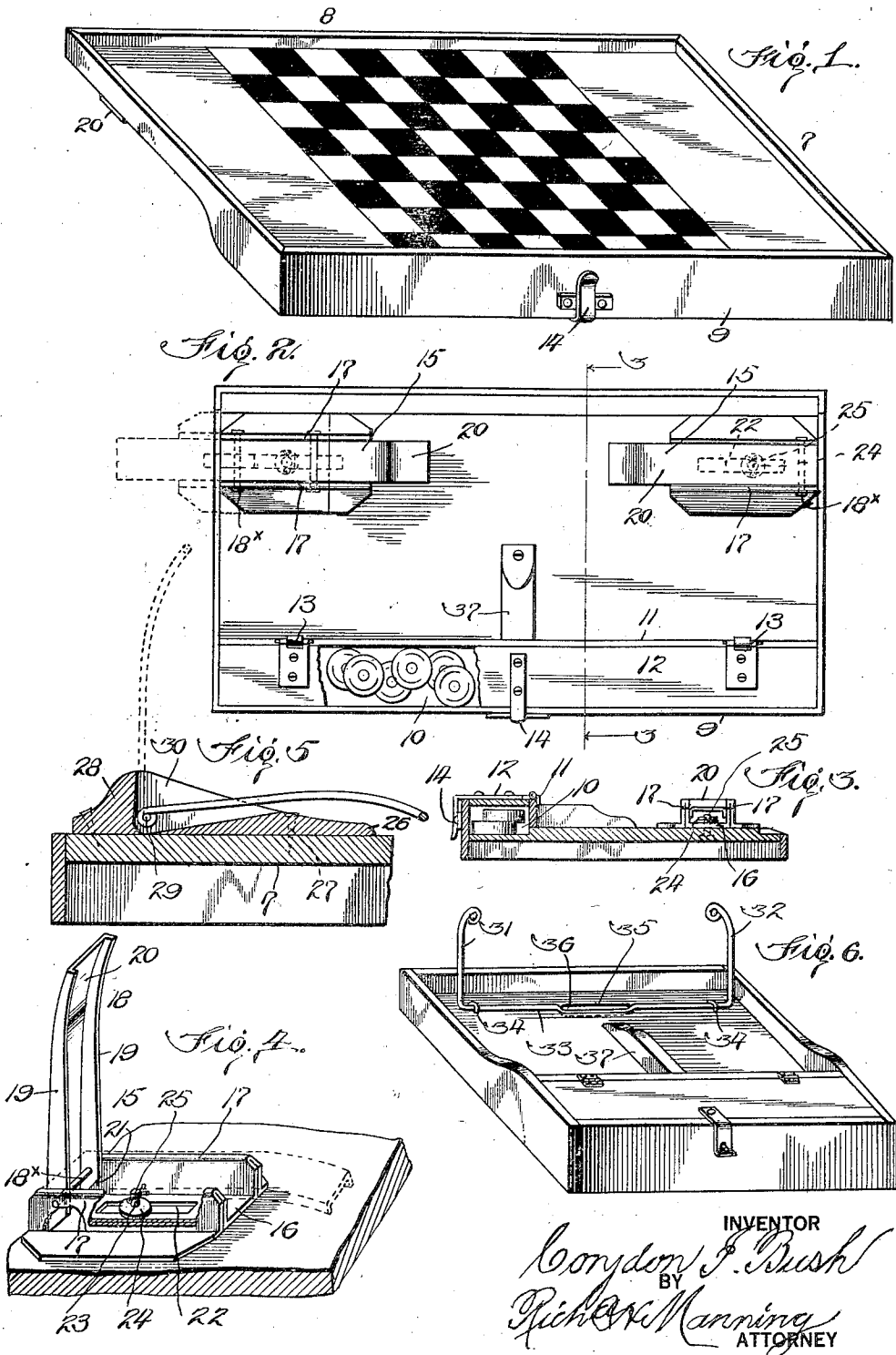


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORYDON I. BUSH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lunch or Game Lapboards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

The invention relates to a class of devices such as game tables which are conveniently supported upon the knees of the person while the game is being played, such tables being also adapted for use as a lunch board, as well as a reading table, and the like.

The invention consists in means for supporting the board or table from lateral movement, and maintaining its normal horizontal position.

