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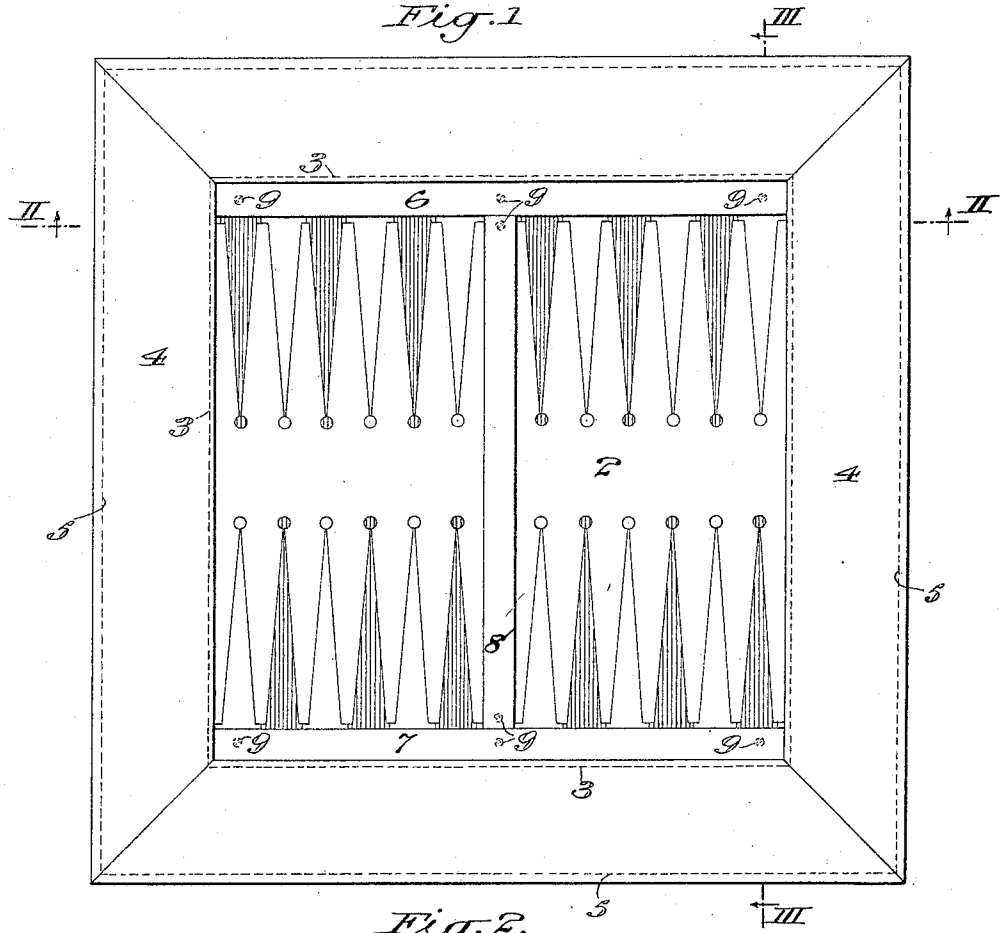
Fig. 1



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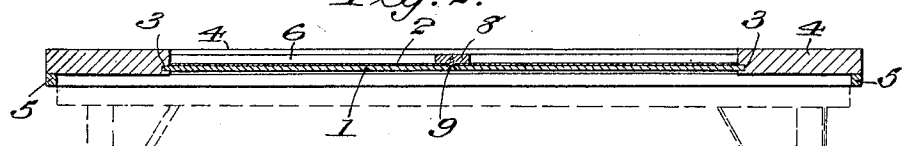

