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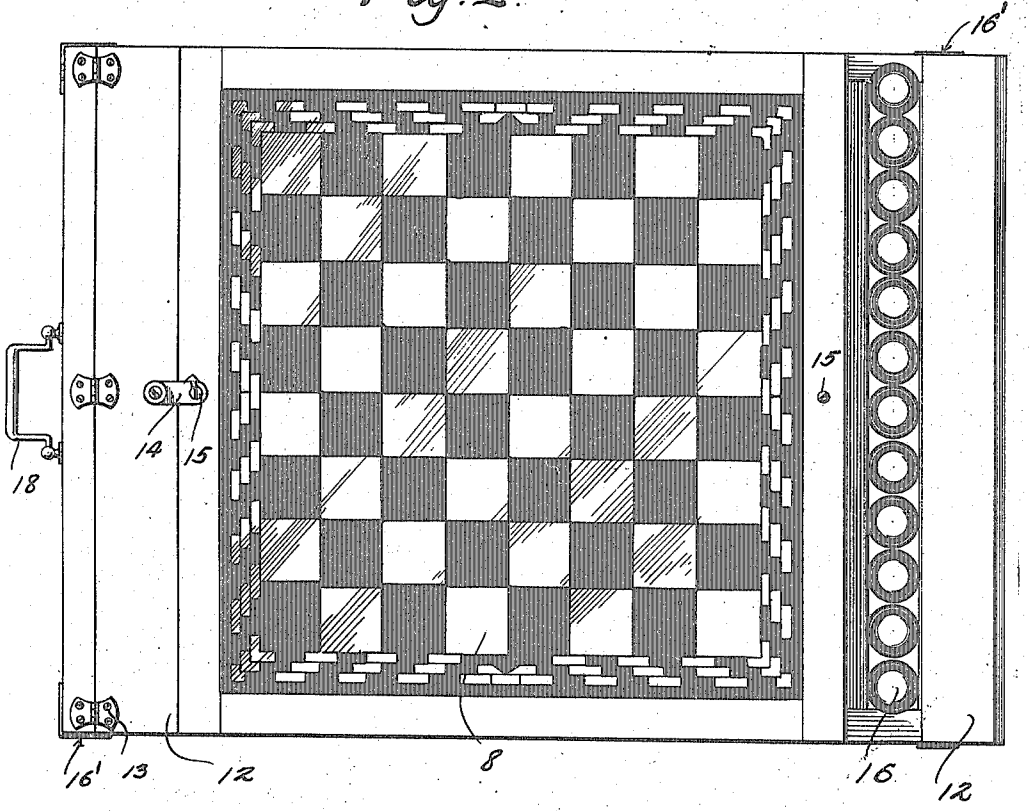
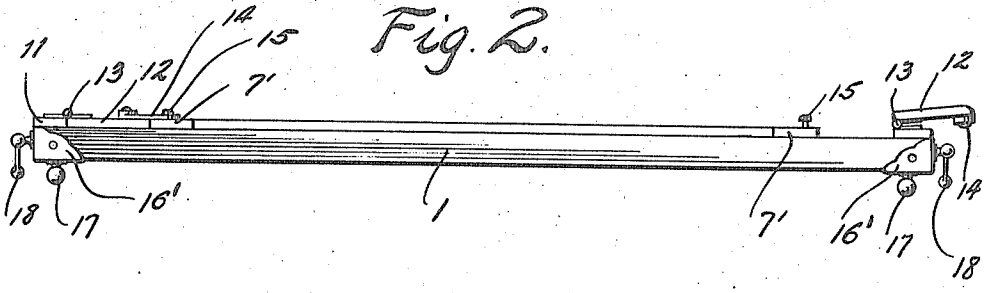


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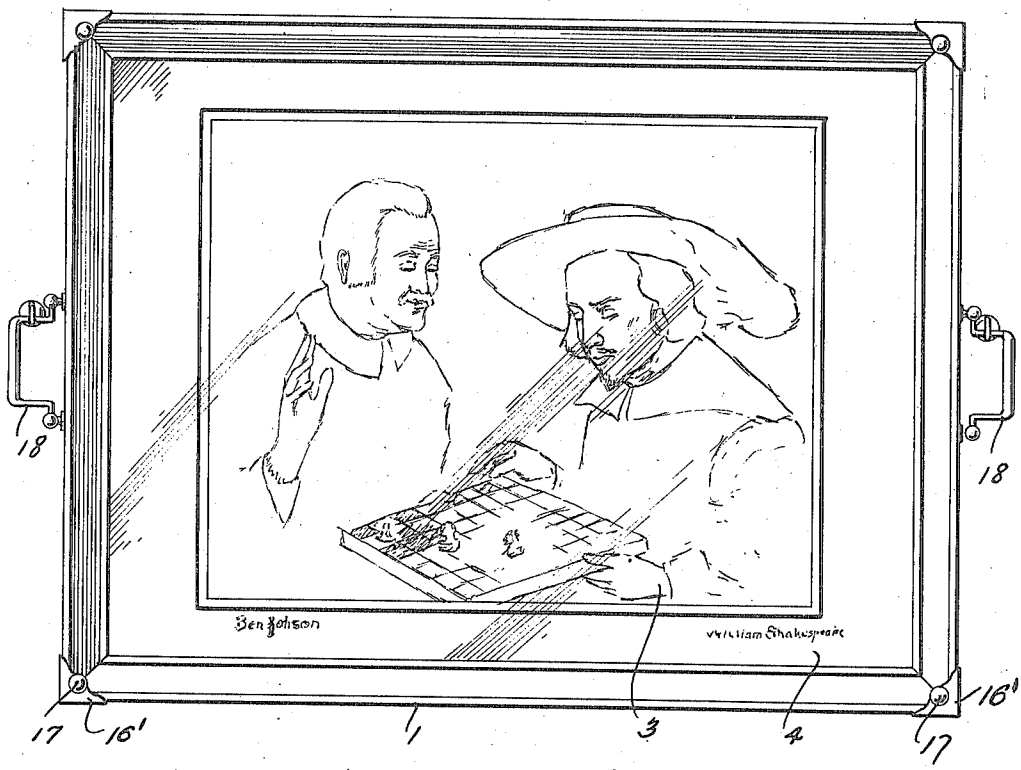


