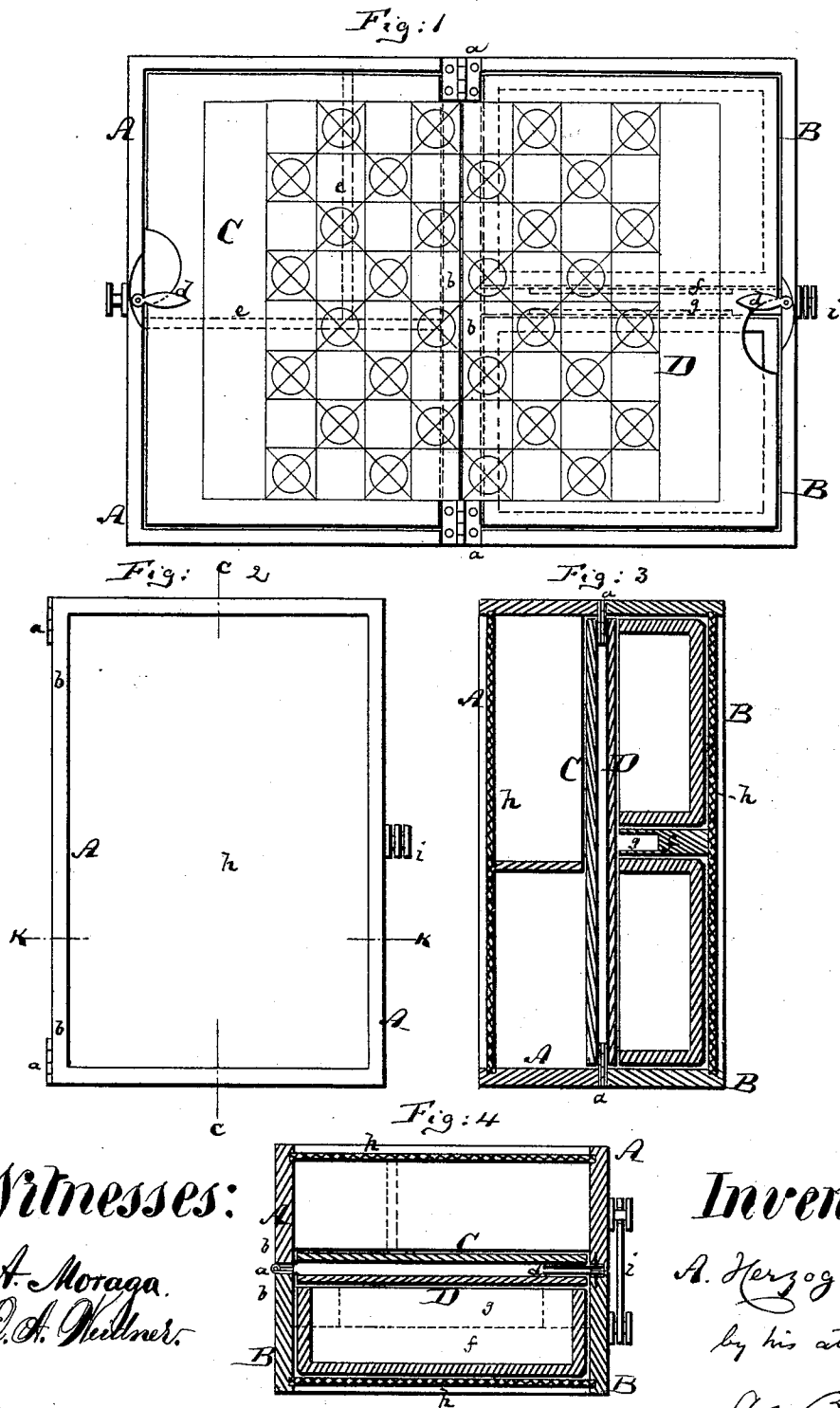


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST HERZOG, of Guttenberg, Hudson county, New Jersey, have invented an Improved Game-Box, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved box, showing it opened. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, showing it closed. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section on the line *c c*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, a vertical cross-section on the line *k k*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all figures.

This invention relates to a new box, which is to be used as a receptacle for the pieces employed in various games, such as the games of chess, checkers, cards, and others, and which will also contain the necessary boards or diagrams required in such games, and a writing-surface to keep the requisite account of the standing of each player.

My invention consists of the peculiar construction and arrangement of box hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing, the letter A represents one-half, and the letter B the other half, of my improved box. These two halves or receptacles are joined by hinges *a a*, so that they can be folded together, as in Fig. 4, or unfolded, as in Fig. 1. C and D are the covers for the halves A and B of the box, respectively, each cover being hinged by a flexible band or otherwise to the edge of that side *b* of each half-box that receives the hinges *a*, as shown. When the box is opened the covers C D constitute, in connection with the intervening edges *b b*, one continuous surface, which may be subdivided or marked to constitute the game-board. Thus it is in the drawing shown as constituting a chess-board. The folding game-board C D and the cover is kept in line on the opened box, and properly closed on the closed box by catches *d d*, which are indicated in the drawing, and each cover serves thus to

confine within its half of the box the figures or pieces which the same is designed to contain. The half A of the box is shown to be divided by fixed partitions *e e*, which are indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1 into three compartments, of which one may contain playing-cards, another chess-men, the third a sponge for cleaning the marking-slate. But the division into compartments may be varied, and separate boxes may be placed within the half A, or there may be no partitions at all in one or both halves of the box. The half B of the box is shown to be divided into two equal parts by a partition, *f*, each part receiving a box that contains pieces used in various games, or there may be more or less such subdivisions in the half B of the box. The upper edge of the partition *f* is grooved to constitute a slate-pencil receptacle, *g*; but such receptacle may be formed within the half B or A of the box in other equivalent manner. The back *h* of each half of the box is made of slate, or covered on the outside with a composition that will render it a writing-tablet. The whole box, when closed, can be locked by a suitable catch or clasp, *i*.

The advantages of this box are, chiefly, that it will constitute a game-board, and at the same time a receptacle for other games that are not used on such game-board; and, secondly, that it also constitutes a writing-tablet and a receptacle for writing material to be used in games of cards, and at other games that can be played while the box is closed.

I claim as my invention—

The box consisting of two hinged receptacles, A B, provided with the interior hinged covers C D, forming a game-board, substantially as herein shown and described.

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