

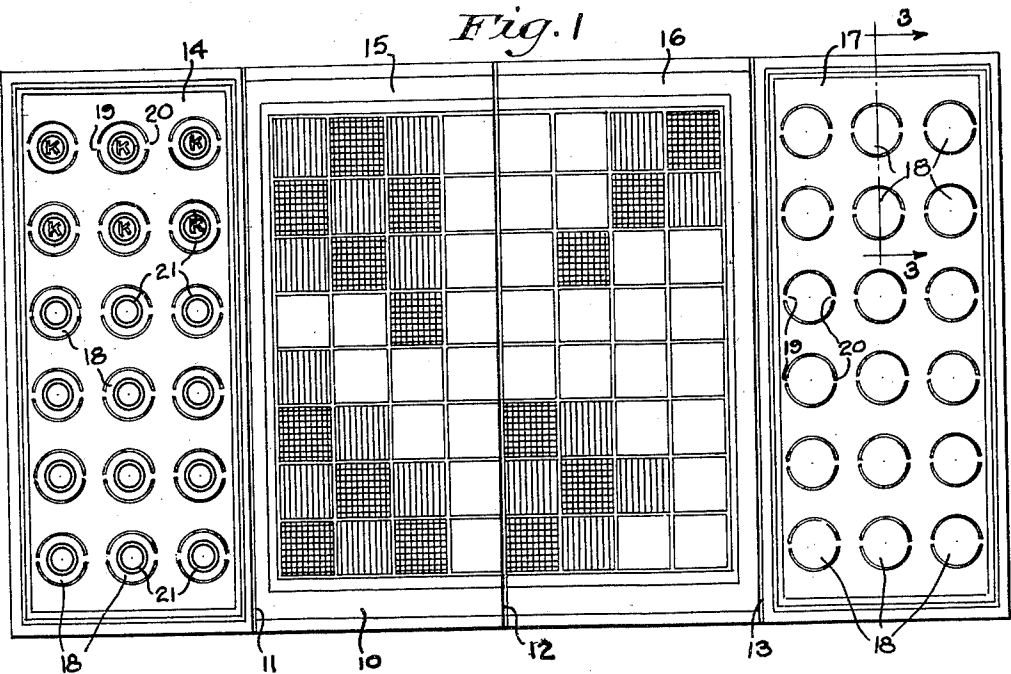
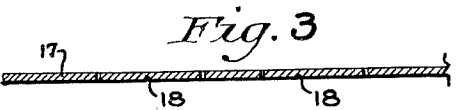
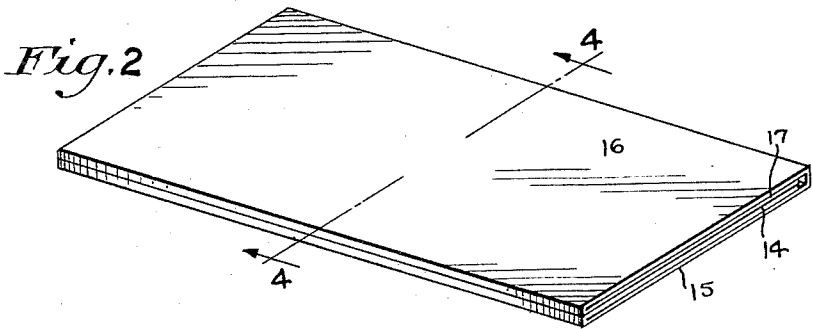
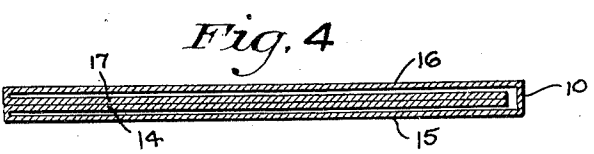
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This invention relates to games and more particularly to improvements in games utilizing movable playing pieces, such as checkers and the like, and in the method of producing the same.

range-ment of parts, all as will appear more fully hereinafter, as shown in the accompanying drawings and as finally pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are merely illustrative of one preferred form of construction of the invention:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game outfit constructed in accordance with the principles of the present invention, the outfit being shown unfolded;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the outfit the parts thereof folded upon themselves;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings it will be observed that the game outfit which may be utilized for playing checkers or any other game employing movable playing pieces, is constructed of a single piece 10 of relatively stiff material such as cardboard or the like. This piece 10 is scored along the lines 11, 12 and 13 to provide four sections designated 14, 15, 16 and 17. The scoring is of such character that the sections 14 and 17 are foldable respectively over and upon the sections 15 and 16, the doubled portions thus provided being foldable upon themselves along the centrally arranged scored line 12. When the sections 14 to 17 inclusive have been folded as just described the outfit assumes the appearance shown in Figure 2.

While the invention may be employed in connection with all games employing movable playing pieces, I have deemed it desirable for the purposes of description to illustrate an outfit intended primarily for use in playing the game of checkers. It will be understood, of course, that it is not intended to limit the invention solely to the use of checkers.

