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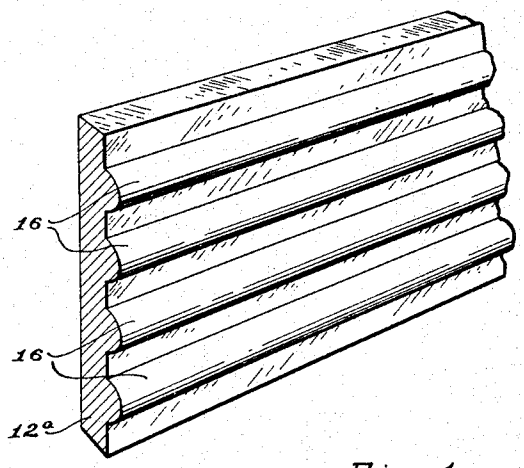


Fig. 1

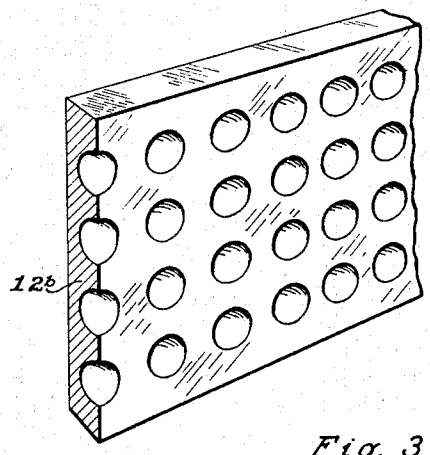


Fig. 3

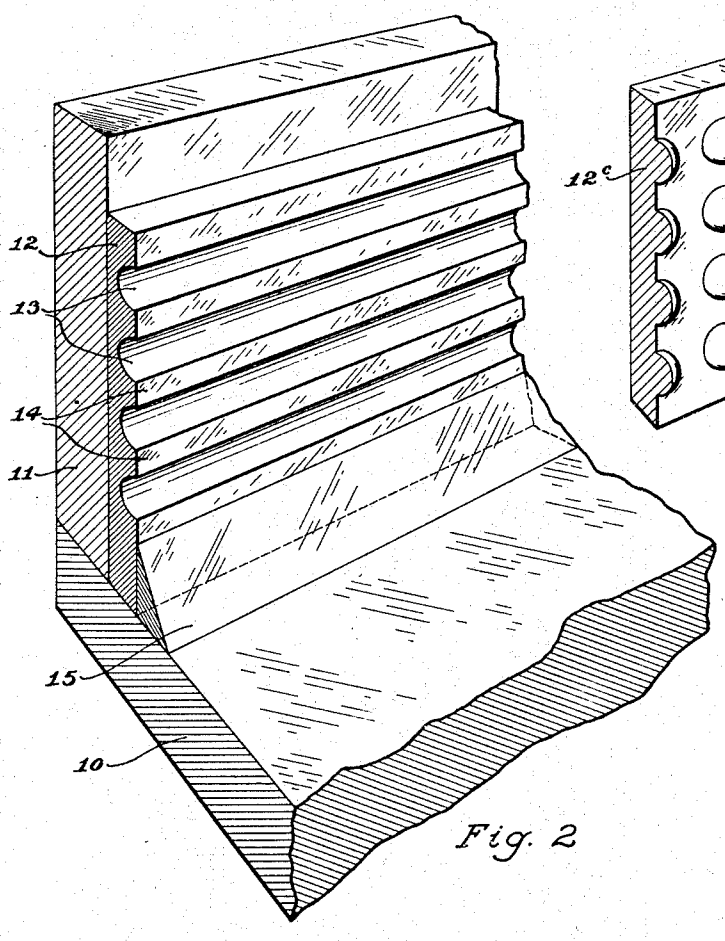


Fig. 2

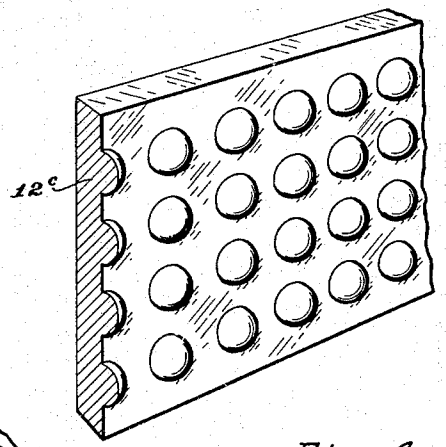


Fig. 4

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The invention relates to dice game accessories and has as an object the provision of a device to be applied to the fence of a dice table to place the rebound of the dice from the fence out of control of the player.

