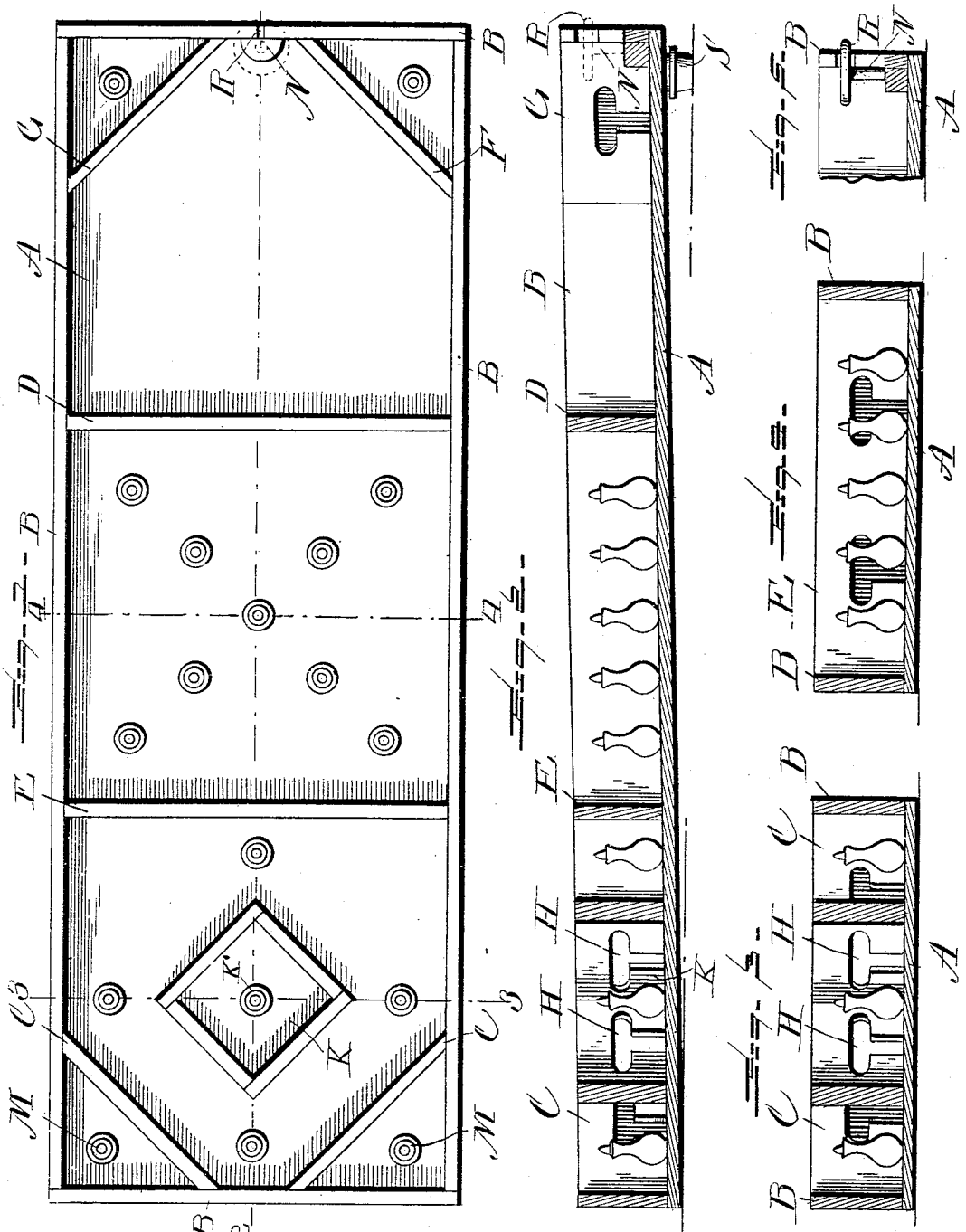
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIE ROBINSON WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in games, and especially to a board with an inclosed wall set preferably at a slight inclination divided into courts or compartments and the provision of a set of pins disposed at different locations in the various courts and compartments, access being had to the various compartments through suitable openings through which a spinning-top is adapted to pass and in its rebounding movements from the side walls and partitions designed to knock down the pins. The pins, some arranged within a "castle" or "block-house," others in "sentry-boxes" and other compartments, each has a distinct number counting so much in the game, the pins which are in compartments in which the chances are the slightest of their being knocked down by the spinning-top of course having the highest count. The winner of the game is the one who is able to knock down a sufficient number of the pins to aggregate a total of four hundred.

The invention will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this application, and in which drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved game-board with the pins set in their proper positions. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the elevation on which the top is held while being spun. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4 4 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 5 is a sectional view through one end of the game-board, showing in side elevation the top mounted on a horizontal platform or block.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the board, which in the present instance is of rectangular shape, although any different shape may be employed, if desired. About the marginal edge of the said board is a flange or wall B, and across the corners of the board at one end are partition-walls C, making "right-sentry" and "left-sentry" compartments. The board is divided crosswise into three compartments or divisions by the partition-walls D and E. Across the corners at one end of the board are partition-walls F and G, making the "left-watch" and "right-watch" compartments. In the center of the compartment intermediate the partition E and the end of the board is a castle or block-house. Through the side walls of said block-house are the T-shaped apertures H, there being one such aperture in each side of the block-house. In the middle of each partition-wall at the corners of the board is a T-shaped aperture, and in the partition-walls D and E are similar-shaped apertures, there being three such apertures in each partition and at equal distances apart. Within the compartments of the left and right watches is located a pin representing a "watch," and in the compartments at the opposite end of the board at the corners are the pins M M, representing sentinels. Within the compartment between the walls D and E are nine pins disposed at equal distances apart and in cross shape, while within the block-house, designated by letter K and positioned in the compartment intermediate the partition E and the adjacent end wall of the board, is a single pin K', centrally located.

At one end of the board is a platform adjacent to the end wall, and on this platform the top N is designed to rest while it is being spun. The upper end of the top has a circular head R, which is of such a size as to easily fit in the enlarged top of the aperture in the end wall described. The purpose of the T-shaped apertures in the various partition-walls is such as to allow the top to readily pass from one compartment to another.

The pins, which may be of any desired shape, preferably representing soldiers, are

first arranged in their proper positions, as shown in the drawings. The board being set at an inclination by reason of its having short legs S at one end is now in readiness for the work to be accomplished by the top. The operator after winding a string about the shaft of the top places the latter on said platform at the end of the board, with the upper end of top extending through the aperture adjacent to said platform. The string is then forcibly pulled from the top in the ordinary way in spinning tops, giving whirl to the top, which after the string is pulled away drops down on the board and, dancing about, first striking against one wall, then rebounding from partition to side wall, and should the top happen to pass through one of the apertures in the partition-walls will in its wild zigzag course knock down more or less of the pins, the point in the game being to have the top knock down as many of the pins as it will before it stops spinning. As the pins in the various compartments have a particular count, the player who first succeeds in spinning his top to knock down pins aggregating a count of four hundred wins the game.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A game apparatus comprising a board with peripheral wall, divided into communicating compartments by partition-walls, corner-partitions to said board, a block-house in one of the compartments disposed diagonally with relation to the transverse partition-walls and its opposite faces parallel to the adjacent diagonal partition-walls respectively, a horizontally-disposed block mounted on the upper surface of the board and against the end wall thereof, and intermediate the adjacent ends of the partitions across the corners of one end of the board, said end wall having a transverse slot and a central vertical slot, the latter cut in from the upper edge of the end wall, with its lower marginal edge flush with the upper horizontal surface of said block, as set forth.

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

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