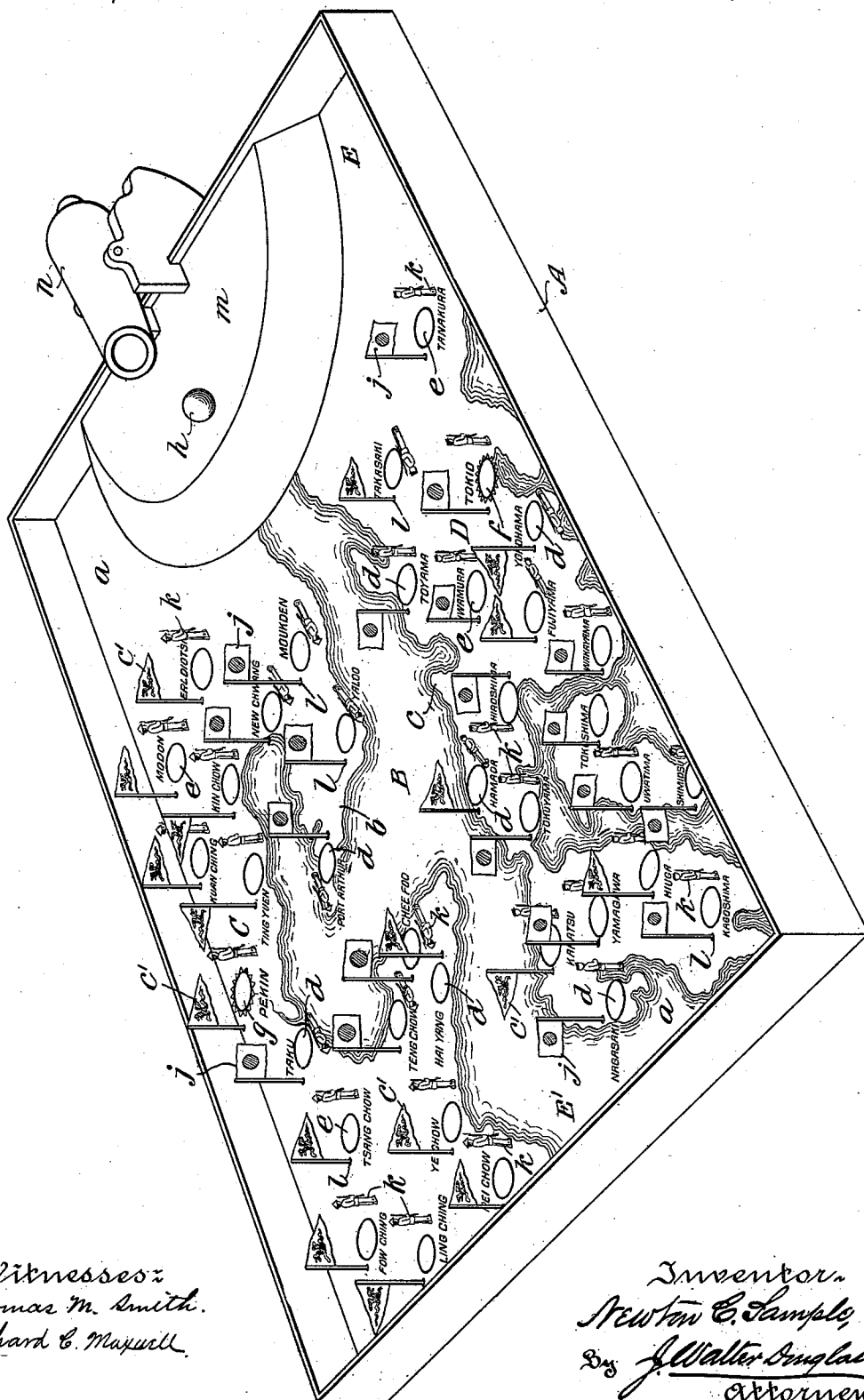


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NEWTON C. SAMPLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to a game apparatus particularly of that class in which a board having thereon the outline or map of contiguous countries is made to represent a field of warfare and a cannon or other suitable instrument is made to convey or propel balls or marbles across the board to occupy various positions thereon, which positions are indicated by flags and puppets, and it relates particularly to the general construction and arrangement of such a game apparatus.

The principal objects of my invention are, first, to provide a game apparatus which is instructive, amusing, and interesting and which may be readily manipulated; second, to provide in such an apparatus a board having upon its face the outlines of two contiguous countries supposedly at war and provided with recessed portions representing fortresses, cities, or other points of historical interest; third, to provide in such an apparatus a cannon or other propelling instrument mounted upon the board and adapted to throw or roll balls or marbles of suitable size and color into the various recesses of the board, and, fourth, to provide in such an apparatus flags, puppets, or other indicators which will show the successive occupation of these recesses by the balls discharged from the cannon or other propelling instrument.