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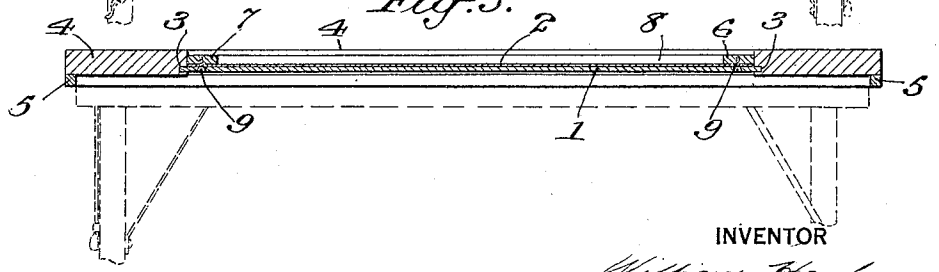

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A principal object of my invention is to provide a game board which may be readily applied to the top of a folding card table of standard size and which will be removably positioned thereon against lateral displacement.

Another object is to provide a game board of the above character in which the plane of the playing surface is located below the top plane of the remaining surface of the board so that the playing pieces and dice, when used, may be retained on the board and also so that the playing surface of the board will be well protected from becoming scratched or otherwise marred when the board is not in use.

A still further object is to provide a game board which will be very light and strong and which will have novel features of construction whereby the above objects may be effectively obtained.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 represents the game board in top plan;

Fig. 2 represents a section taken in the plane of the line II—II of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; the folding card table on which the game board is removably positioned, being shown in dotted lines; and

Fig. 3 represents a section taken in the plane of the line III—III of Fig. 1, at right angles to the section represented in Fig. 2 and looking in the direction of the arrows.

The game board is shown as comprising inner and outer members, the inner member having a game marked playing surface. The thin bottom sheet 1 of the inner member may be of wood or other suitable material and it is shown as covered by a thin top sheet 2, preferably of cork board, the exposed surface of which top sheet is marked for playing any suitable game, in the present instance backgammon.

The bottom sheet 1 of the inner member is shown as having its peripheral edges embedded in kerfs 3 in the inner edges of the outer member 4, which outer member is preferably made of wood. This outer member forms a boundary frame for the inner member and is preferably made of considerable width and thickness so as to lend strength and rigidity to the game board and also to bring the periphery of the game board slightly beyond the periphery of the top of a folding card table of standard size.

Means are provided for positioning the game board on the top of the card table against lateral displacement, said means in the present instance comprising a peripheral flange 5 depending from the outer member 4 of the game board, which flange is adapted to overlap and closely fit the peripheral side edges of the table top to which the game board is applied.

To strengthen the inner member of the game board I provide thin flat end strips 6 and 7 lying along two opposite inner edges of the outer member, said end strips being connected about midway between their ends by a thin flat cross strip 8. The sheets 1 and 2 of the inner member may be secured to the end and cross strips 6, 7 and 8 in any desired manner as, for instance, by means of screws 9. These end strips 6 and 7 form shelves for the reception and retention of the pieces used in playing the game marked on the top sheet of the inner member. The top surfaces of these strips and the playing surface of the inner member are located in planes below the plane of the top surface of the outer member of the game board so as to not only retain the playing pieces but also to prevent dice, when used in playing the game, from rolling off the board. This depression of the playing surface of the game board also serves to efficiently protect the same from being scratched or otherwise marred when the board is not in use.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a game board which may be readily applied to the top of a folding card table of standard size, means being provided for retaining the playing pieces and for protecting the playing surface of the game board.

It is evident that various changes may be resorted to in the construction, form and ar-

rangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not intend to be limited to the particular embodiment herein shown and described, but

What I claim is:—

1. A game board for removable application to the top of a folding card table of standard size, said game board comprising an inner member having a game marked playing surface and an outer member forming a boundary frame for the inner member, said inner member being provided with shelves for the reception and retention of playing pieces, the playing surface of the inner member and said shelves being located in planes below the plane of the top surface of the outer member.

2. A game board for removable application to the top of a folding card table of standard size, said game board comprising an inner member having a game marked playing surface and an outer member forming a boundary frame for the inner member, said inner member being provided with reinforcing end and cross strips forming shelves for the reception and retention of playing pieces, the playing surface of the inner member and the said shelves being located in planes below the plane of the top surface of the outer member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name this 10th day of November 1930.

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