The playing surface proper upon which a particular game is to be played comprises two central sections 15 and 16, it being observed that in the particular instance shown these sections are provided with the usual checker squares or blocks of alternating red

Among the principal objects of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive outfit for playing checkers and other such games employing movable playing pieces, the outfit being characterized in that the playing board or surface together with the playing pieces are formed from the same piece of stock or material, preferably cardboard.

A further object of the invention is to provide a board upon the surface of which a game, such as checkers or the like, may be played, this board being characterized by the provision of a pair of extensions at opposite ends thereof each of which is provided with a plurality of partially cut-out playing pieces readily removable for use in playing the game.

Still another object of the invention is to construct the extensions within which the playing pieces are provided in the form of foldable flaps, these flaps being folded over upon the playing surface of the game board proper, the latter being also adapted to be folded upon itself along the medial line thereof in such manner that the playing piece extensions are embraced between the folded sections of the game board, thereby providing compact assembly of playing board and playing pieces.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive method of producing a foldable card having a playing surface printed or otherwise impressed thereon and a plurality of partially cut-out playing pieces readily removable for use, the card being so designed that when folded upon itself blank surfaces are exposed upon which advertising or other printed or ornamental matter may be placed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear more fully from the detailed description to follow.

The invention consists substantially in the combination, construction, location and ar-

and black color. Provided in the oppositely extending foldable flaps or extensions 14 and 17 are a plurality of playing pieces 18, in this particular case, checkers of circular form. These playing pieces are formed out of the same stock or material, preferably cardboard, of which the sections 14 to 17 inclusive are formed. Each playing piece is cut out of the stock except at the diametrically opposed points 19 and 20. In other words, the playing pieces 18 are each partially cut out of the main stock of which the outfit is formed, the uncut portions being merely sufficient to retain the playing pieces against accidental or unintentional removal from the body of the foldable flaps or sections 14 and 17.

It will be understood that when it is desired to play a game of checkers or the like with the outfit constructed in accordance with this invention, it is merely necessary to remove the playing pieces from the sections 14 and 17 by breaking the connection between the playing pieces and the stock of which they are formed at the points 19 and 20. This is readily effected by pushing a finger against each playing piece.

It will be understood that certain games require the playing pieces to be designated with distinguishing marks or insignia, this being effected in the present instance by printing or otherwise impressing upon each playing piece the particular mark or insignia desired. In the game of checkers the usual practice is to place one playing piece upon another to indicate a piece of high character, such as a "king." Due to the fact that the playing pieces as provided in the present outfit are of relatively thin material, it may be difficult to distinguish a pair of superimposed playing pieces from a single piece. Accordingly, I prefer to provide an extra set of playing pieces having printed or otherwise impressed thereon a distinguishing character or insignia, such as the letter K, (see Figure 1) to designate the "king" piece. I also prefer to place upon the remaining black pieces some sort of suitable design, such as the circular band 21, to afford a color contrast between the black playing pieces and the black playing areas of the playing surface proper.

It will be observed that a game outfit constructed as just described is exceedingly inexpensive to manufacture and is admirably suited for distribution as an advertising medium. To this end, I prefer to leave the bottom surface of the sections 15 and 16 blank so as to provide space for advertising or other such printed matter. Of course, in place of this advertising or printed matter these bottom surfaces of the sections 15 and 16, which constitute the outer surface of the outfit when the latter is folded, as in Figure 2, may be provided with any suitable con-

figuration or design to enhance the general aspect and appearance thereof.

It will be understood that the invention is susceptible of various changes and modifications without departing from the general spirit or principles of the invention and it is accordingly intended to claim the same broadly, as well as specifically, as indicated by the appended claims.

What is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. In a game of the character described, a sheet of relatively stiff material, one portion of which constitutes a playing area of predetermined design for movable playing pieces, said sheet including a second portion foldable over upon said first-mentioned portion, and a plurality of partially cut-out playing pieces formed in said second portion of the sheet.

2. In a game of the character described, a sheet of relatively stiff material having one section having a playing area of predetermined design and a second section foldable over upon said first-mentioned section, said last-mentioned section being characterized by the provision therein of a plurality of partially cut-out playing pieces for use in playing a game upon said area.

3. In a game of the character employing movable playing pieces, a sheet of relatively stiff material of which both the playing area for the game and the movable pieces therefor are formed, said playing pieces being partially cut out of said material whereby to facilitate their ready removal therefrom.

4. In a game of the character employing movable playing pieces, a main body of relatively stiff material having portions at either end thereof foldable over upon said main body, said foldable portions being each provided with a plurality of partially cut-through playing pieces adapted for use, when removed, for playing a game upon said main body.

5. In a game of the character employing movable playing pieces, a single sheet of relatively stiff material of which the playing area and a plurality of movable playing pieces are commonly formed, said movable playing pieces being in the form of elements partially cut out of said sheet.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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