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GAME BOARD.

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FIG. 1

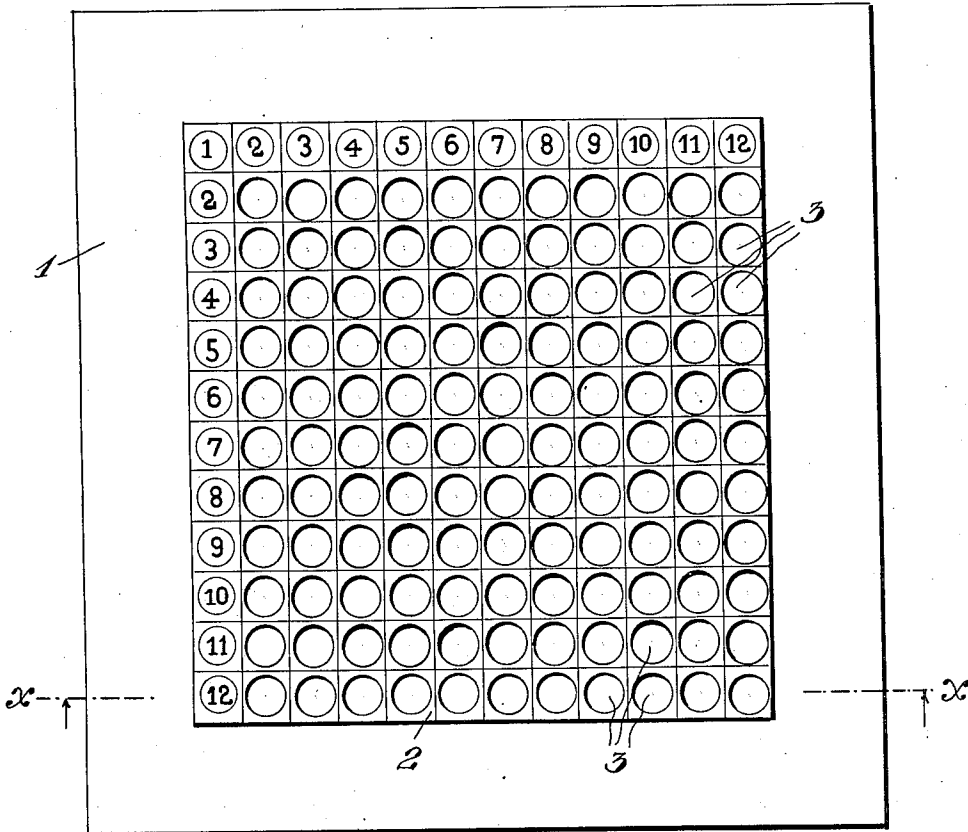


FIG. 2

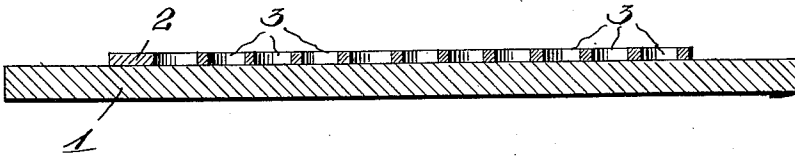


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY C. MATTHIAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Van Wert, in the county of Van Wert and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to game boards, and particularly to that type of board wherein the multiplication table is adapted for purposes of instruction and amusement.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and cheap game of this character.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a plan view of the device; Fig. 2 is a transverse section thereof taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the checkers used.

Referring more especially to the drawings, 1 represents a board, rectangular in outline and preferably of some light colored wood. Glued or secured to the board 1 in any suitable manner is a board 2 of dark material or wood, which is raised on the surface of the board 1, and is provided with a plurality of apertures 3, extending therethrough. These apertures 3 extend entirely across the board in horizontal rows, and throughout the entire length of the board in vertical rows, and pass entirely through the board so as to produce a foraminous member.

The numbers in all aggregate one hundred and twenty-one, and along each connected side of the board I arrange numbers up to twelve, so that by tracing out any one number on the left hand side to the connecting row from the top side, I am enabled to know, for instance, that if the number 5 of the left hand side is traced out to the number 4 in the vertical row of 4, I will get the aperture for checker number 20.

For each one of the apertures I provide a separate checker, illustrated in Fig. 3, and there are used in the game one hundred and

twenty-one of these checkers in all, so that they may be played into the depressions or apertures so as to multiply numbers up to twelve times twelve. These checkers contain all the numbers of the multiplication table, and it is the object of the game to insert the checker member of a given multiple number into the proper aperture without first tracing out the lines and taking time to figure out the proper multiplication.

It will be seen that I have provided a device which is simple of construction, which will be instructive and yet amusing, and which will teach children the essentials of multiplication and division with very little trouble.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A game board comprising a suitable base, an apertured board smaller than the base secured thereon to rise thereabove, and a series of checkers of greater height than the depth of the apertures of the board adapted to be played in the said apertures, said checkers having multiplication numbers thereon.

2. In a device of the class described, a base, an apertured board thereon raised from the base, numbers along the top of said board and along the side thereof, a plurality of checkers having greater height than the depth of the apertures in the board, said checkers having numbers thereon which are multiples of the longitudinal rows or numbers on the board, and a marginal supporting flange on the base for the support of the idle checkers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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