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Fig. 1.

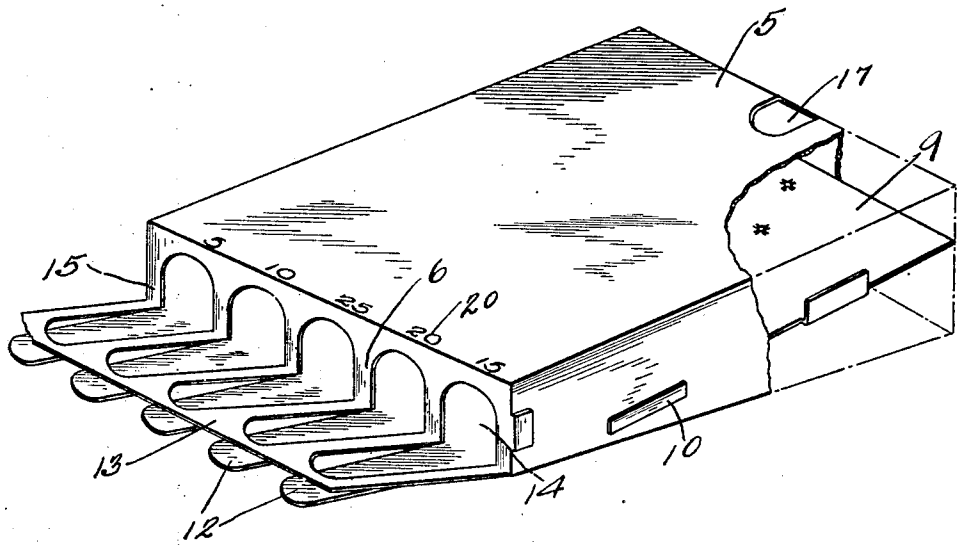
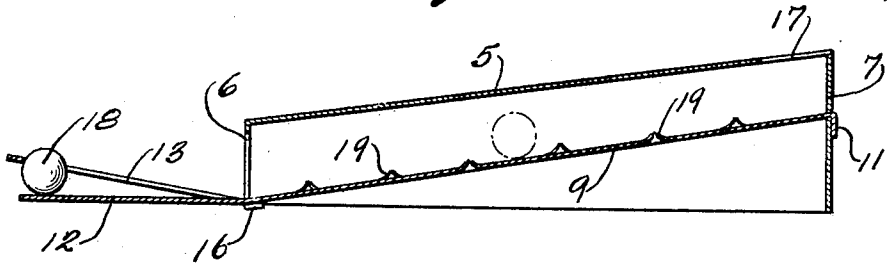


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

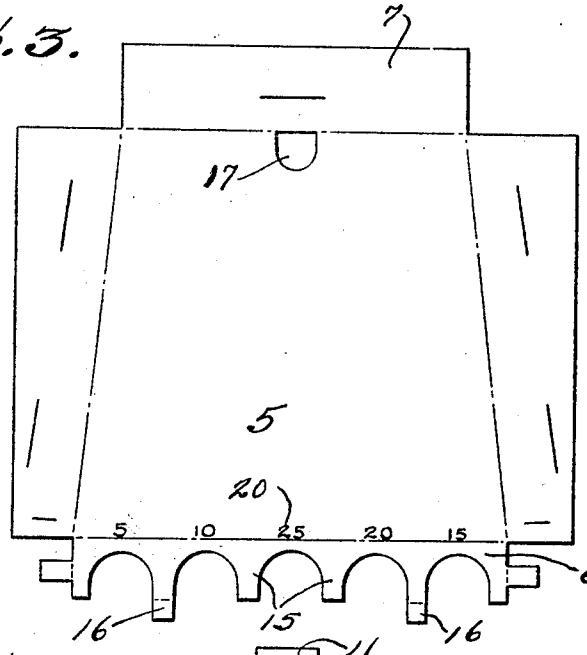
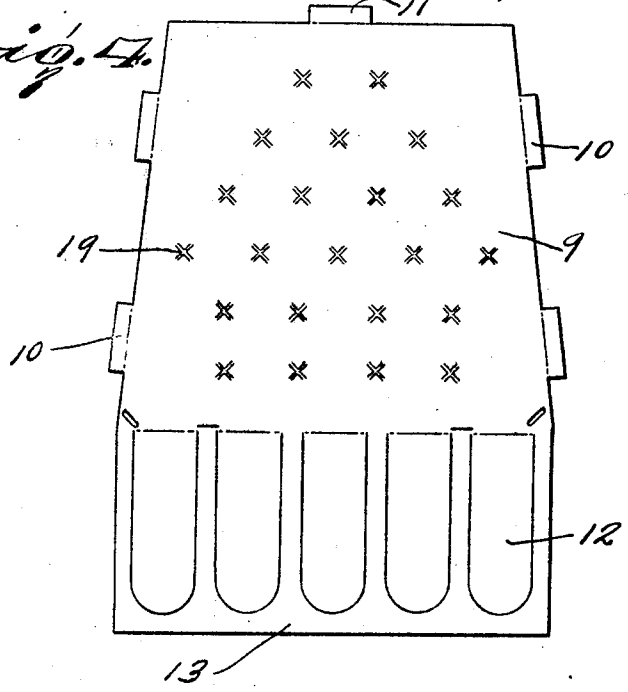


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ZAJICEK, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Game, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in games, the principal object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is designed for amusement and entertainment.