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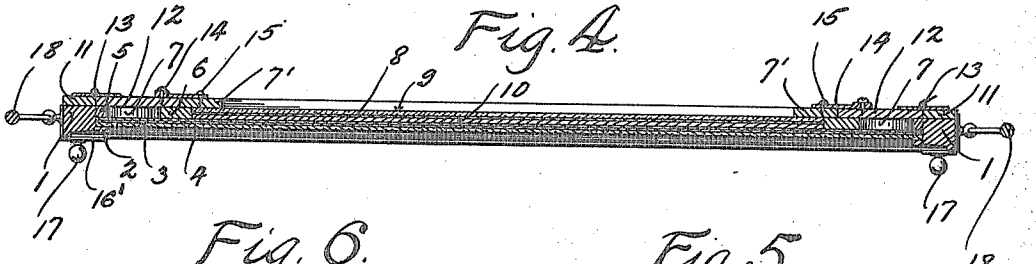


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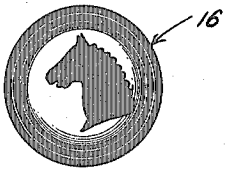
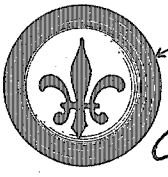


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MINOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Checker-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game board and has for its object the production of a simple and efficient checker board which may not only be used as a game board, but may be hung upon the wall as a picture decoration, or used as a serving tray.

Another object of this invention is the production of a simple and efficient means for supporting the checker pieces when the same are not in use.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists of certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board,

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the game board,

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the picture or serving tray face of the game board,

Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal section through the game board,

Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the checker pieces,

Fig. 6 is a plan view of another checker piece showing the chess symbol formed thereon.

By referring to the drawings, it will be seen that 1 designates the frame which is provided with a ledge portion formed around the inner edge thereof, upon which rests the picture 3. A glass cover plate 4, fits over the outer face of the picture 3, for retaining the picture 3 within the frame 1. A strip 5 is carried by said frame and engages the edge of the picture 3 upon the rear face thereof for retaining the picture in firm engagement with the ledge 2. A second strip 6 is spaced from the strip 5 near each end of the frame 1 for producing a checker piece receiving pocket 7. An overhanging strip 7′ is secured to the outer face of each second strip and retains the game board 8 and the cover plate 9 upon the frame 1. The glass plate 9 fits over the checker or game board 8, which game board comprises a sheet provided with squares painted or formed thereon, the glass plate 9 protecting the game board 8 and giving the same a tile appearance. The game board 8 may be provided with a suitable reinforcing backing 10 as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

A trimming strip 11 is secured to the frame 1 upon the rear face thereof, and a door 12 is hinged to the strip 11 by means of hinges 13. Latching members 14 are secured to the doors 12, which doors are adapted to close the pocket 7, and these latching members 14 engage the securing pins 15 for holding the doors 12 in a closed position.

Checker pieces 16 are adapted to be stored within the pockets 7 and these checker pieces 16 are provided with a blank face upon one side thereof and a chess symbol upon the opposite side thereof, for the purpose of permitting the checker pieces to be used both in playing checkers and also in playing chess. Thirty-two checker pieces are employed, but while playing checkers, twenty-four pieces are used, the remainder being placed within the pockets 7. While playing chess all of the pieces are used.

Corner plates 16′ are secured to the corners of the frame 1 and knobs 17 are carried by the plates for constituting supporting legs while the device is being used as a tray. Handles 18 are secured to the ends of the frame 1 and these handles may be used for lifting the device when used as a tray, or may be used as supports for fitting over suitable hooks carried by a wall when it is desired to use the device as a wall picture.

From the above description it will be seen that a very simple game board has been produced which may be adapted to a variety of uses, such for instance as a game, a tray or a wall picture. It will also be obvious that the game board may be used for playing checkers or chess, the same checker pieces being used in each instance, by merely reversing the pieces upon the board.

It should be of course understood that certain obvious detail mechanical changes may be made in the present device without departing from the spirit of the invention, so long as these changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a frame, said frame provided with a supporting ledge around the inner edge thereof, a picture resting upon said ledge, a plurality of spaced transversely extending

strips fitting upon the rear face of said picture and producing a pocket, a checker board carried upon the rear face of said board, a strip overhanging each end of said board, a cover hinged upon each end of said frame and closing said pocket, and means for holding said cover in a closed position.

2. A device of the class described comprising a frame, a picture resting upon said frame, means extended across said frame and engaging the rear face of said picture and producing pockets at the respective ends thereof, a game board carried upon the rear face of said frame, and a cover for closing said pockets.

3. A device of the class described comprising a frame, said frame provided with a supporting ledge around the inner end thereof, a picture resting upon said ledge, a plurality of spaced transversely extending strips fitting upon the rear face of said picture and producing pockets, a game board carried upon the rear face of said frame, a strip overhanging each end of said board, a cover fitting over each pocket and constituting a closure therefor, and means for holding said cover in a closed position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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