

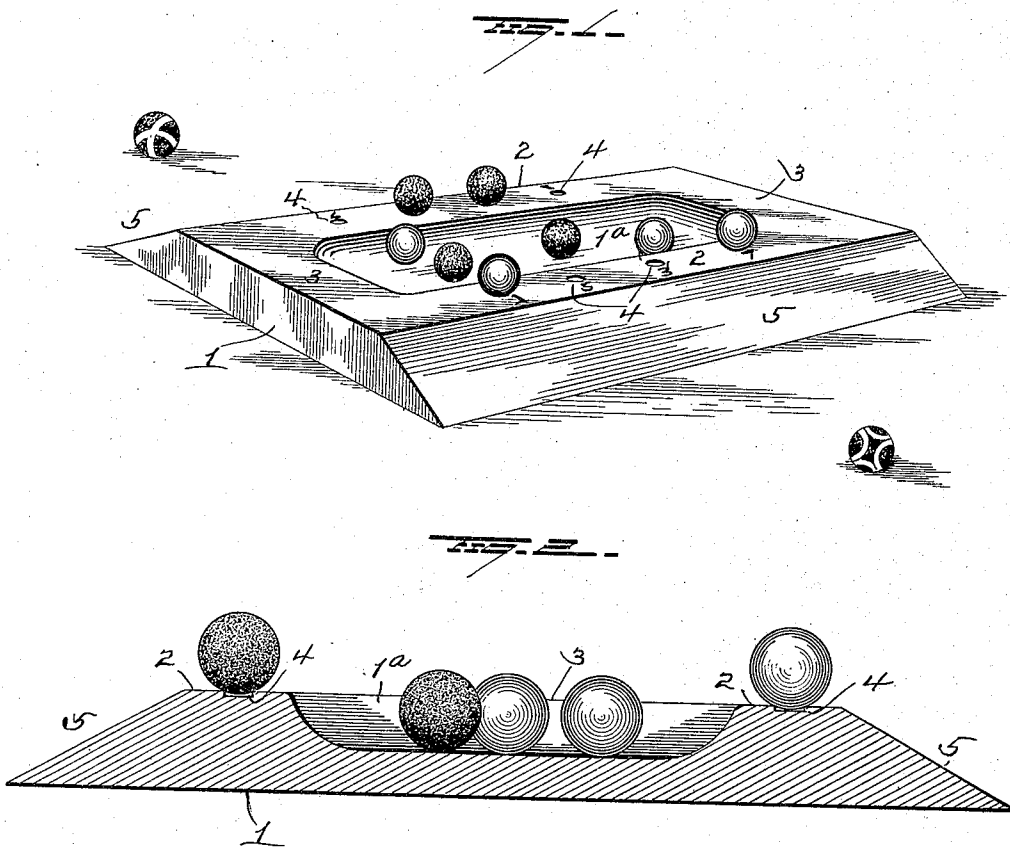
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. HALTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Salt Lake City, in the county of Salt Lake and State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to improvements in games and more particularly to such as employ a game board, the object of the invention being to provide a simple game device which shall be interesting and instructive in its operation, and with which a number of different games may be played.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings; Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game board illustrating an embodiment of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view.

1 represents a board having an elongated dished portion 1^a, the side and end walls of which are preferably made curved. The top of the board around the dished portion may be flat as at 2 and 3 and the longer flat portions 2—2 are provided with shallow recesses 4 for the reception of marbles. The several recesses 4 may be numbered,—the recesses at respective sides of the dished portions having similar numbers applied thereto. For example, the recesses at each side of the dished central portion may be numbered 1, 5, 3, 7, although of course other figures may be used.

The side portions of the board are beveled to form inclined planes 5, 5—the lower edges of which form a juncture with the sides of the bottom of the board and the upper edges of said inclined planes are coincident with the flat upper faces 2 of the board.

In all the games which may be played, the players will shoot alternately.

One game may be played as follows:—Each player may be supplied with a given number of marbles,—say five for example, and the players, shooting alternately, will endeavor to cause the marbles to remain in

the bowl,—the player first succeeding in accomplishing this, being declared winner. Should a marble be caused to remain in the bowl, the player may have another shot, but should he knock another marble out of the bowl, he will not have another shot, although the marble may be replaced.

In playing another game, the marbles may be placed in the rows of numbered sockets or recesses 4, and the object of the players will be to knock the marbles into the bowl with the use of a taw. The players will shoot in turn,—the first player or side getting the four marbles into the bowl winning the game. A player may be permitted to continue shooting until he fails to get a marble into the bowl. If in shooting, a player displaced one of his opponent's marbles, any score made will not be counted and the player forfeits his turn.

Again, the rules of the game may be made to require that the marbles be knocked into the bowl in regular order. If a player should displace one of his opponent's marbles or knock one out of the bowl, the player will forfeit his turn and will not score on that particular shot.

Another game may be played in the same manner as the second game above mentioned, except that the player's taw must go into the bowl with the marble displaced.

Another game may be played as in the second game described, except that the player's taw must remain out of the bowl.

Another game may be played with the object of obtaining a definite score agreed upon. To win, the exact number agreed upon must be scored. For instance if the player or players have scored 45 in a game in which the score to be secured is 50, he must score five exactly to win. If three be scored, thus making a total of 48, he must score one twice. If any number is scored which will make the total more than the winning number, the player will forfeit his turn and the score will remain the same as before the shot was taken. After each shot, marbles may be replaced.

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

1. A game board having a central bowl portion, inclined planes at respective sides, and sockets or recesses in which marbles

may be supported, said sockets or recesses being located between the bowl portion and the inclined planes.

5 2. A game board having a flat top provided with rows of sockets or recesses for marbles, said board having a central bowl portion between the portions of the flat top having the marble sockets, and said board having inclined planes at its sides extend-

ing downwardly from said flat top to the base line of the board. 10

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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