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Fig. 1.

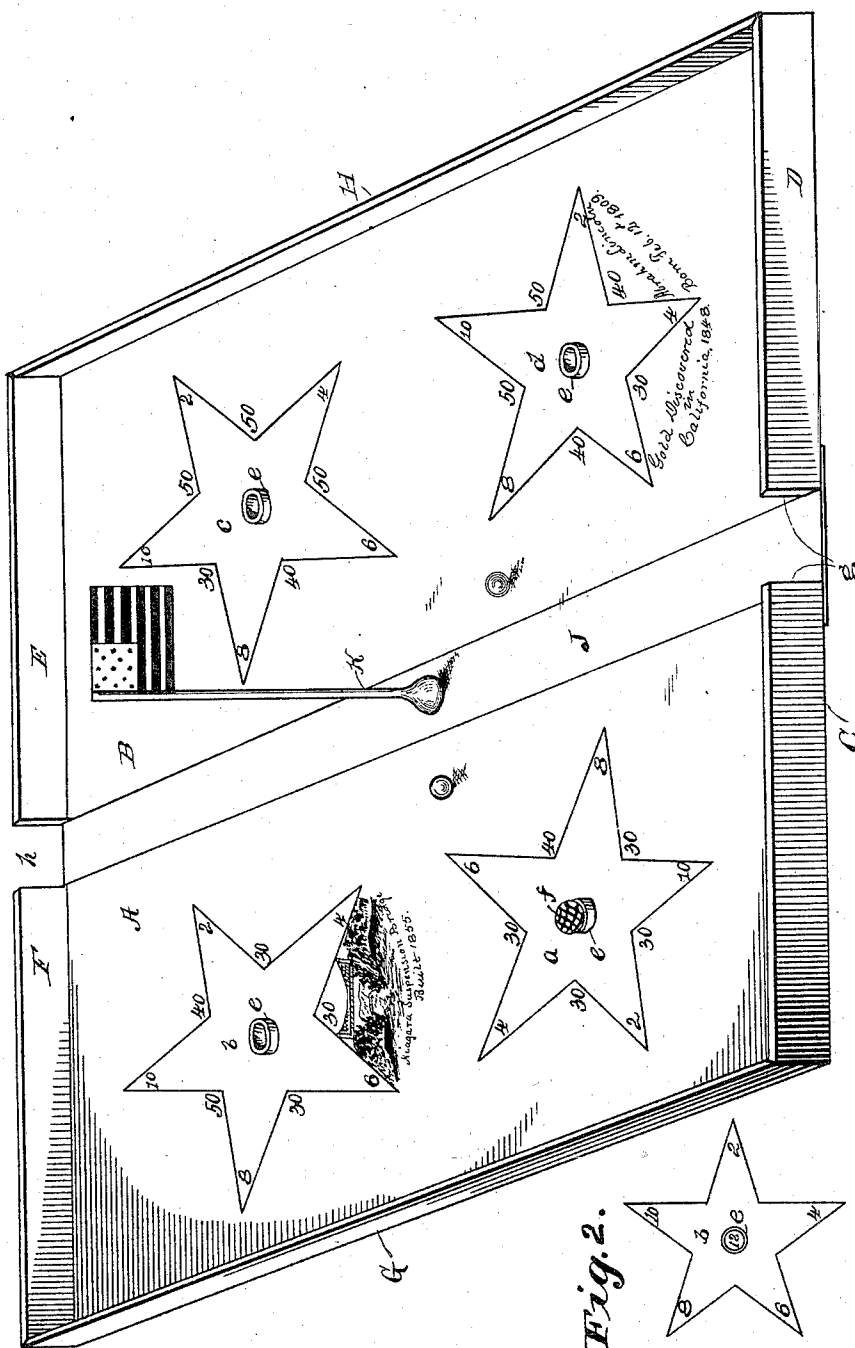
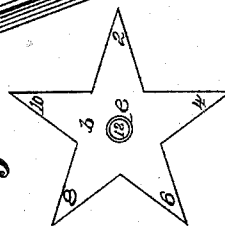


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE J. CHAMBERLAIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, and to enable others to fully understand the same reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of the game-board opened and in readiness for the game to be played. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the stars that form part of the game.

