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Fig. 1.

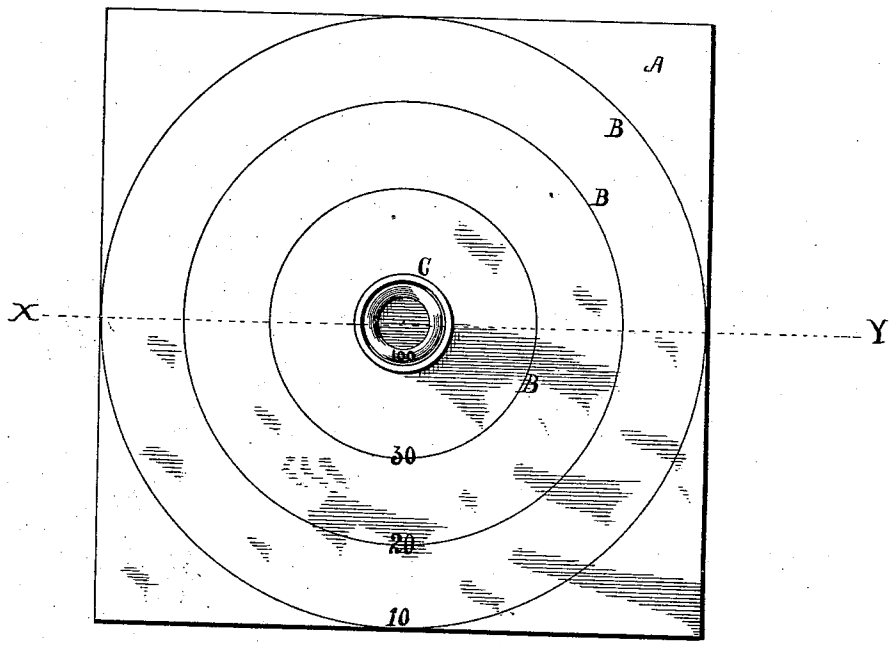


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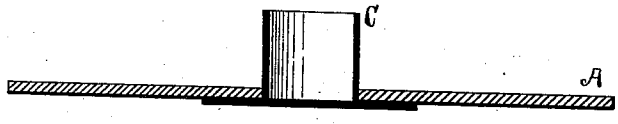
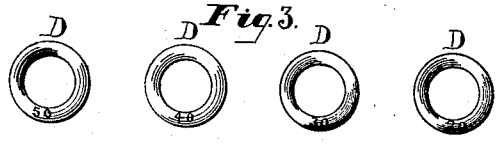


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAHLON S. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Parlor-Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part hereof.

The nature of my invention will fully appear from the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my device; Fig. 2, a vertical cross-section of the same on line X Y of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents views of the quoits employed in playing the game.

A is a flat disk or "board," say of rubber or rubber cloth, either round, polygonal, or of other desired form, marked with lines B B B concentric with the periphery, or with concentric circles, as shown.

C is a central cup projecting up from the surface of the disk A to any desired height. I generally use rubber for the cup C and disk A; but other material may be substituted. I number the cup and lines, giving the largest number to the cup and grading the lines with smaller numbers, substantially as shown.

D D D are the quoits, with graded numbers upon them, made in the ordinary quoit form, or of any desired configuration; and these quoits are of slightly smaller diameter than that of the central cup, C.

The game is played as follows: The competitors or players stand at any convenient distance from the disk A and endeavor to pitch the quoit selected into the cup. If the quoit selected enters and remains in the cup C, the player scores 100 plus the number on the quoit; but if it falls and remains upon or near one of the numbered concentric lines, it counts the number upon that line plus the number upon the quoit; but if the quoit rolls off the disk A or does not settle upon it, the player scores minus the number marked upon the quoit pitched—in other words, is "set back" to the extent of the number on the quoit. Of course coins, stones, or other objects may be used instead of quoits D.

The cup should be so well secured to the disk as not to be upset when struck by quoit.

As a means of securing the cup, I have shown it in Fig. 2 open at the top, with a flange beneath, and simply pushed through an opening in the center of the disk or board A.

I am well aware that open central cups have been placed in tables resembling roulette-tables, the center of which is elevated and slopes downward toward the edges, and in which game a marble is used as a roulette; also, that an apparatus consisting of a flat table having a central hole or depression has been used, the game being played by sliding the pieces from the edge, in the manner of a game called "Squails." I do not claim either of these, however, neither serving the purpose of mine. Mine could not be played by sliding the pieces, nor can a piece by any chance slide into my central cup from the surrounding board. It has to be pitched fairly into the cup to get there, and if it misses its mark it is desired that it shall lie upon the flat disk at some point around the cup.

In one apparatus above disclaimed the quoit, if it misses the cup, has no flat disk to receive it, and in the other it may strike the disk and slide into the cup.

My apparatus is for a game that could not be played with either of the other devices.

What I claim as new is—

1. In an apparatus for a game, the flat disk marked with concentric lines, in combination with the central open cup projecting up above the surrounding flat surface, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. As a complete game apparatus, a flat disk marked with concentric lines, and provided with a central cup which projects up above the surrounding flat surface, and rings or quoits, which, as well as the cup and lines, are numbered, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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