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FIG. 1.

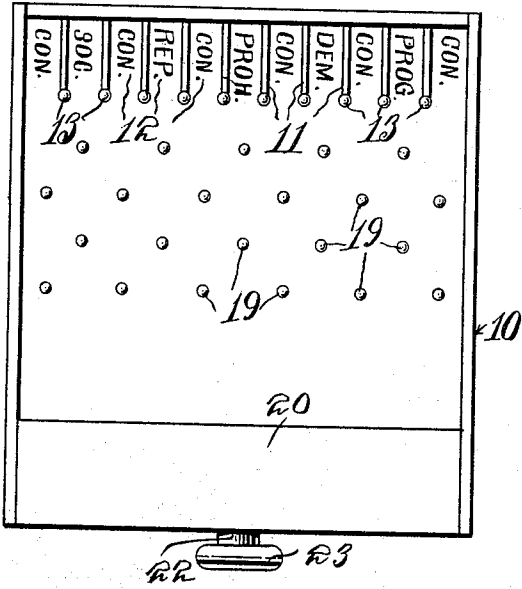


FIG. 2.

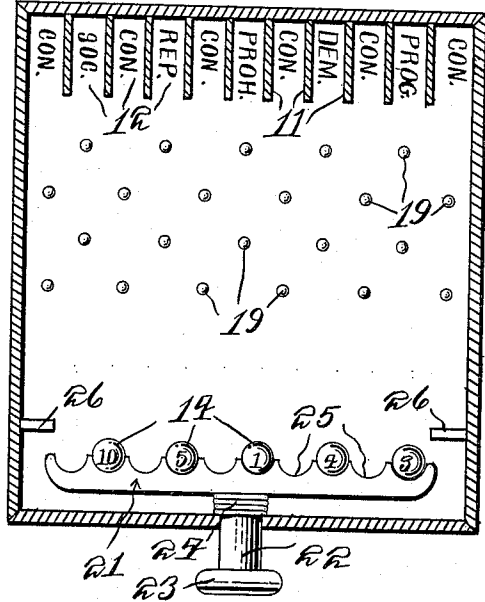


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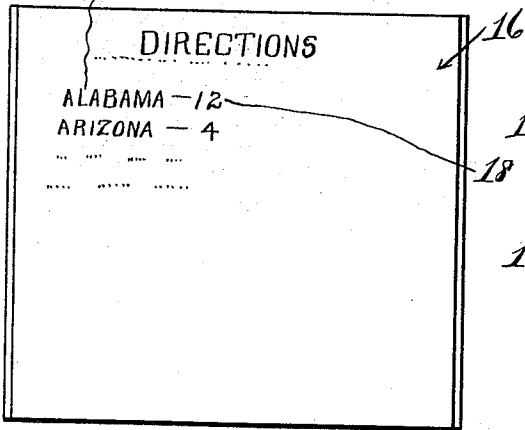


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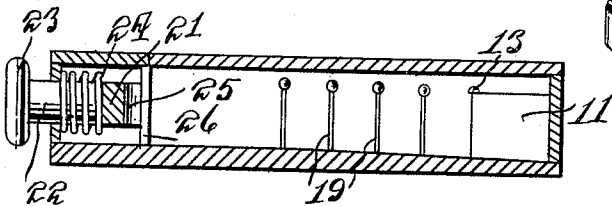
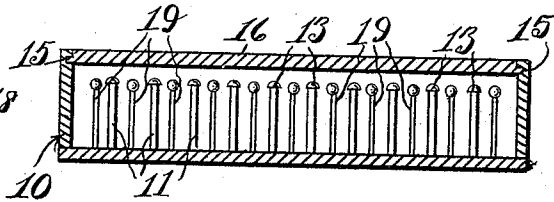


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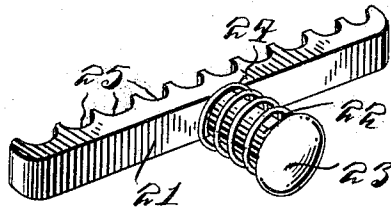


FIG. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS W. GRAVES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Petersburg, in the county of Dinwiddie, State of Virginia, 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 has special reference to games and more particularly to a game or bagatelle-board adapted to represent a "presidential election" and to furnish amusement as well as test of skill to both old and young.

The invention resides more particularly in a tray or box carrying a plurality of upstanding pins and divided at one end to provide a plurality of compartments representing the different parties on the ticket and also a number of contested compartments, while a novel form of impelling device or projector is carried at the opposite end of the tray to discharge a number of balls or marbles toward the pins and compartments, the balls being numbered to correspond with the number of electoral votes of each State or Territory so as to determine the winning party by the addition of these numbers as the balls or marbles are deposited in the compartments.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved device with the cover removed. Fig. 2 is a view of the cover inverted. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the device, the projector being in a drawn position before impelling the balls or marbles. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device. Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view with the cover in position. Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the projector.

