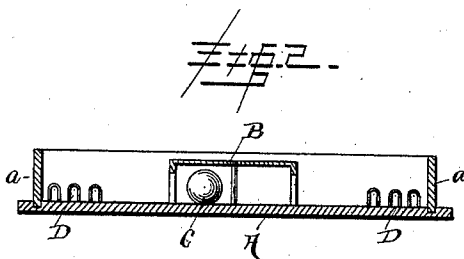
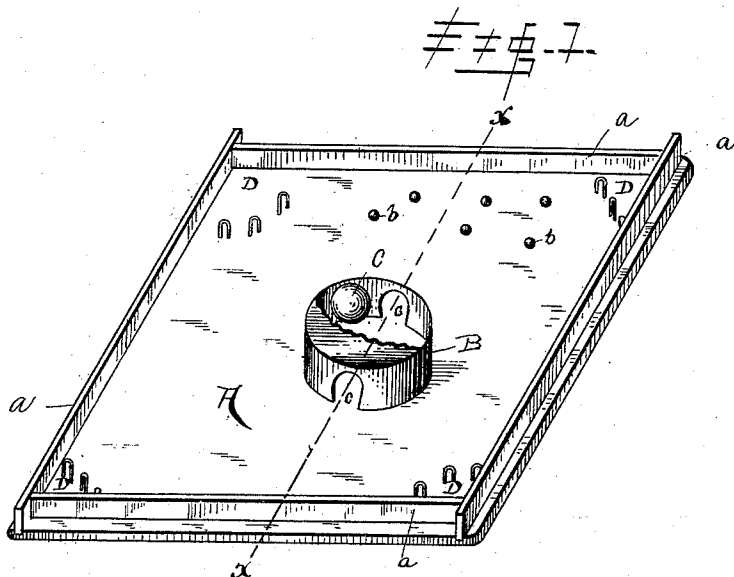


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARISON DECKER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Horseheads, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a novel game or play, having for its object both to amuse and interest the player; and it consists of the combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter set forth and illustrated, and pointed out in the claim concluding the specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game or play, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof.

In carrying out my invention I employ a base or board A, which, with a surrounding raised portion *a*, constitutes an inclosure, in which at the center is a closure or house B, of circular form, for a ball or spherical body C.

At each corner within the inclosure is a pen D, containing a series of very small spherical bodies or shot *b*. The pens D, which are for corraling in groups the bodies or shot *b*, comprise pickets or rails, the spaces between which are of sufficient width to permit the passage of the spherical bodies D out of said pens, while the house B has two openings *c*, arranged in alignment with each other and of a size that will prevent the passage there-through of the ball C.

The operation is as follows: It being desired to get the bodies or shot *b* into the house, the board or base A is tilted, so as to cause the said shot or bodies to move toward the house, the ball C being the heavier and moving away from the nearer opening of the house toward and closing the distant or opposite opening thereof, preventing, as the shot or bodies enter the house through said nearer opening, said shot or bodies from passing out of the house through said distant opening, it being understood that the tilting or manipulation of the board is continued until all the shot or bodies from the several pens or compartments have entered the house.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

The game apparatus comprising the central circular house or closure, containing a ball or spherical body and having openings in alignment with each other and of a size to prevent the passage therethrough of said ball and to admit thereinto small spherical bodies, and the pens adapted to contain and permit the passage therefrom of the small spherical bodies, substantially as set forth.

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

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