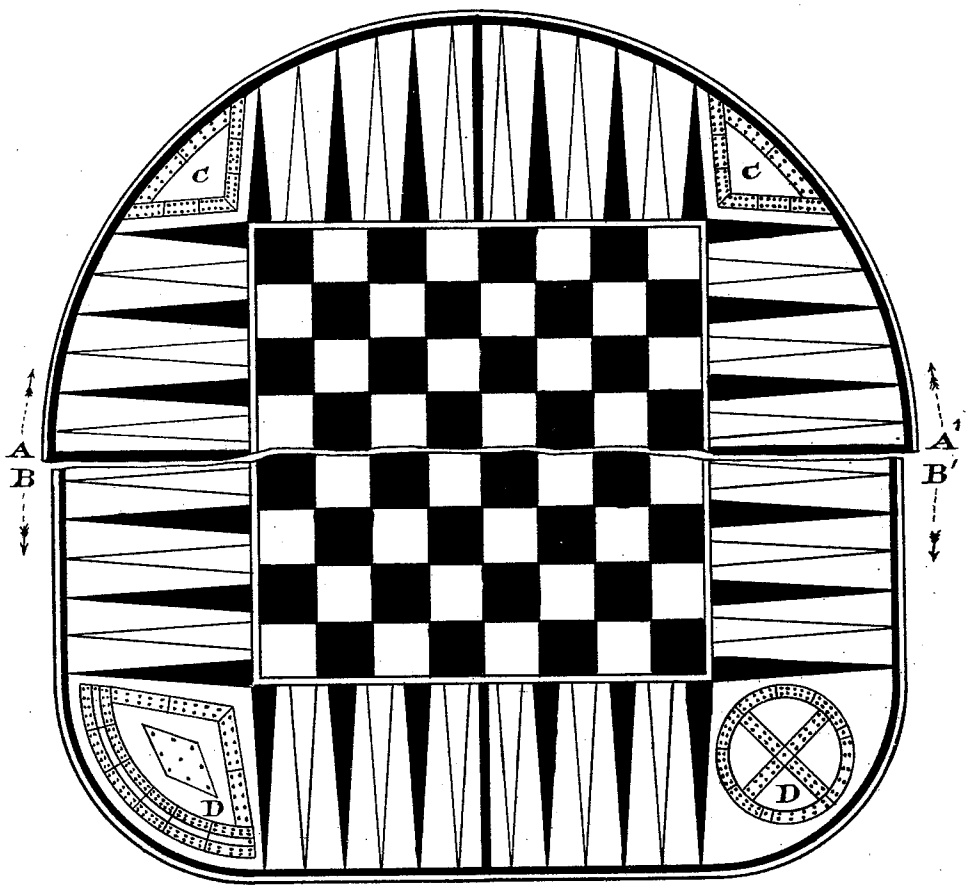
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Game-Board.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM HARMON, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented and constructed a Game-Board, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification.

My improved game-board is made up of a combination of different kinds of boards, and can be used in the playing of drafts, (or checkers,) chess, backgammon, cribbage, whist, and pedro.

The invention consists, essentially, of a board, round, square, or of other desired form, having on the face surface a square figure centrally located, and divided into sixty-four smaller squares, and around the central or main square is arranged a series of forty-eight points, there being twelve points upon each of the four sides of the square, upon which can be played the four-handed game of backgammon.

Referring to the drawing, from the point A to A′ represents one-half of the board in a circular shape, the points C C in the upper corner representing cribbage, whist, and pedro counters. From the point B to B′ represents one-half of the board in a square shape, with corners rounded, the points D D representing cribbage, whist, and pedro counters.

The board as organized can be used by two, three, or four persons playing together the game of backgammon, or by four persons playing two separate and distinct games of backgammon. It is also, by means of the corner counters or devices, adapted for use in the games of cribbage, whist, and pedro.

My invention can be constructed of wood or other suitable material, and the division squares and points made by either inlaying or painting; or they can be printed on paper and mounted on card-board; or the board can be manufactured as a table oil-cloth, in each case suitable colors being used to produce the necessary effects.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A game-board, composed of wood or other suitable material, having a central square figure divided into sixty-four smaller squares, around the four equal sides of which are forty-eight points, there being twelve on each side, all substantially as described and shown.

2. A game-board with central square figure divided into sixty-four smaller squares, with a series of forty-eight points, arranged in clusters of twelve points on each side of the central square, the clusters of twelve points being separated at the angle of the central division by a triangular space containing counters for cribbage, whist, and pedro, all substantially as described and shown, and for the purposes set forth.

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