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Fig. 1.

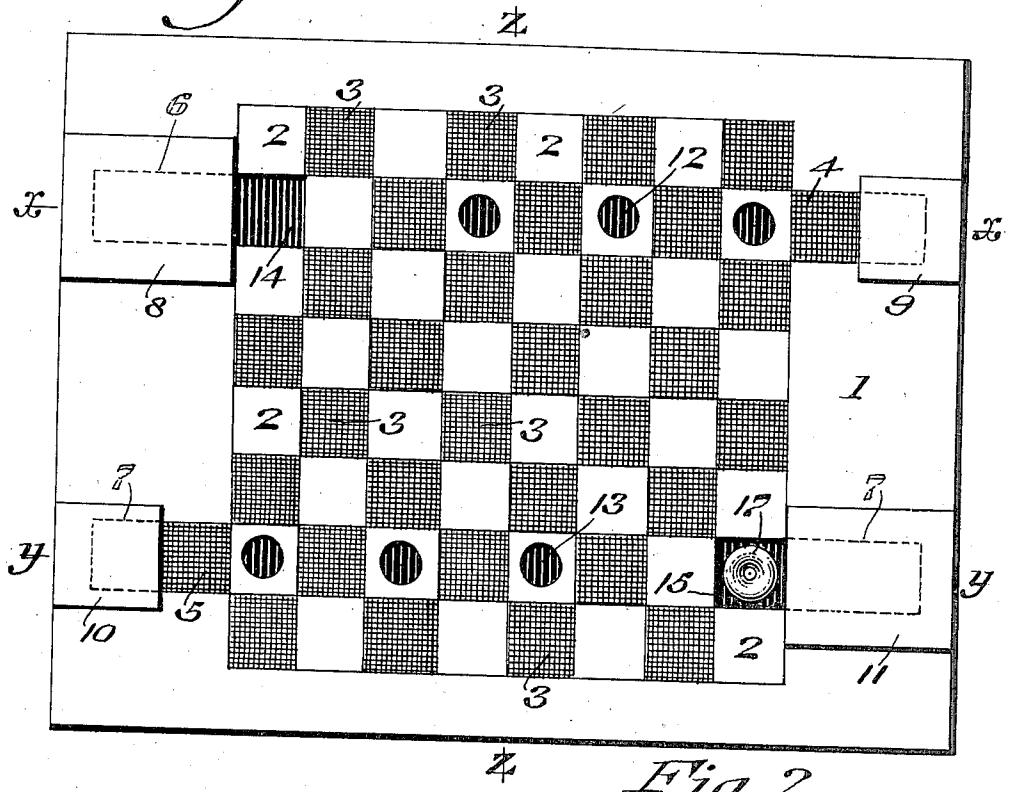


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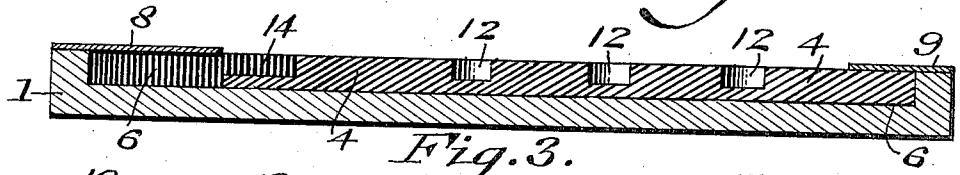


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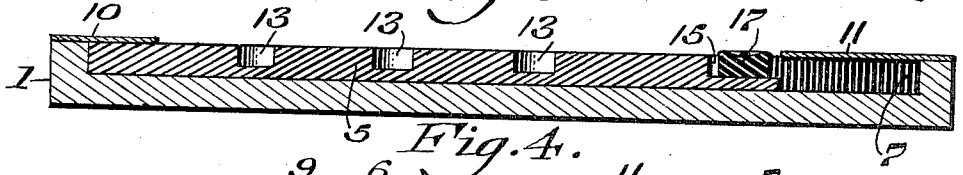


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. SCHILLING, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Checker or Chess Board, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention consists of a novel construction of a game board, which is adapted to be employed in playing chess or checkers, and wherein provision is made for rendering the game more difficult than is possible with the ordinary construction of game board.

It further consists of a novel construction of a game board having squares of contrasting colors thereon and wherein certain of the rows of squares are mounted on slidable panels, whereby they may be adjusted during the progress of the game to bring certain of the squares into register with the other squares.

With the above and other objects in view, which will more clearly hereinafter appear in the detailed description, my invention consists of a novel construction of game board adapted to be used in playing checkers, chess or a similar game, and wherein certain of the squares are mounted on movable panels.

It further consists of other novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention, I have shown in the accompanying drawings one form thereof which is at present preferred by me, since the same has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a game board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a sectional view thereof on line *x*—*x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a sectional view thereof on line *y*—*y* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a sectional view on line *z*—*z* of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of a block.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:—The game board can be constructed of any desired material, but for convenience of illustration, I have shown the same consisting of the board 1, having squares of contrasting color thereon, as indicated by reference characters 2 and 3. The row of squares next to the king row on each side is mounted on the panels 4 and 5, respectively, which latter are movably mounted on the board 1 in any desired manner, and in the present instance, the board is shown as provided with the slots or grooves 6 and 7 respectively.