My invention consists of a game apparatus constructed and arranged in substantially the manner hereinafter described and claimed.

The nature, general characteristics, and scope of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which in perspective is represented a game apparatus embodying the features of my invention.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a game-board, on the upper face *a* of which is located the outlines *b* and *c* of two contiguous

or belligerent countries C and D. In the instance illustrated in the drawing is the outlines of contiguous portions of China and Japan, and the game apparatus is designed to represent the progress of war between the said two countries; but it is, however, to be understood that the board may represent the outlines of any two countries, such as Germany and France, England and the United States, &c., and the apparatus designed to represent the progress of a historical war between any two or more countries.

Between the two countries C and D is outlined a neutral space B, which in the present instance would represent a sea. Each division of the board is provided with a group of irregularly-arranged recesses *d*, ranged near the neutral space B and representing seaports of the countries C and D and with a group of recesses *e*, surrounding a recess *f* or *g*, in either direction. The recess *f* would represent the capital, Tokio, of Japan, and the recess *g*, the capital, Pekin, of China, and the recesses *e* represent inland towns, forts, or fortifications in either country. All of these recesses *d*, *e*, *f*, and *g* are of a depth and diameter sufficient to receive a marble or ball *h* and to retain the same therein. Near each recess *d*, *e*, *f*, or *g* is arranged a pocket or opening *l*, in which may be inserted the pole of a flag *c'* or *j*, which represents, respectively, the standards of China and Japan, and hinged to the board near the recesses are knock-down puppets *k*, painted or dressed to represent the soldiers of the country which that portion of the board is designed to represent. The recesses *d*, *e*, *f*, and *g* may all bear names of historical or geographical interest, as indicated in the drawing. At either end of the board is an unrecessed portion E and E', and at the upper end E is placed a dais *m* to represent an embankment or tower. On this dais *m* is placed a cannon *n* or similar propelling instrument from which the balls or marbles *h* may be thrown or allowed to pass into either country C or D.

To play the game the hinged soldiers *k* are placed in an upright position beside the respective recesses and the flags *c'* and *j* inserted in the perforations *l* of the respective divisions of the board. Each player then dis-

charges from the cannon or other appliance
 n a ball or marble *h* in any direction, and
 should it fall in a recess of the country against
 which the player is supposed to be fighting
 5 the standard of that country is removed, the
 soldier knocked down by the ball or marble,
 and the standard of the opposing country
 raised about the said recess. This signifies
 10 that the fortification, sea-port, or town has
 been captured by the enemy. The game pro-
 gresses and should a ball from a player repre-
 senting the original country enter the recess
 which has been captured by his opponent the
 soldier *h* is restored to an upright position and
 15 the standards exchanged, signifying that the
 fortification, seaport, or town has been recap-
 tured. When, however, a recess *f* or *g*, rep-
 resenting the capital of each country has been
 captured by the player representing the op-
 20 posing country, the standard of the opposing
 country remains thereat until the termina-
 tion of the game, and the said capital may
 not be recaptured.

After a certain number of balls or marbles
 25 have been fired the number of forts, towns,
 fortifications, &c., in the possession of either
 side determines the winner of the game. If
 desired, the capture of the capital itself may
 result in the termination of the game or may
 30 numerically overbalance the capture of one
 or more ports, &c. When the ball or marble
 remains in neutral territory it is lost to the
 player.

Having thus described the nature and ob-
 35 jects of my invention, what I claim as new,
 and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a game-apparatus, a board having out-
 lined upon its face a map of two contiguous
 or belligerent countries, a neutral territory
 40 separating the outlines of said countries, re-
 cesses representing the towns, fortifications,

and capital of each country, balls or marbles,
 and means adapted to present the balls or mar-
 bles in varying directions over the board
 toward the recesses adapted to receive and
 45 retain the same, substantially as and for the
 purposes set forth.

2. In a game-apparatus, a board having out-
 lined upon its face a map of two contiguous
 or belligerent countries, a neutral territory
 50 separating the same, recesses representing
 the capitals, principal towns and fortifications
 of each country, balls or marbles and a toy
 cannon or similar propelling instrument
 therefor adapted to present the balls in vary-
 55 ing directions over the board toward the re-
 cesses which are adapted to receive and re-
 tain the same, substantially as and for the
 purposes set forth.

3. In a game-apparatus, a board having out-
 lined upon its face a map of two contiguous
 or belligerent countries, a neutral territory
 separating the same, recesses representing
 the capitals, principal towns and fortifications
 60 of each country, flags representing the stand-
 ards of each country and adapted to be placed
 in the board near said recesses and removable
 therefrom, knock-down puppets secured to
 the board near said recesses, balls and a toy
 cannon or similar propelling instrument
 70 therefor adapted to present the balls in vary-
 ing directions over the board toward the re-
 cesses adapted to receive and retain the same,
 substantially as and for the purposes set
 forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my signature in the presence of two subscrib-
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