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PIN GAME BOARD.

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Fig. 1.

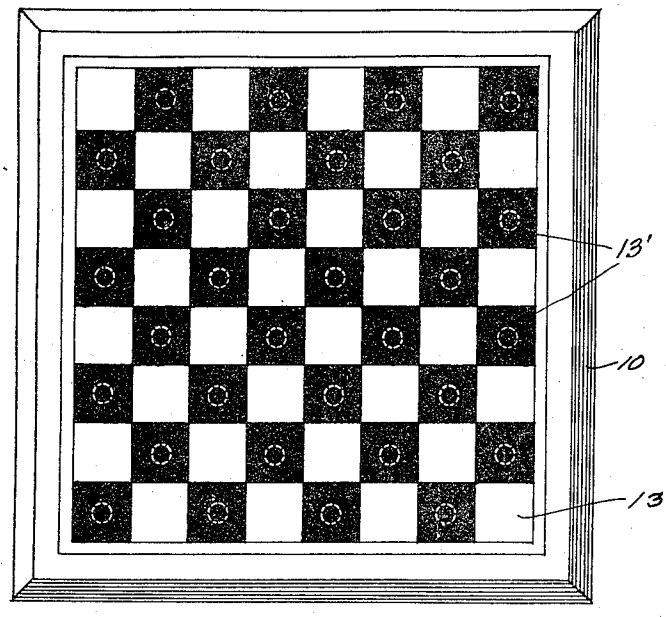


Fig. 2.

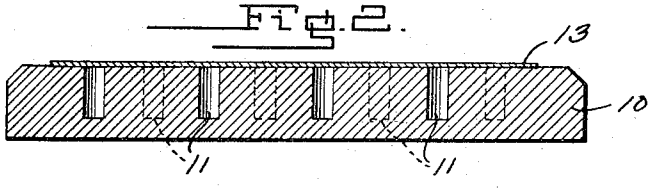
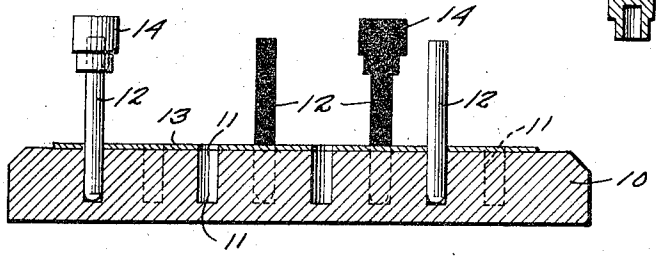


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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFREY KNOOS, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pin Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to games, and more particularly to game boards with which movable objects are adapted to be used, such as for playing the game of "checkers".

The invention has for an object to provide a game board with recesses or sockets to receive pegs, and means for protecting the recesses or sockets from accumulations of dust and other foreign substances tending to clog up the recesses or sockets until the game board is to be used, the protecting means enabling the ready insertion of the pegs therethrough when desired.

Another object of the present invention is to provide the game board with movable objects or "men," in the form of pegs, and to provide a removable top or cap for each peg to be used in designating a "king", or the like, after certain moves of the pegs have been made during the game, the pegs and their caps being so constructed that they may be subsequently moved as a unit.

Various other objects and advantages of this invention will be in part described, and in part understood, from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board constructed according to the present invention, showing the protecting means for the recesses or sockets in the board.

Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the same.

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing a number of adjustable pieces mounted in the board, and showing the protecting plate recessed to receive the pegs therethrough and enable the adjustment of the pegs during the game.

Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of one of the cap pieces adapted to be mounted on the pegs for indicating "kings" or the like.

In the accompanying drawing, 10 designates a base-board which may be constructed of a single piece of wood or other suitable material, and which is of substantial thickness. The base-board 10 is provided with suitably spaced apart rows of recesses or sockets 11 open at the upper face thereof and which are shown in the present instance as arranged in staggered relation to adapt the board to use in playing the game "checkers". These recesses 11 as shown are of suitable depth to receive pegs or "men" 12 and substantially support the same in upstanding position.

The board 10 is also provided upon its upper face with a frangible face plate 13, formed of paper or the like, having suitable delineations 13′ lithographed or otherwise suitably formed upon the exposed upper surface thereof, and which in the present instance is blocked off into squares arranged in rows and alternating in colors. The face plate 13 is positioned on the base board in a manner that each mouth of the recess or sockets 11 has one of the delineations 13′ thereover, the field of said delineations being relatively larger than the said mouths and preferably centered thereover. Thus, when one of the pegs 12 is forced downwardly through the frangible plate at one of the delineations 13′, so as to extend into the recess or socket there below, there is a substantial portion of the delineation 13′ remaining and readily visible, even in a dim light, to designate the particular recess. Initially, the face plate 13 is retained imperforate to prevent accumulations of dust and foreign substances in the recesses 11 and prevent the same from being clogged up while in storage, during transportation, and prior to use of the board. When it is desired to use the board, it is only necessary to grasp the pegs 12 and force the same downwardly through the face plate 13, puncturing the base plate, and enabling the insertion of the pegs 12 in the recesses 11.

The pegs 12 are of considerable length relatively to the thickness of the base plate 10 and are adapted to stand at a considerable height above the face plate 13. The pegs 12 are provided with removable caps or heads 14 which may be easily slipped over the upper exposed ends of the pegs to designate "kings", or the like. The shanks of the pegs 12 are of sufficient length to admit grasping the same below the caps 14 so that the peg and its cap may be moved as a unit during subsequent move of the pieecs. As shown in Fig. 3, the pegs 12 are con-

tradistinguished, individually or in groups by preferably a color scheme; such as having two groups of pegs, one of which is white and the other black, and having their respective caps or "crowns" correspondingly colored. The pegs are adapted to be used and adjusted from recess to recess over the base plate in the same manner as are the usual "checkers".

It is found that the board 10 may be made relatively small and placed in the pocket with the pegs 12 plugged therein and the caps 14 fitted to the pegs. The device is small and compact, may be conveniently carried by soldiers, campers, travelers and the like, and may be supported by hand, on the knee, and in any other suitable manner when tables and other horizontal flat supports are not available.

It is of course understood that various modifications in construction and design may be made of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention to adapt the same for use in playing various games wherein movable pieces are employed, and wherein the pieces are to be distinctly designated after certain moves have been made with the same. These changes and modifications are restricted only by the scope of the following claims:

I claim:

1. A game apparatus, comprising a base provided with spaced sockets open at its upper face, a plurality of pegs adapted for insertion and removal into and from the said sockets for playing the game, and a frangible cover plate secured over the upper face of said base and provided with delineations, said delineations positioned one over each mouth of said sockets, and the field of said delineations each being relatively larger than the mouth of its respective socket so as to designate the position of said socket before and after the peg has been forced through the plate.

2. A game apparatus comprising a flat base having recesses open at the upper side thereof, pegs adapted to be inserted and interchanged in the recesses, and caps detachably fitting on the free ends of the pegs, said pegs being relatively long to provide finger spaces beneath the caps for facilitating removal of the pegs from the recesses without disturbing the caps supported on the free ends of the pegs.

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