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Fig. 1.

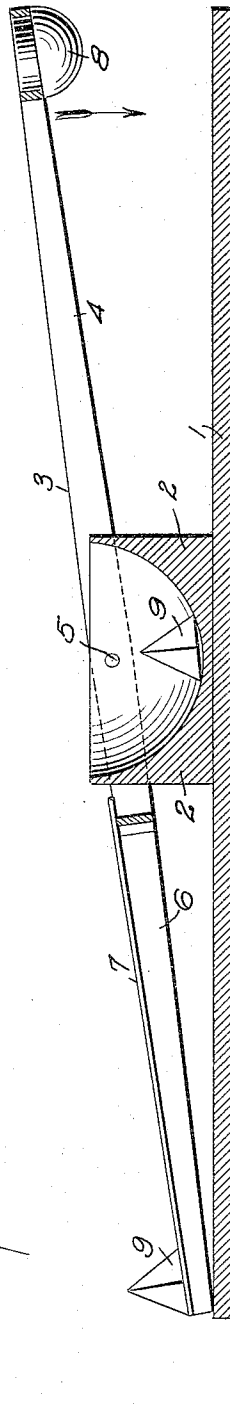
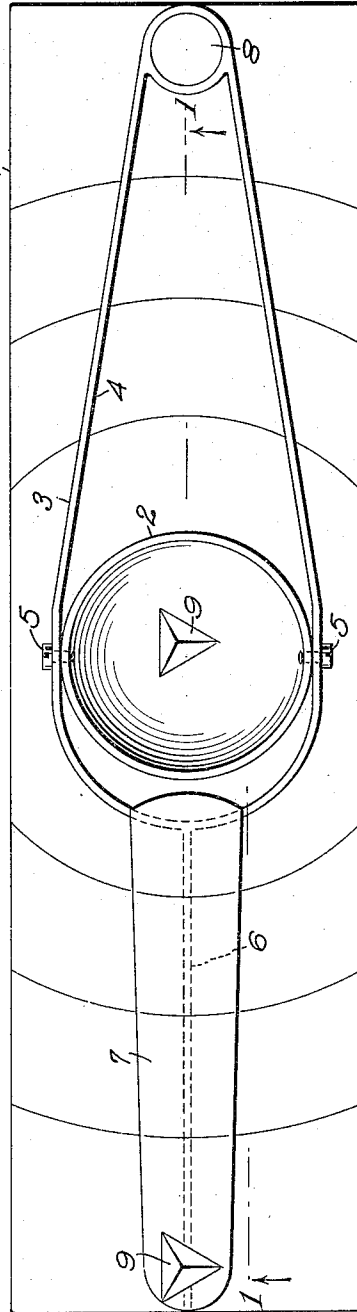


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAY KERR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Adrian, in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to amusement devices, and more particularly to games of that type in which objects or pieces are adapted to be thrown into a pot or equivalent device.

The invention has for its general objects to provide a toy which is suitable for playing as a game, the toy including novel means for holding a piece which is adapted to be thrown upwardly into the air and drop into a pot suitably placed.

A more specific object of the invention is to provide a novel throwing device which is in the form of a walking beam that is fulcrumed on the pot, into which an object placed on the far end of the beam is adapted to be thrown by the player striking the forward end downwardly so as to strike a stop, whereby the walking beam is arrested, and the object or piece thrown upwardly so as to take a parabolic path and drop into the pot, the striking end of the walking beam being provided with a buffer which is adapted to hit upon the base plate or board of the device.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one embodiment of the invention and wherein similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views, Figure 1 is a central longitudinal section of the toy; and Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the base plate or board of the device which has fastened at its center a pot or receptacle 2 that is intended not only to receive the pieces thrown into it, but to serve as a support for the walking beam or firing element 3, which latter has a yoke-shaped arm 4 which embraces the pot 2, to which the side members of the arm are fastened by pivot bolts 5, and extending from the yoke is a bar-like member 6 which supports a plate 7 on which the piece to be projected or fired into the air is placed. On the forward end of the walking beam, that is to say, the end nearest to the player, is a rubber buffer 8 which is adapted to strike the plate 1 when the player hits the forward end of the walk-

ing beam to force it downwardly. This throws the rear end upwardly, and when the buffer, by striking the plate 1, arrests the movement of the walking beam, the piece or object 9 placed on the rear end of the plate 7 is thrown upwardly into the air, and toward the front, so that the course followed by the object 9 will be that of parabola and probably end in the pot, depending upon the proper projecting force being exerted. The movable pieces 9 are shown in the form of pyramids, one pyramid having been thrown into the pot and another being on the rear end of the walking beam in readiness to be projected. The walking beam is so proportioned that the front end will be raised to a position in readiness to be struck downwardly by the player. Each player will have a certain number of pieces, and he who succeeds in throwing all of his pieces into the pot will win the contest. The plate or board 1 may be divided into zones concentric with the pot, and if a piece is not thrown into the pot but lodges on the plate 1, the player will be required to place the piece again on the platform or plate 7 directly over that zone into which the piece had previously fallen, and then the walking beam is again operated by the player in an endeavor to throw the piece into the pot. By thus compelling the pieces to be projected from different points on the platform 7, the player must exercise skill in applying the right force to the forward end of the walking beam.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the advantages of the construction and method of operation will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made when desired as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A toy comprising a pot, a walking beam mounted on the pot and extending in opposite directions therefrom and pieces adapted to be thrown on one end of the walking beam and thrown upwardly into the air by

movement of the walking beam, whereby the pieces drop into or around the pot.

2. The combination of a base, a pot fixed thereon, a walking beam fulcrumed at the pot, and a piece resting on one end of the walking beam and adapted to be thrown by the movement of the walking beam into the air in a course to drop into or near the pot.

3. The combination of a base, a pot fixed thereon, a walking beam fulcrumed at the pot, a piece resting on one end of the walking beam and adapted to be thrown by the movement of the walking beam into the air in a course to drop into or near the pot, and a buffer mounted on the opposite end of the walking beam and adapted to strike the said base.

4. A toy of the class described comprising a pot, a walking beam fulcrumed on the pot and having a rear arm heavier than the forward arm, pieces adapted to be placed

on the rear arm and to be thrown upwardly and forwardly into the air by the player hitting downwardly on the forward arm, and a buffer on the forward arm.

5. A toy of the class described, comprising a pot into which pieces are adapted to be dropped, a walking beam fulcrumed at the pot and having a rear arm adapted to receive the pieces to be thrown upwardly into the air and drop into the pot, a buffer on the walking beam, and means for limiting the movement of the walking beam when the same is moved to throw up the piece.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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