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GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. JUSTICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beach City, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

The purpose of this invention is the provision of a device to enable one to while away the time usually spent in diversion or amusement of some kind and to keep up the interest and obviate weariness.

The game consists of a case or box, a series of pockets at the lower end of the box, pins located above the pockets in echelon form, a bumper at one side of the box, a loop having an inclined chute and a discharge for delivering the missile against the bumper, and a shot to be passed through the loop and delivered against the bumper and caused to rebound and strike one or more of the pins before finally lodging in one of the series of pockets, which are differently numbered, the player receiving the highest number of points in a given number of turns being the winner.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and drawings hereto attached.

While the essential and characteristic features of the invention are susceptible of modification, still the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a game embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section about on the line X X of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in both views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

While the primary purpose of the present invention is the provision of a device to enable one to pleasantly pass away the time or idle moments, it may be used to advantage for bringing to attention any goods or business to be advertised, the advertising matter being applied to any convenient and desired point of the article.

The box or case 1 for housing the operating elements is preferably of oblong form, the lower end being straight and provided with a series of pockets and the upper end being preferably round, so as to more readily direct the ball or traveling object into the inclined chute, terminating in the loop around which said object passes in its travel. The front of the case is closed by some suitable transparent material—such as glass, mica, or celluloid—same being attached to the rim of the case in any determinate way.

A series of pockets 2 are provided at the lower end of the case and are differently numbered corresponding to the points in the game, according as the ball lodges in one or the other of said pockets. Any number of pockets may be provided, five being shown. A corresponding series of pins 3 are located above the pockets and have an echelon arrangement, said pins constituting obstructions to prevent ready entrance of the ball or object 4 into any one of the pockets. A bumper 5 is located at one side of the case about in line with the pins or obstructions 3 and receives the impact of the object or missile 4 as the same leaves the discharge end 6 of loop 7, said object or missile rebounding and striking one or more of the pins or obstructions 3 before finally settling in any one of the pockets 2. The side of the bumper facing the discharge 6 is inclined, thereby tending to direct the missile upward after impact therewith, the rebounding tending to throw same toward the opposite side of the case.

The loop 7 is constructed of a tube of proper size, one end of the tube being extended and constituting the discharge 6, and the opposite end being inclined to form chute 8, through which missile 4 passes and acquires sufficient momentum to carry it around loop 7. The upper end of the inclined chute 8 is curved and slightly flared, as shown at 9, to facilitate the entrance of the missile or object 4.

The space between the front and back of the case is of a size to snugly receive loop 7 and missile 4. In playing the game the case is arranged in an approximately upright position and is quickly moved to throw missile

4 into receiving end 9 of chute 8, and said missile in its travel through the chute acquires a momentum to carry it around loop 7 and through discharge 6 and cause it to strike
5 bumper 5 with a force to produce a rebound by means of which the missile is carried to the opposite side of the case and is finally received in one of the pockets 2. The number of the pocket receiving the missile counts for
10 the player manipulating the device, and the player receiving the highest number of points in a given number of turns is the winner.

The upper coil of loop 7 is provided with a series of openings 10 to admit of observation
15 of the missile as the same travels or passes around said loop.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A game apparatus comprising a case provided at its lower end with a series of pockets, a series of obstructions located above the pockets and having an echelon arrangement, a bumper at one side of the case about in line with said obstructions, a loop having a

discharge and an upwardly-inclined chute, 25 and a missile loose within the case and adapted to travel around the loop, strike against the bumper and finally enter a pocket after clearing the obstructions, substantially as set forth. 30

2. The herein-described game apparatus comprising a case having its lower portion straight and provided with a series of pockets and having its upper end made round, a series of pins located above the pockets and 35 constituting obstructions, a bumper at one side of the case, a loop having a discharge and an upwardly-inclined chute, the latter terminating in a curved flared end, and a missile loose within the case, substantially 40 as set forth.

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

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