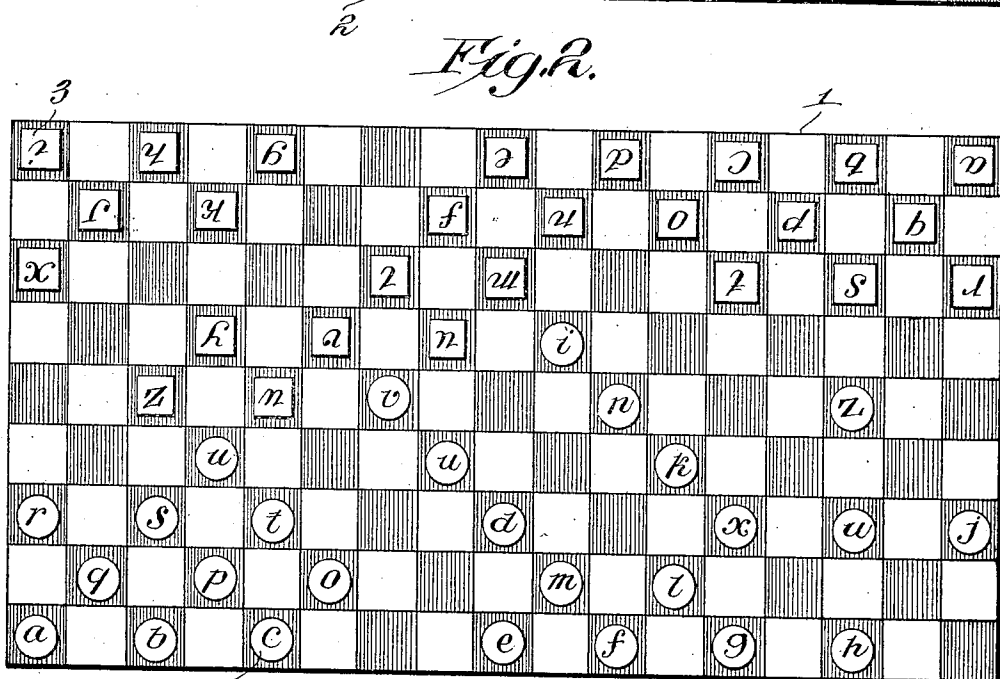
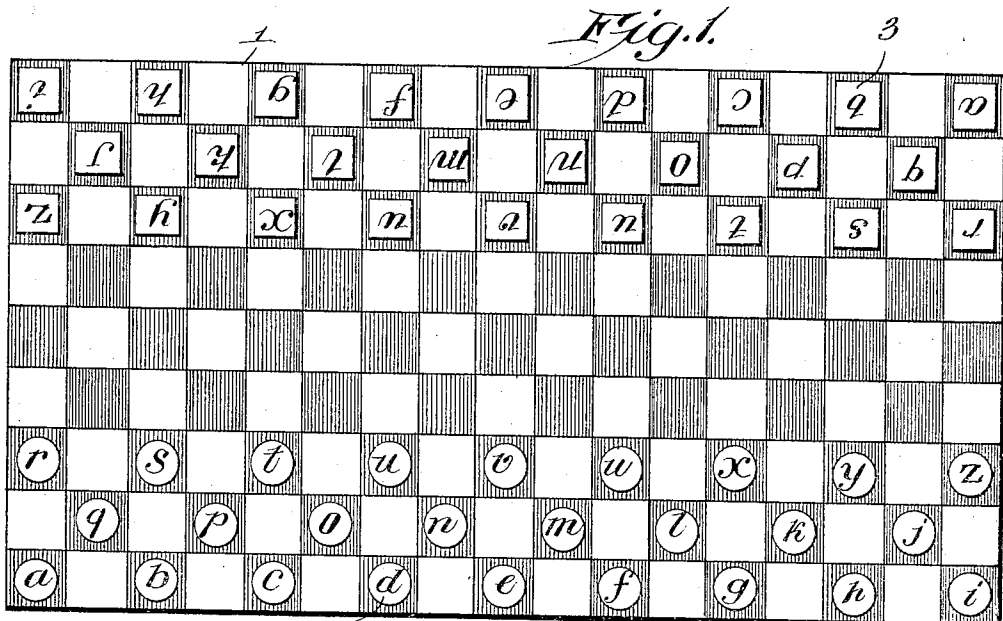


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SILVANUS F. ENOS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mattoon, in the county of Coles and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to games, and more particularly to that class of devices of this character utilizing a board and game-pieces which are adapted to be manipulated upon the board.

