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Fig. 1.

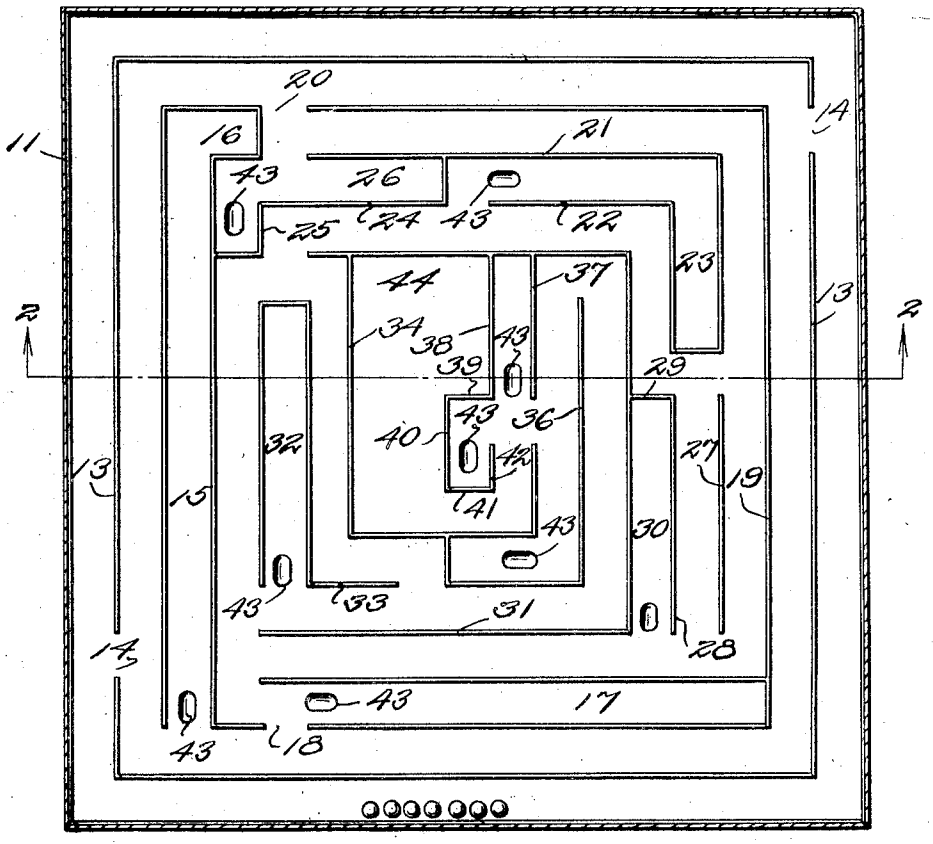
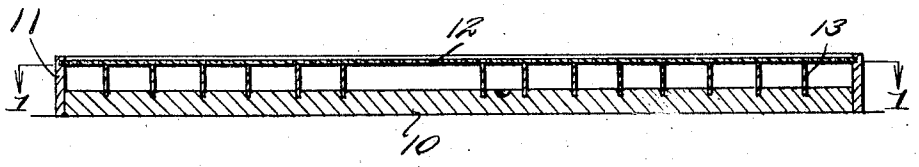



Fig. 2.




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This invention has particular relation to games embodying among other characteristics a board provided with a labyrinth playing face.

Another object of the invention comprehends a transparent cover plate for the passages.

A further object of the invention contemplates discounting pockets located at the entrances of blind passages.

More specifically stated the passages are disposed concentrically of the pen.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further consists of the following novel features and details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a sectional view taken on line 1—1 of Figure 2.

Figure 2 is a transverse section taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

As generally known in the tilting forms of game boards having balls or movable objects adapted to follow a circuitous course or otherwise to a common goal that the balls or objects may follow one another with more or less precision or if once solved would require no skill when playing thereafter.

A primary object of the invention is to so dispose discounting pockets or depressions in the game board at the entrance of blind passages communicating with passages leading to a common goal to provide baffles at the intersections of the passages wherein the egress of the balls through the passages is most difficult.

In carrying out the invention I provide a game board or platform 10 provided with upstanding flange portions 11 upon the marginal edges thereof. The inner sides of the flange portions are recessed to receive the peripheral edges of a transparent panel 12 disposed an appreciable distance above the face of the game board.

A partition wall 13 concentrically arranged upon the upper face of the game board 10 and disposed in spaced relation to the upstanding flange portions 11 is provided with entrance openings 14 at diagonally opposite corners of the board. A blind alley 15 upon the face of the board 10 and having an offset 16 upon one end has its entrance opening disposed in juxtaposition to one of the entrance openings 14. An additional blind alley 17 being disposed at right angles to the alley 15 is provided with an entrance opening 18 and having one wall extended for a greater distance than a companion wall to provide an oblique passage way behind the alley 15. A right angularly disposed partition wall extended in spaced relation and parallel to the wall 13 is extended as a continuation of the end wall with the blind alley 17 and having the remote end thereof disposed in spaced relation to the offset and closed end 16 of the blind alley 15 to provide an entrance opening 20 therebetween. Two continuous passages are thus provided upon the game board save for the aforementioned entrance openings. A wall 21 extended in parallelism with the wall 19 and having one wall extended for a shorter distance than the adjacent wall thereof provided with a companion wall 22 is adapted to provide a right angularly disposed blind alley 23; one end of the entrance wall thereof being closed and formed as a continuation of the wall 21 and a wall 24 extended in alignment with the wall 22 and provided with an offset 25 closed against one wall of the blind alley 15 to provide a double blind alley 26. A single wall 27 is extended in spaced alignment with the shorter end of the wall 21. A wall 28 of the same length as that of the wall 27 is provided with a closed end 29 to provide a blind alley 30 with a U-shaped wall 31. A blind alley 32 located within the mouth of the U-shaped wall 31 is extended in parallelism with the alley 30. A wall 33 is right angularly disposed upon one wall of the alley 32. A substantially L-shaped wall 34 connected with the U-shaped wall 31 is connected at an appropriate point in the length of the transverse leg thereof with the closed end wall of a companion L-shaped wall 36 extended in opposed relation thereto. The latter mentioned L-shaped wall 36 has the upper end of the vertical leg thereof disposed in spaced relation to the adjacent portion of the U-shaped wall 31. A single wall 37 carried by the wall 31 is extended in parallelism with the vertical leg of the wall 36. An additional single wall 38 is provided with successive offset portions or walls 39, 40, 41 and 42, all of which being extended at right angles to each other; the latter mentioned wall being relatively short to provide an entrance to the partial enclosure defined.

Disposed within the entrance for each of

the blind alleys are discounting depressions or pockets 43.

The game is to be known as "the hen game", the idea being to shoo the hens and a rooster through the various passages clear of the discounting passages and depressions and blind alleys to the pen 44 located at the approximate center of the passages and board. The objects may be designated by balls, and preferably seven, six of which indicate hens and one, which may be of a varied color, may indicate the rooster.

The transparent top 12 is called into use to prevent the balls, that is, the hens and rooster from becoming misplaced from the respective courses pursued.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed is:

A game board having upstanding flange portions upon the marginal edges thereof, said flanges being recessed adjacent the upper edges thereof, a labyrinth playing face for the board extended concentrically of the board and around a pen located at the approximate center thereof, said labyrinth being provided with a plurality of blind alleys, and discounting pockets within the face of the board and located centrally of the entrances for the blind alleys.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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