In the playing of games of chance by utilizing the fall of dice to determine the progress of the game, it is the practice to provide a surface upon which the dice are thrown, provided with a fence which may be from four to ten inches high to suit the ideas of the players, and to provide by the rules that the dice must be caused to rebound from the fence, with the idea that such rebound will place control of the fall of the dice beyond the skill of players. It is found however that players are able to acquire sufficient skill to control the fall of the dice even though they are caused to rebound from the fence. It is an object of the present invention to render such control impossible.

It is a further object of the invention to provide an accessory in the nature of an article of manufacture that may be applied to existing dice tables.

It is a further object of the invention to provide such an accessory having a surface which is non-planar so as to vary the rebound of the dice to preserve the chance characteristics.

Further objects of the invention will appear from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing showing illustrative embodiments of the invention, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a sectional perspective view of one form of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a like view of a second form of the invention showing the same applied to the fence of a dice table; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are views similar to Figure 1 of other forms of the invention.

As shown the device is illustrated as applied to a playing surface 10 having a fence shown at 11. The device of the invention comprises a sheet or slab 12 desirably formed of partially vulcanized resilient rubber which may be suitably formed of sponge rubber.

As shown in Figure 2 the device is formed with a surface provided with grooves 13 separated by plain surfaces 14.

There may also be applied an additional accessory formed of a fillet 15, the use of which fillet is optional. Such a fillet may be used with any form of applicant's invention and may be used with advantage when any such slab as that indicated at 12 is omitted, since the fillet 15 in itself will interfere to some extent with control of the dice by the player.

In the form of Figure 1 the surface of the slab 12a is formed with projecting ridges 16 shown as rounded at their outer surfaces. It will be understood that the groove 13 or the ridges 16 may be described as corrugations upon the surface of the device comprising the accessory of the invention, and that such corrugations may be of any shape so long as they provide a non-planar surface to vary the rebound of the dice.

In the embodiments illustrated the corrugations are shown as running horizontally but it will be understood that these corrugations may extend diagonally from the playing surface or vertically with respect thereto.

In the form of Figure 3 the device of the invention shown in 12b is formed with depressions for the purpose indicated and in the form 12c shown in Figure 4, the device is shown as formed with projecting knobs or bosses desirably formed integrally with the slab.

The size of the irregularities upon the surface in all forms of the invention is entirely optional. The projections or depressions should be of a size and spacing to not be avoided when the dice are thrown thereagainst and are desirably of a size determined somewhat by the size of the dice expected to be utilized in the game, for instance of such a size that two of the irregularities of surface may not be spanned by a flat side of an individual dice body.

While resilient or sponge rubber is preferred as a material from which to make the accessory of the invention, because of its effect upon rebound of the dice and because of its noiselessness, it will be seen that many of the advantages of the invention may be secured by forming the device of rigid material and even by forming a fence of wood or the like having its surface provided with the non-planar characteristic, and it is intended that the purview of the invention shall include such practice even though it go to the extent of embodying the invention upon the surface of the fence itself.

Minor changes may be made in the physical embodiments of the invention within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit thereof.

I claim:

1. A dice game accessory comprising, in combination: a resilient member to be applied to a dice table fence; said member formed with a non-planar exposed surface whereby to vary the

direction of rebound of dice thereon against said member.

2. A dice game accessory comprising, in combination: a resilient member to be applied to a dice table fence; portions of the to-be-exposed surface of said member projecting beyond other portions thereof to cause the direction of rebound of dice thrown thereagainst to be unforetellable.

3. A dice game accessory comprising, in combination: a resilient member to be applied to a dice table fence; the to-be-exposed surface of said member formed with corrugations.

4. A dice table fence having a surface exposed to impact of dice thrown by players; said surface provided with a non-planar surface to vary the direction of rebound of the dice.

5. A dice table fence having a surface exposed to impact of dice thrown thereagainst by players; portions of said surface projecting beyond other portions thereof whereby to make unforetellable the direction of rebound of the dice.

6. A dice table fence having a general surface standing above a playing surface; and a fillet at the junction of said surfaces to vary the fall of dice thrown into contact with said general surface.

7. A dice game accessory comprising, in combination: a member to be applied to a dice table fence, the surface of said member formed with a multiplicity of alternately projecting and receding portions, the area of the respective portions being commensurate with the size of dice to be thrown thereagainst.

8. A dice game accessory comprising, in combination: a fence to be applied to a dice table from which dice must rebound to score; the playing surface of said fence formed with a multiplicity of alternately projecting and depressed portions; the size of said portions commensurate with the size of the dice to be used therewith, whereby the direction of rebound and therefore the fall of dice after rebound is rendered unforetellable.

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