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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DRURY W. HEYDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane, State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a game board.

The object of my invention is to provide a parlor game board of approved construction and in carrying out the object of my invention I use a game board divided into a predetermined number of squares and a set of "men" or players, these latter being represented by two sets of disks of different colors.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown in Figure 1 a view of the fields as used in my invention. Fig. 2 represents one of the "men" or game pieces enlarged as used in my invention. Fig. 3 shows the semi-spherical cup employed to carry one of the game pieces. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail of the semi-spherical cup with one of the "men" therein.

In carrying out the aim of my invention, I provide a game board having two fields A—B divided into 11x11 squares and extending from the centrally positioned three squares at the outer end of each field A and B are the goals *a* and *b* as shown. Equally dividing this board into the two fields A and B is a heavy central line *x*.

The "men" or game pieces consist of two sets of disks, one preferably colored white and the other preferably colored blue, and each set of disks is marked consecutively from 1 to 11 so that in connection with this board 22 "men" or game pieces are used.

The "ball" is represented by a semi-spherical cup K, preferably of spun brass, having an extending collar D, of a diameter larger than the game piece over which the collar of the "ball" is placed, the shoulder E forming a stop for the game piece, as shown in Fig. 3. This collar is partly cut away, as shown at F, at two opposite points so that the game piece may be readily grasped.

The object of the invention is to approximate a foot-ball game, and the men of the defensive side are so positioned that the player of the opposite men cannot readily

reach his goal. This game is intended to be played by two or more parties.

In referring to Fig. 1, for instance, the game board is shown with the "men" of the two sides distributed and placed as at the beginning of the game. The "men" upon the field B are alined adjacent the inner line of their field which is the central heavy line *x* and the cup or "ball" K is represented squarely on the field line *x*. Prior to starting the game each set of the "men" includes one disk marked 11 and these disks 11 represent the captains or king pieces, and the disk 11 of the side having the ball, is inserted within the "ball" K. From this it will be seen that one side has the "ball" and ten players, numbered 1 to 10 inclusive while the opposite side has 11 "men", the disk number 11, which is inserted in the "ball" on the defensive side being counted as one of the players.

In Fig. 1 the 11 players of the defensive side upon the field A are so distributed that the eleventh "man" is positioned immediately opposite the "ball", the ninth and tenth "men" being distributed two squares to the rear and one at the right and left of the central line of squares, while the eighth "man" is positioned four squares in the rear of the leading eleventh "man," while the sixth and seventh "men" are again positioned one square to the rear and two to the right and left of the eighth "man," the fifth "man" in turn being positioned two squares in the rear of the eighth "man," while the second and third "men" are in alinement with the ninth and tenth "men" but seven squares to the rear and three squares to the right and left of the "men" 2 and 3 are the "men" 1 and 4 respectively.

The object of the player holding the "ball" is to move it so as to reach his opponent's goal, the other player striving to prevent this. In scoring, if the "ball" passes over the opposing line outside of the goal it counts one point for the player; for going into the goal a score of five points is counted. At the end of fifteen minutes if no score is made by either side a new start is taken from the center of the board. At the end of thirty minutes, the player having the highest score is the winner of the game.

In every game the "ball" always moves first. Each player possesses the "ball" alternately whether the last game was won or

lost by him. In the movements the "ball" can be carried forward or sidewise but never backward. All "men" may be moved in any direction though no "man" nor the "ball" can be moved more than one square at a time. The side that has the "ball" can move three "men" besides the "ball" while the opposite side can move four "men." If the "ball" cannot be moved forward one square or space in five moves the other player takes the "ball" and proceeds with the play, the opponent placing the "ball" four spaces to the right or left in line with the former position. If the former position was close to the side line the opposite side may be chosen. If neither side scores within fifteen minutes a new start must be made from the center of the board, and it is to be understood that no jumping over "men" is allowed.

While I have confined myself to two fields divided into 242 squares and have designated two sets of "men" of eleven each, I do not wish to confine myself to these values or numbers as these may be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What is claimed, is:—

1. A game apparatus for playing imitation foot ball consisting of a board divided into a plurality of squares equal in number at each side of a central dividing line, a plurality of men movable over the board and arranged in two sets equal in number and of different colors, and a cup member representing the ball and adapted to engage over one of the men.

2. A game apparatus for playing imitation foot ball consisting of a board divided into a plurality of squares equal in number at each side of a central dividing line, a plurality of men movable over the board and arranged in two sets equal in number and of different colors, and a cup member representing the ball and formed with a lateral flange and with oppositely disposed recesses in the flange, said cup adapted to engage over one of the men.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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