As shown, my improved game apparatus embodies a relatively shallow rectangular box or tray 10 forming the bagatelle-board, the same being divided at one end by a plurality of spaced parallel vertical partitions 11 to provide a series of intermediate compartments 12, properly numbered ac-

ording to the number of parties in the field. As shown there are ten (10) of such partitions 11 and eleven (11) of such compartments, five of the compartments containing the indications representing the Socialists, Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Progressives and the intermediate or alternate compartments being indicated as the contested votes in counting in the election of the President.

At the forward extremity of each partition is provided a headed securing member 13 to form a retarding means preventing the entire free entrance of the marbles or balls 14 into the compartments but serving to prevent their exit when once positioned therein. The marbles or balls 14 are provided with numbers from one to ten and in the present instance, sixteen (16) of such balls are employed, seven (7) being numbered ten (10), two (2) bearing the number five (5), three (3) bearing the number one (1), two (2) bearing the number (4) and two (2) bearing the number three (3) whereby a certain number of such balls may be collected for equaling the number of electoral votes of the respective States or Territories when used in the manner as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The longitudinal sides of the tray are provided with opposed grooves 15 receiving the box top 16, such box top being provided with directions indicating the manner of playing the game and also the names of the States arranged in alphabetical order as partially indicated at 17 and the number of electoral votes of these States beside each as partially indicated at 18. Also carried by the bottom of the tray or board are a plurality of rows of upstanding pins 19 of metal or wood to remain rigid and which are arranged in staggered relation and form means for interrupting the course of the balls or marbles in their travel toward the compartments.

In order to impel the marbles which may be suitably colored as desired, the opposite end of the tray is provided with a top cross strip 20 beneath which a plunger 21 is mounted, the said plunger extending transversely of the width of the tray and having a reduced stem 22 centrally disposed and operating through the forward end of the tray and with its free end provided with an enlargement or head 23 permitting it to be conveniently grasped and drawn forward.

This latter operation is accomplished against an action of a coiled spring 24 which is mounted on the stem between the forward end of the tray and the plunger to force the latter rearwardly and thus impel the marbles or balls positioned in a series of grooves 25 arranged in successive series across its exposed edge. The plunger is limited in its movement away from the forward end of the tray by means of inwardly extending stop projections 26. It is obvious that the box may be made of wood, metal, papier-mâché, clay or other composition as well as the balls.

15 In playing the game, one or five persons or pairs are preferred, though any number of persons may play, as for instance there may be as many players as there are parties, and the game is started by selecting such

20 balls, the numbers of which equal the number of electoral votes of a State, taking first for instance, Alabama and the marbles are placed in the recesses of the plunger with the bottom of the box inclining in a direction from the latter and the knob or protuberance is grasped by the operator and drawn forwardly and then released. This causes the expulsion of the marbles which will strike the pins 19 and thereby prevent

30 them from traveling in a straight path. The marbles will however, pass into the receptacles or compartments and this operation is continued and the numbers on the marbles which move into the compartments

35 are totaled at each operation and the party securing the majority of votes represented by these numbers is declared the winner and the nominee of that party for President is thus elected. The players may choose the

40 names as candidates for the several political parties and one may operate the plunger during the entire game or all operate in alphabetical order and if a State has

45 twelve electors for instance, two balls numbered five (5) and two numbered one (1) are disposed in four (4) of the recesses or grooves in the plunger to be expelled in the manner specified. The bottom of the tray inclines gradually from a line connecting

50 the stop members 26 to the compartment end thereof to assist in the travel of the marbles.

I claim:

1. In a game of the class described, a tray, said tray having a plurality of compart-

ments at one end representing the political 55 parties, an impelling device at the opposite end of the tray and a plurality of projectiles having numbers thereon, the sums of which equal the number of electoral votes of a State to be impelled into the compart- 60 ments.

2. In a game of the class described, a tray, said tray having a plurality of compartments at one end representing the political parties and contested votes, an impelling device at the opposite end of the tray, a plu- 65 rality of projectiles having numerals thereon, the sums of which equal the number of electoral votes of a State to be impelled into the compartments and means for obstruct- 70 ing the travel of the projectiles in straight lines toward the compartments.

3. A game apparatus embodying a game board having side portions, a plurality of partitions forming compartments at one end 75 thereof, certain of the compartments representing the political parties, a plurality of upright pins arranged in staggered relation upon the board and a spring actuated plunger for expelling vote determining devices 80 toward the pins and compartments.

4. A game apparatus embodying a game board having side portions, a plurality of partitions forming compartments at one end 85 thereof, certain of the compartments representing the political parties, a plurality of upright pins arranged in staggered relation upon the board, said board being inclined toward the compartments, a top for the board, a plunger movable between said sides 90 and extended transversely of the board, the exposed edge of the plunger being provided with a plurality of recesses, marbles having indices thereon the sums of which are combined to equal the number of electoral votes 95 of a State and fitted in the recesses, said plunger having a stem operating through one side of the board, a coiled spring mounted thereon between said side and the plunger for projecting the latter when released 100 and stops limiting the projecting movement of the plunger.

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

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