The object of the invention is to provide an educational as well as scientific game which will afford amusement to persons of all ages and which is very inexpensive.

The invention consists of a board subdivided into spaces of different colors which give the board a checkered appearance. Nine rows of spaces are provided, each row containing seventeen white and red spaces arranged alternately, and the white and red spaces of the nine rows are also disposed alternately in relation to each other. Two sets of game-pieces are employed upon the board, and these may be of different shapes or different colors or may be formed in any other preferred manner, so that one may be readily distinguished from the other. The pieces of each set have indicated on them the letters of the alphabet, one letter being provided on each piece and no two pieces of a set having the same letters.

The invention also consists of the further novel constructions and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown the preferred form of my invention.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a game-board and game-pieces constituting my invention, the game-pieces being shown in the positions occupied by them at the beginning of a game; and Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing positions which may be assumed by the game-pieces.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a game-board of any suitable size having preferably nine parallel rows of spaces. These spaces are of two different colors alternately arranged. For example, if the spaces are colored red and white the end spaces

could be red, the next white, the next red, &c. Moreover, the rows of spaces are so disposed that correspondingly-colored spaces are located along diagonal lines.

Two sets of game-pieces are used in connection with the board above described, and twenty-six pieces constitute a set. The pieces of the two sets may be differently colored or shaped, so as to be readily distinguished, and in the drawings I have shown the pieces of one set round, as illustrated at 2, and the other pieces square, as shown at 3. Each game-piece has indicated upon it a letter of the alphabet, and no two pieces of a set have the same letters thereon. As twenty-six pieces comprise each set it will be obvious that all the letters of the alphabet will therefore be indicated upon all the pieces of the set.

In playing the game the game-pieces are arranged alphabetically upon the first and third rows from left to right and upon the second rows from right to left. The pieces are moved in any direction one space at a time and upon spaces of the same color, the moves of the two players alternating. The object to be attained is to so combine the game-pieces of either or both sets as to spell a word of three or more letters, and the first player completing a word has the privilege of removing any one of his opponent's pieces from the board. For example, by referring to Fig. 2 it will be noticed that the game-pieces have been so manipulated that the word "mink" has been produced. If this word was completed by the person using the round pieces, he would have the privilege of removing from the board any one of the square pieces. If, however, the word was completed by the other player, he could remove any one of the round pieces. The first word formed in a game permits the successful player to remove a vowel from among his opponent's game-pieces, and upon completing each of the next succeeding four words he has the privilege of removing one of his opponent's consonants. The same privilege is given each player. When the sixth word is formed by either player, another vowel can be removed, and this rule is followed until one of the players has lost eight pieces, after which he can designate which of his game-pieces are to be removed. When one player has lost sixteen pieces, the game is finished. In playing the game the words "tod" and "dot" are not

considered, for the reason that they are formed by the letters as originally placed on the board.

It will be understood that considerable science must be displayed for the player to form words with his own pieces or with those of his opponents and at the same time prevent his opponent from completing any word with his own or his opponent's pieces. Moreover, the process of spelling or constructing the words is of considerable educational value to the players. A list of the words formed should be kept, and considerable amusement can often be afforded after the game by assembling these words to express some meaning or sentiment.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve

the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

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

The combination with a rectangular checkered game-board having nine rows of seventeen spaces each, the spaces of each row being of two colors arranged alternately; of two sets of game-pieces each adapted to be placed entirely upon three of the nine rows of spaces and upon spaces of the same color, the pieces of each set being designated by the letters of the alphabet and no two of said pieces of each set being designated by the same letter.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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