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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

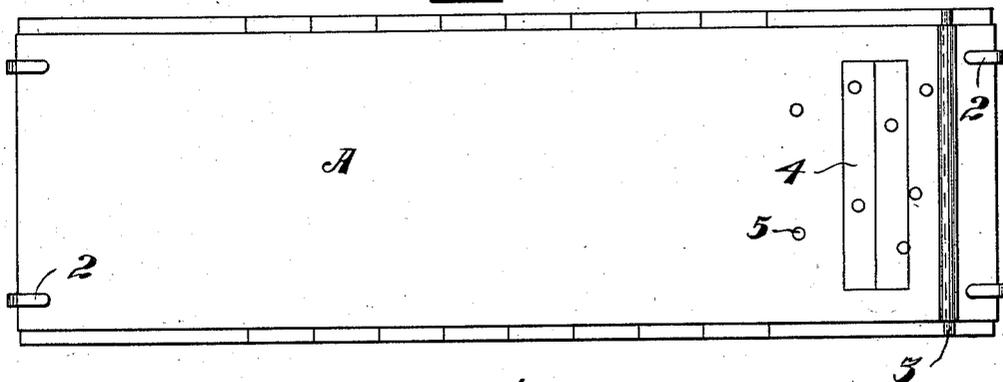


Fig. 2.

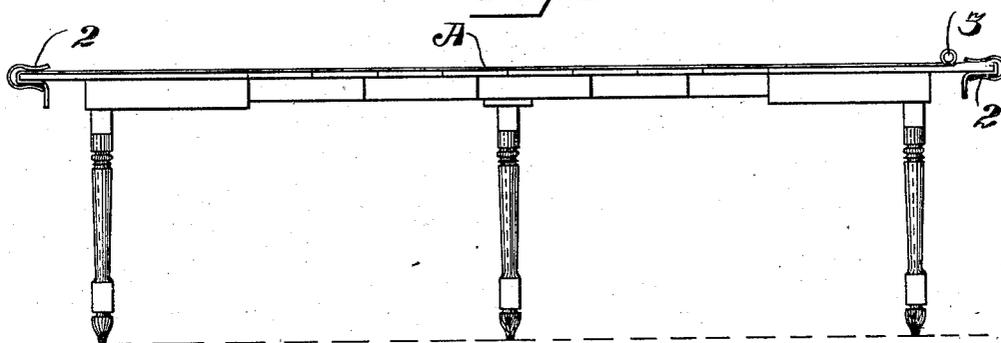


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

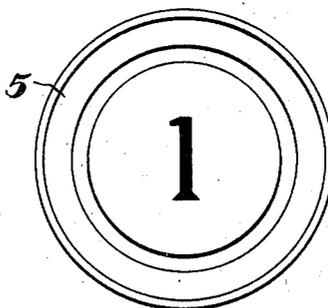
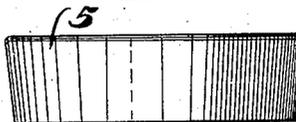


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. MONSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Indoor Games; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an indoor game device.

It consists of a fibrous cloth, felt, or equivalent material in the form of a long sheet, with means for fixing it upon the table or surface of support, a spaced subdivided diagram marked thereon near one end and numbered, a combined roller and stop fixed transversely on the material beyond the numbered spaces, and clamps by which the cloth may be stretched and retained smooth and firm upon the table. In conjunction with the above are a series of disks adapted to be slid over the surface from the end opposite to the marked and spaced diagram with the object of placing the disks in certain numbered spaces upon the diagram or replacing others already so placed by an opponent.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of table with my invention attached. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged side view of spring-clamp. Fig. 4 is a top view of same. Fig. 5 is an enlarged top view of disk. Fig. 6 is a side view of same.

It is the object of my invention to provide a small and conveniently-manipulated game to be played indoors.

As herein shown, A is a cloth of sufficient width adapted to be stretched upon a table of any description. Usually an extension dining-table opened out to considerable length is very serviceable for the game.

2 represents spring or other clamps of suitable description which are designed to clamp the ends and angles of the cloth, so that it may be stretched smoothly upon the table.

3 is a roller one object of which is to form a convenient foundation upon which the cloth may be rolled to be packed in case when not in use. A second use of the roller is for a stop. The roller is therefore stitched transversely into the cloth, so that the end of the cloth projects sufficiently beyond the roller to provide for the attachment of the clamps by

which this end is held upon the table. The cloth is marked off into diagrams or figures, as shown at 4, and these are numbered, the numbers being preferably serial from "1" upward, and these numbers count for points in playing the game.

5 represents disks of metal, having sufficient thickness and weight so that they may be impelled from the end of the table opposite to the diagram with the object of placing the disks most favorably within the squares or outlines of the diagram.

The game is played by two or more opponents, each being provided with a certain number of disks, which disks may be made of differently-colored metal or otherwise distinguished from each other. The disk being favorably placed in one of the squares or outlines of the diagram by one player, the object of the opponent will be to either displace and force the disk out of the diagram or to place his own disk as favorably as possible, or both objects may be attained at the same time. Each player having thrown his quota of disks, the numbers representing the points which have been made are scored, and the game may consist of as many points made in a certain number of throws as may be found desirable.

Various modifications may be made of the game; but the object is to provide a removable flexible table-covering with means for securing it, rolling it up for packing, and a suitable stop in the form of a roller which prevents the disks from being thrown off the end of the table.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a flexible sheet having a numbered diagram upon its surface near one end, a roller secured to the sheet and upon which the latter may be wound said sheet projecting beyond the roller and said roller serving as a stop for limiting the movement of playing-pieces, and clamps engaging both ends of the sheet.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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