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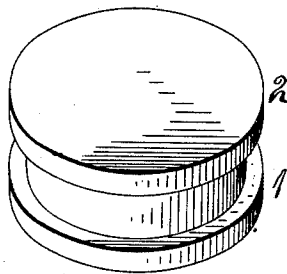


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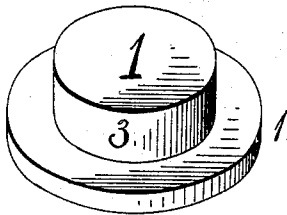


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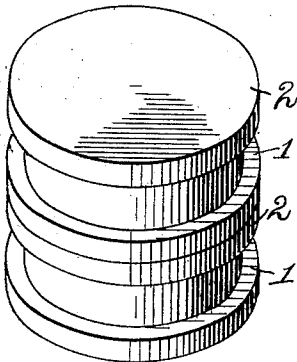


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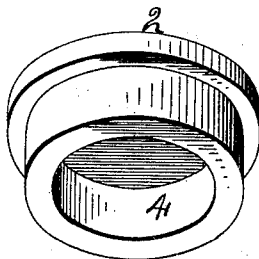


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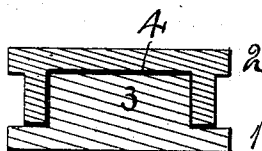


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK R. MEASE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Freeport, in the county of Stephenson and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Checkers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a new and improved construction of checker with which the ordinary and well-known game of "checkers" may be played and in addition thereto certain new and interesting variations of said game.

Briefly stated, the invention comprises a checker formed of two parts, one of which carries a numeral or other character and the other of which parts is adapted to fit over the said first-named part in such manner as to conceal said character or numeral from view, the two parts referred to constituting when combined a single checker.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of my checker. Fig. 2 is an isometrical representation of the base portion of the checker. Fig. 3 is an isometrical representation of the cap portion of the checker. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the checker. Fig. 5 is an isometrical representation of two of my improved checkers when used as a king.

My improved checker consists of two parts—the base portion 1 and cap 2, removably fitted thereto—the said parts when combined constituting a single checker. The base portion has a central projection 3, and the cap has a recess 4 to receive the projection. When the cap is placed over the projection, a connection is formed between the parts, so that the checker can be used as an ordinary checker. On the end of the projection 3 is placed the numeral "1," which is covered when the cap is placed over the projection. It is evident that other characters might be used in place of the numeral, the object of the cap being to cover and conceal the character until the move has been made.

In addition to the game of checkers by placing numbers or letters on the projection 3, which are concealed by the cap, when a man has been jumped upon removing the cap, if, for instance, the numeral "1" is shown the party making the move can remove another

man not a king from the board, if the numeral "2" be shown two men can be removed, and if a king be shown a king can be removed.

I am aware that ordinary checkers have numerals or characters on their under face, also on their top face, but am not aware that a single checker has been made in two parts, one part having a numeral or character which is concealed by the two parts of the checker being placed together.

At Fig. 5 is shown two of my improved checkers, one placed on the other, forming a king. In this instance the king comprises four parts—two base portions and two caps, and the projections of the base portions having a numeral or character.

In assembling the two parts of the checker I prefer to provide a close fit between said parts, so that the one will be frictionally locked to the other in such manner that when the uppermost part is grasped, as in the act of "jumping" or "moving" the checker, the under or lowermost part will be held thereto solely by said frictional connection. It will thus be seen that the checkers may be moved about and lifted during play by simply grasping the upper part, and the two parts will remain intact, thus preventing an accidental exposure of the numeral or character that is concealed between the two parts of the checker, which exposure would detract from the amusement of the game. It will be understood, of course, that the checkers are reversible.

I claim as my invention—

1. A checker comprising a base portion and a cap frictionally locked thereto, the said base and cap when combined, forming a single checker.

2. A checker comprising a base portion having a central projection carrying a numeral or character on its upper face, and a cap provided with a socket or bore arranged to closely fit said projection to frictionally lock the parts together and cover the numeral or character, the said base and cap when combined, forming a single checker.

3. In the game commonly known as checkers, a set of checker-men, each man comprising a base and a cap removably attached thereto, one of the parts of each checker-man being provided with a numeral or character which

is concealed from view when the two parts comprising a single man are attached, the numerals or characters on some of the checker-men differing from those on other checker-men.

5 4. In the game commonly known as checkers, a set of checker-men, each checker-man comprising a base, and a cap removably attached thereto, in such manner that when the
10 cap is grasped to lift a checker-man, as in the act of "jumping" or "moving," the base will be carried by said cap, one of the parts of each checker-man being provided with a numeral or character which is concealed from
15 view when the parts are attached, said numerals or characters on some of the checker-

men differing from the numerals or characters on other checker-men.

5. In the game known as checkers, a set of checker-men, each man comprising a base 20 and a cap removably attached thereto, one of the parts of some of the checker-men being provided with a numeral or character that is concealed from view when the two parts comprising a single man are attached, the nu- 25 merals or characters on said men differing from those on other men.

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