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Fig. 1.

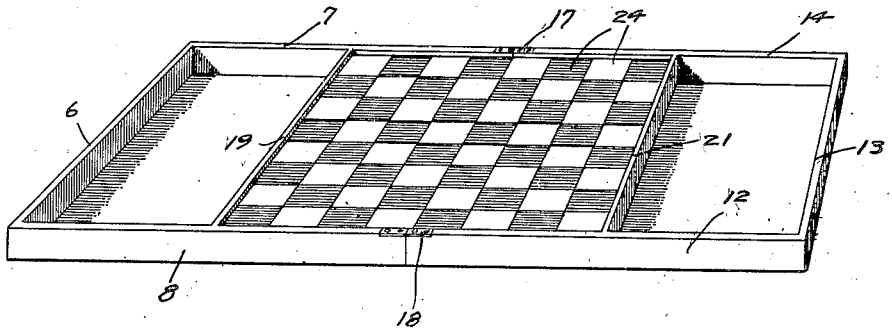
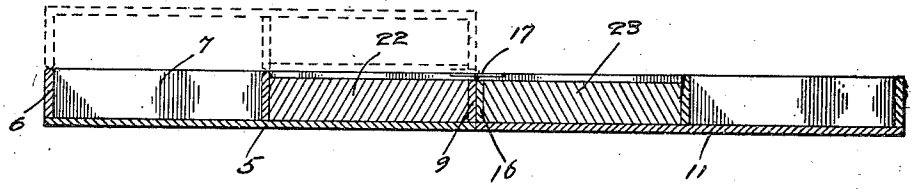


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in game boards, and is particularly adapted to the type of games wherein a number of game pieces, such as checkers or the like, are adapted to be used with the board, and which are subject to loss and frequent dropping during the execution of the game.

The principal object of this invention is to construct the game board in such a manner as to provide for the storage of the game pieces when not in use and further provide means for retaining the game pieces on the board during the game, or adjacent thereto.

In this specification and the annexed drawings, the invention is illustrated in the form considered to be the best, but it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to such form, because it may be embodied in other forms, and it is also to be understood that in and by the claims following the description it is desired to cover the invention in whatever form it may be embodied.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my game board open and in playing position.

Figure 2 is a cross-section of my game board showing the same folded in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings in detail:

It will be noted that there are two sections, the first section having a bottom 5, upstanding walls 6, 7, 8 and 9, which form a tray. A similar tray is formed by the bottom 11 and upstanding walls 12, 13, 14 and 16. These trays are jointed together by hinges 17 and 18 so that one tray may be folded over and upon the other tray. Each tray is provided with a division wall as shown at 19 and 21, thus forming two receptacles in each tray. The central or adjacent receptacles are each provided with a block as indicated at 22 and 23. These blocks are so constructed as to have their upper surfaces upon the same plane and at a point somewhat lower than the upper surface of the surrounding walls. These blocks 22 and 23 are further provided upon their upper surfaces with markings such as shown at 24, which markings are common in game boards and need no further description.

It is obvious that this board might be constructed by pressing the same out of fibre, composition or the like, without departing from the spirit of this invention. The receptacles at the sides of the blocks 22 and 23 serve the double purpose of storing the game pieces when the board is not in use, and also to retain the game pieces which may be removed from the board during the play. It is well known that in games of this character, certain game pieces are removed during the game and if held in the hand are liable to be dropped, where with my board, the same may be placed in the receptacles at the sides and will always be available.

When stored or not in use, one section may be folded upon the other, thereby saving storage space and at the same time providing a neat structure.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and novel is:

1. A folding game board, composed of two sections hinged together at their meeting corners only, whereby said sections, when open present a clear and unobstructed game field, said sections having rectangular receptacles at their outlying edges, for disused men, said sections, further, having a thickness approximating the depth of said receptacles, thereby adapting the board to lie flat upon a table and present a flat field, said receptacles adapted, when the board is folded, to register and, together, constitute a container for the men.

2. A folding game board, composed of two parallelepipedic sections, hinged together at two corners only, thereby adapting said board to be picked up by one hand at one corner without distorting the same, said sections having parallelepipedic receptacles at their edges for reception of men, the body of the board being of the same approximate depth as the receptacles, adapting it to present a flat field when open.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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