Its construction and operation are as follows:

The game-board consists of the parts A and B, surrounded by the end and side walls C, D, E, F, G, and H, forming an open box-like structure, connected together by the flexible strip J, so that the two halves may be folded over upon each other and form a closed box when not needed to play the game.

a b c d are four five-pointed stars, two on each board, used in the game. The points of these stars carry numbers—viz., “2,” “4,” “6,” “8,” and “10”—which count in the game presently to be more fully described. In the center of each star (see also Fig. 2) is the numeral “12,” and surrounding this center numeral are the rings *e*, intended to support balls or marbles, one of which marbles *f* is seen in the ring of the star *a*.

K is a flagstaff supporting a flag, which staff, when the game is being played, stands on the central strip J and midway of the game-board.

When the game-board is opened, as in Fig. 1, openings in the end walls of the frame will be formed equal in width to the width of the strip J, which openings are designated by *g* and *h*.

Located at the apex of the angles between the star-points are the several numerals “30,” “40,” and “50,” which represent points in the game equal to such numbers. Historical events, together with the pictures representing such events, are also inserted between the several star-points, one of which pictures—

viz., “Niagara Suspension Bridge, Built in 1855,” together with an illustration of such bridge and the surrounding scenery, as shown—will suffice to convey the idea as to how the spaces between the star-points are filled. The illustrations, however, may, if desired, be dispensed with and the historical event only inscribed, such, for instance, as “Gold discovered in California in 1848,” “Abraham Lincoln born in 1809.”

Two, three, or more persons may play the game, each provided with a small ball or marble, playing in turn from the corners of the board, the number of points constituting the game to be determined by the players. The flag is placed, as shown, in the center of the board, and the rings *e* are placed in the center of each star, so as to encircle the numeral “12” at such center. A striped marble is then seated in each of said rings, one of which marbles is, as before mentioned, seated in the ring on the star *a*.

The rules of the game are as follows: If the player's ball strikes the flagstaff, it counts five. If it rolls back and touches the staff a second time, it counts double. If the marble rests against such staff, it trebles the count; but if the flag is thrown down the player loses all previous counts and must begin over again. If the marble in one of the rings nearest the player is touched, it counts nothing unless such marble is displaced by the recoil of the player's marble, when it will count twelve or such number indicated within such ring. If any of the striped marbles in the other rings are touched by the player's marble, then there will be added to the player's count an amount equal to the number within the ring.

If any of the marbles in the rings except the one nearest the player are displaced, it will count double the number within such ring. As soon as a player has completed a shot such player's marble is left upon the board, and if the marble of the next player strikes it ten will be added to such second player's count.

If a player's marble passes out either of the side openings *h g*, thirty points are lost or deducted, but if an opponent's marble is forced off the board by a player forty points are added to such player's count. If a player's

marble rests on any of the star-points, it will count equal to the number indicated on such point; so, also, if a player's marble rests on any of the numbers located at the apex of the angles of such stars it will add to such player's count the number over which the marble rests.

The above will serve to illustrate how the game is played. The different numbers located on the star-points and other places about the game-board may be changed, if desired; so, too, may the historical illustrations and events placed between the star-points, the object being not only to provide amusement, but by means of the historical events and illustrations to impress upon the minds of the young some of the most important and leading historical events in a way that will serve to fix such events firmly in their minds. The illustrations and historical events may, if desired, be removably attached to the board, so that when thoroughly familiarized they may be replaced by a new and different set.

If desired, the flag and rings may be dispensed with and the game played with the star-figures alone.

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

1. The herein-described game apparatus,

consisting of the folding board having side walls, openings *h, g*, in the end walls, star-figures inscribed on such board and carrying, on each point of the said stars, certain numerals, combined with numerals in the center of such stars to serve as points or counts in the game, rings surrounding such central numerals, said rings carrying marbles or balls, a removable flagstaff, for the purpose set forth.

2. The herein-described game apparatus, consisting of the folding board having side walls, openings *h g* in the end walls, star-figures inscribed on such board and carrying on each point of said stars, certain numerals, combined with numerals in the center of such stars to serve as points or counts in the game, rings carrying marbles or balls, a removable flagstaff, the angular space between the star-points containing historical events inscribed thereon with pictures illustrating such events, all combined for the purpose as described and set forth.

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