The invention further consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, such as will be first fully described and then specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is an isometric top view of the novel game or lap board;

Fig. 2 is a view of the board in a reversed position;

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the board taken on the line 3—3 on Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a detail view in perspective of a portion of the board and of the novel knee clamping devices;

Figure 5 is a vertical sectional view of a portion of the board showing a modified view of the base and of the clamping device;

Fig. 6 is an alternate view of a clamping device and means for holding the arms in an open and closed position to that seen in Fig. 1.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, 7 indicates a board of suitable dimensions and as shown rectangular in form. A border strip 8 extends around the edges of the board and projects about one-half inch above the plane of its upper surface to prevent articles from falling off the board, and also for strengthening the board.

The lower edge of the border strip 8 at the rear portion of the board is flush there-

with, but downwardly extended at the front edge as at 9, an inch or more, in order to raise the front portion of the board when in use to make it level upon the knees.

Upon the underneath side of the front portion of the board is a chamber or receptacle 10, approximately one and one half inches in width and the same in depth, the lower extension of the rim at 9 forming the outer side of the box, the strip 11, forming the inner side of the box and extending its full length. A cover 12, is hinged at 13—13 to the inner side strip 11.

Upon the forward edge of the cover is a spring catch 14, holding the door securely closed and preventing the loss of the contents of the box.

In Fig. 2 the cover 12 is shown broken away to show the checkers employed in the game within the box.

Upon the under side of the board 7, equidistant from its forward edge and near each end of the board, are the novel clamping devices 15. Each device is composed of a base plate 16 (see Fig. 4) upon which are the parallel supporting straps 17—17, extending a short distance upwardly from the plate 16, forming an alley to which plates at one end are pivoted by pivot 18*, the lower end of a lever 18. This lever, as shown, consists of the board supporting, knee clamping arms 19—19, to which is secured a back plate 20, the upper ends of the plates and arms 19 being curved inwardly.

The pivot 18* extends through the upper portions of arms 17—17, and through the plates 19—19 of the lever, a short distance above the lower ends of plates 19, so that the lower edge of plate 20 comes into contact with the upper surface of the base plate 16 when in an open position, the lower ends of the plates 19 being cut away at 21 to permit closure of the lever. Thus the lever can be opened only so far as to extend at right angles to the board.

In the base plate 16 is a longitudinal opening 22. The base plate 16, by means of a broad headed bolt 23 extending from the board upwardly through the opening 22, upon which is a washer 24. In the upper end of the bolt is a small opening through which passes above the washer the split key 25. The bolt 23 secures the base plate to the board, yet permits it to rotate, changing the position of the lever relative to its

curved inclination, so that it may be used in a clamping position inside or outside of the legs, the inward and outward movement of the slotted plate permitting an adjustment
5 of the clamping device inwardly or outwardly in proportion to the grasp desired upon the knees of the person using the board.

The base plates 16, with the levers, may
10 be moved in the direction of the inner side plate 11 of the receptacle, so that when the levers are folded upon the base plate, they will afford a lever surface when the lap-board is placed upon a table or other level
15 surface.

In Figure 5, the base plate 26, is fixed to the board by the screws 27, and as shown, consists of a solid rear portion 28, against which the clamp comes into contact in an
20 open position, the lower portion of the clamp being hinged to the pivot 29 in the lower portion of the vertical side 30.

In Figure 6, the knee clamping arms 31 and 32 are connected together by a straight
25 wire 33 of sufficient strength, which extends across the lower surface of the board and secured to the board near each end by wire staples 34. A portion of the wire 33 between the staples is bent to form an outward
30 projection 35, which enters a groove 36 in the board and holds the arms in an open position.

A block 37, secured to the lower surface of the board serves to support the inner side
35 member of the receptacle 10. Such other modifications may be employed as are within the scope of the appended claims.

Having fully described my invention,

what I now claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. The combination with a lap board, of
40 base plates upon the lower surface, and foldable clamping arms on the base plates, and means for reversing the position of the base
45 plates.

2. The combination with a lap board, of
base plates upon the lower surface of the
board, and clamping arms on said plates,
and means for adjusting the position of the
base plates outwardly and inwardly. 50

3. The combination with a lap board, of
base plates upon its lower surface, each plate
having a longitudinal opening, bolts upon
the board extending through said openings,
securing devices on the bolts for the base
55 plates, clamping arms pivotally connected with the base plates, and an abutment for holding said arms in an open position.

4. The combination with a lap board, of
base plates upon its lower surface, each plate
60 having a longitudinal opening, means within said opening connected with the board for securing the base plates in a sliding
movement, parallel side plates on each base
plate, clamping arms pivotally connected
65 with the side plates, and a back plate on the arms extending beyond the pivots and forming abutment for said arms.

5. The combination with an article supporting board; of arms pivotally, slidably
70 and revolubly connected to said board and a single means for each arm adapted to secure it in revolubly and slidably adjusted position.

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