The slots 6 and 7 and the panels 4 and 5 are preferably constructed in such a manner that their longitudinal movement is limited, while at the same time, they will be maintained in assembled condition, and I have shown one manner of accomplishing this by forming the panels and the slots coöperating therewith, with converging side-walls, or in other words, wedge-shaped. The ends of the slots 6 are covered with strips of any suitable material, as designated by 8 and 9 respectively, and the ends of the slots 7 are covered with strips of any desired material, as designated by 10 and 11 respectively.

In order that the panels may be readily moved, when desired by the operator, I provide certain of the squares of the panel 4 with depressions or recesses 12, and the panel 5 is provided with similar depressions or recesses 13. The panel 4 has the square at one end cut away, as indicated at 14, and the panel 5 has the square at the end, opposite to the cut-away or depressed portion 14 of the panel 4, cut away or depressed in a similar manner, as indicated at 15. Each panel, it will be understood by reference to Fig. 1, has a greater number of squares thereon, than is represented by the rows of squares on the board proper, and if desired, the block or piece 16 may be used in the depressed square at the end of a panel in order to form a smooth surface, it being noted that when the parts are in the position seen in Fig. 1 a double corner is formed at each side of the board, while if the block 16 is placed in the recessed or cut-away end of a panel, to blank off such space, a single double corner will be formed.

17 designates a checker.

The manner of playing my novel game in case a game of checkers, for example, is to be played, is as follows: In the ordinary game of checkers, all of the squares are sta-

tionary, while, in my present invention, the second row from each end, or in other words, the row next to the king row, is mounted on a slide or panel, which has one more square thereon so that two more playing squares are provided, which may be used, if desired, by the players. The board can be used in many different ways. The game may be played the same as the ordinary game of checkers, and either player may move a panel when the checkers thereon are all of the same color. If a checker on a panel is located on the depressed square at the end, then the slide is locked and cannot be operated. The panels cannot be used or moved when they contain checkers of both players or when the number of checkers of each person has been reduced to a single checker. When the slides are both moved to the right, the game has the appearance of the ordinary checker board. When one slide, as the slide or panel 4, is moved to the right, and the other slide or panel 5 is moved to the left, then double corners are formed at each end of the board, thus adding two squares to the board.

By the employment of the slides or panels, the game is rendered much more difficult and uncertain, than is the case of an ordinary checker-board, since it will be apparent, at times the players will be able to move a checker or checkers two spaces to the right or left, thereby bringing them into or out of a position to register with other checkers on the board.

It will be apparent that a single slide or panel may be employed, if desired, and I therefore do not desire to be limited to the employment of a plurality of such panels.

It will thus be apparent, in accordance with my present invention, the board may be adjusted to increase or diminish the number of playing squares thereon, and the panels may be locked against movement when the playing pieces, such as, for example, the checkers, are on the squares at one end of such panels. It will also be apparent that the rules for playing the game may be greatly varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful construction of a checker or chess board, which embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description, and while I have, in the present instance, shown and described a preferred embodiment thereof which has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

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

1. A game board comprising a board having represented thereon, rows of squares of contrasting colors, and a panel movably mounted on said board and having squares of contrasting colors adapted to be brought into register with predetermined squares of a juxtaposed row.

2. A game board having represented thereon, rows of squares of contrasting colors, and panels movably mounted on said board and having squares of contrasting colors which form the second row of squares at each end of the board.

3. A game board having represented thereon, rows of squares of contrasting colors, a movable panel at each end of the board and on which a row of squares is represented, and said panels having a greater number of squares thereon than is represented on the other rows of squares.

4. A game board for playing checkers, chess and the like, comprising a board, a plurality of movable panels thereon and having a representation of rows of squares of contrasting colors on said board and said panels, and said panels being adapted to be moved by a player to bring the squares thereon into register with different squares of the board from those with which they initially registered.

5. A checker-board, comprising a board having grooves therein, panels slidably mounted in said grooves, said board and panels having squares of contrasting colors thereon, and said panels having thereon a greater number of squares in a row than on the rest of the board, whereby double corners at opposite sides of said board may be formed at one side or the other of said board.

6. In a device of the character stated, a board having rows of squares represented thereon and provided with grooves, and panels movably mounted in said grooves and having squares thereon adapted to register with different squares of said board, the square at one end of said panel being depressed below the surface of the panel, and means covering the end of each groove and against which a plain piece will abut when located on the depressed square to lock its respective panel against movement.

7. In a device of the character stated, a board having rows of squares represented thereon, a panel located to move along a row of squares in register therewith, and said panel having depressions therein adapted to be engaged by the player to cause such movement.

8. In a device of the character stated, a board having represented thereon rows of

squares and having a plurality of wedge-shaped grooves, wedge-shaped panels movably mounted in said grooves and having a row of squares represented on their upper face, each panel having a greater number of squares than in the other rows of squares on said board, and means to block off one of the squares on said panel to prevent the same from forming a plain square.

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