A further object of the invention is the provision of the game which may be readily transported and be utilized by both old and young.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a game of this character which is simple in construction, durable, and one which can be manufactured at a comparatively small cost.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device parts being broken away to show the interior construction thereof,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through the center of the same,

Figure 3 shows one of the sections comprising my game in the open or unfolded position, and

Figure 4 is a similar view of the other section.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 generally designates the casing which is substantially rectangular in form. The front and back are parallel while the sides are slightly tapered towards the back decreasing the back section to a slight degree. The top 6 is slightly inclined the rear portion thereof being substantially higher than the front. A horizontal partition or floor 9 is secured within the casing, this floor being inclined and issuing through the front of the casing parallel with the bottom thereof, the rear section being elevated and connecting with back 7. The partition or floor 9 is secured to the casing by two pair of side clips 10 forming extensions of the partition and issuing through suitable slots formed in the sides of the casing, the clips being bent to rigidly retain the partition in position. A similar clip 11 is formed on the rear portion of the partition and is connected to the casing in a similar manner.

The front portion of the partition or floor plate 9 is suitably cut to form a plurality, in this instance five, projecting tongues 12, these tongues extending directly from the front of the casing rectilinear with the bottom thereof. The remaining portion of the front partition section is bent upwardly forming an acute angle with the tongues 12 as denoted by the numeral 13 forming substantially a plurality of pockets.

The front section of the casing is provided with a plurality of semi-circular openings 14 adapted to align with the projecting tongues 12 the purpose of which will be hereinafter explained. The intermediate partitions 15 formed on the front section extend downwardly to the floor plate 9 a pair of these partition strips being provided with extensions 16 which extend through suitable slots in the partition and are bent to securely engage the same. The rear section of the casing top is provided with a central opening 17 formed adjacent the back of the casing to permit insertion of game pieces 18 which are preferably in the nature of marbles and may be in various colors. As the marble travels down the floor plate or partition 9 it is baffled or guided in an erratic course by a plurality of projections 19 formed in the upper portion of the plate for this purpose. These projections may be formed in the plate by forcing a sharp instrument partially therethrough or in any similar manner and effectively guide the marble in its downward movement. These projections are preferably formed in rows being substantially equally distant from each other, the intermediate rows being preferably formed so that the projections will be cut out of alignment.

The simplicity of construction and the ease of assembling my device constitutes one of the features thereof, the entire device being readily constructed of only two pieces of material which may be metal or other durable material. As shown in Figure 3 the casing may be cut in one piece the top 5, front and back 6 and 7 and side strips con-

stituting only one piece of material, which may be folded on the dotted lines shown in this figure in order to connect same with the other piece comprising the partition or floor plate.

Figure 4 illustrates the partition or floor plate 9 showing the same cut out and the dotted lines indicating the bending lines the two pieces being connected together by the clips or ears formed thereon.

In playing this game, the game pieces or marbles 18 are of different colors, corresponding colors being painted upon the projecting tongues 12. The marbles in this instance five in number, are dropped one at a time through the opening 17 in the casing top and travel by means of gravity down the incline partition plate 9, the projections thereon directing the course of the marbles during the downward movement, the marble finally issuing through the opening 14 in the front of the casing and rolling out upon the tongues until pocketed by the raised strip 13. The object is to obtain as many of the marbles upon tongues of corresponding colors, as possible, the different colors having different values indicated by the numerals 20 marked on the top of the casing over the openings formed in the front. These numerals are preferably distributed according to the difficulty ascertained by the marbles in reaching the particular tongue members.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as the preferred example of the same, and that various changes as to the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A device of the character described comprising a casing, an inclined top formed on the said casing having an opening in the rear portion thereof, and a plurality of arcuate openings formed in the front portion of the said casing; an inclined partition mounted within the casing and extending outwardly in the front thereof, a plurality of pockets formed on the said extension, means for securing the said partition in the said casing, and a game piece adapted to be positioned on the partition and moved thereon.

2. A game comprising a rectangular casing having an opening formed in the top and a plurality of openings formed in the front portion thereof, a partition or floor plate mounted within the said casing in an inclined position, a plurality of projecting tongue members formed on the front of the said partition plate, an inclined retaining plate formed on the front of the said partition plate adapted to receive game pieces therein, a plurality of projections formed on the inclined partition plate, and game pieces adapted to be positioned through the opening in the casing and travel downwardly upon the said partition plate.

3. A game comprising a substantially rectangular casing slightly tapered towards the rear portion thereof, the rear side of the casing being slightly higher than the front side, the front side having a plurality of openings formed therein, a partition or floor plate mounted within the said casing in an inclined position, means for securing the said floor plate to the said casing, a plurality of outwardly projecting tongue members formed upon the said partition, an inclined retaining plate having recesses formed therein also formed on the front part of the said partition plate, a plurality of projections formed on the upper portion of the said partition plate, and game pieces inserted through a suitable opening in the casing top and adapted to move downwardly upon the said partition plate.

4. A game constructed of two pieces of material one piece comprising a tapered casing composed of side, front, and back members, the front member having a plurality of recesses formed therein, and a second piece comprising an inclined partition plate mounted within the said casing, clips or ears formed upon the partition plate for engaging the said casing, the front portion of the said partition plate being suitably cut to form a plurality of projecting tongues and retaining guide strips.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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