set edgewise, with the sides of corresponding color all turned in the same direction—that is to say, toward one of the players. In playing the game the pieces are turned, by the players acting alternately, from the vertical to the horizontal position. This is accomplished by placing the finger upon the upper edge of the pieces and pushing downwardly, so that the side facing the player of each piece shall be exposed. Hence when the game is played all of the pieces will oc-

cupy a horizontal position, those played by one of the players having one color exposed and those played by the other player having the other color exposed. The object sought by each player is to play pieces whose numbers aggregate a majority of the votes to which all the States are entitled in the electoral college and also to play a majority of the pieces having the issues designated thereon.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

In a game apparatus the combination of a rectangular, open frame, having a series of parallel wires stretched across the opening, the extremities of the wires being fast on the frame, comparatively thin rectangular pieces pivotally mounted on the wires which are passed through from end to end, the wires being sufficiently separated to allow the pieces to occupy a horizontal position, and also, to permit the opposite sides to be read when the pieces are turned to occupy a vertical or edgewise position, each piece having the name of a subdivison of a larger political division, and a number identified with the division, indicated on the upper portion of either side thereof, and arranged to be properly read when viewed from opposite sides, the number of pieces corresponding with the number of subdivisions of the larger political division.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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