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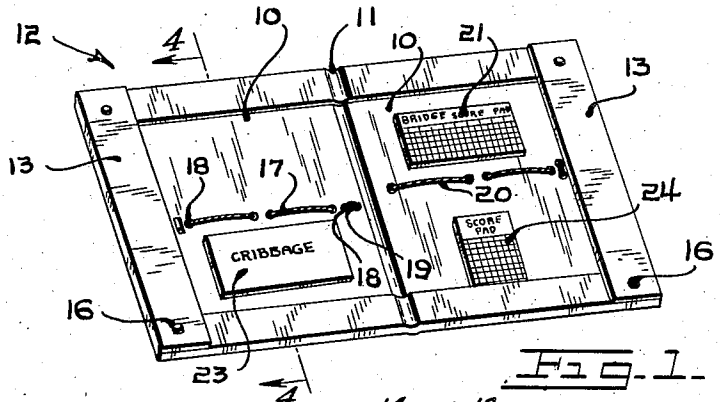


Fig. 1.

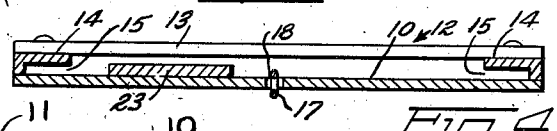


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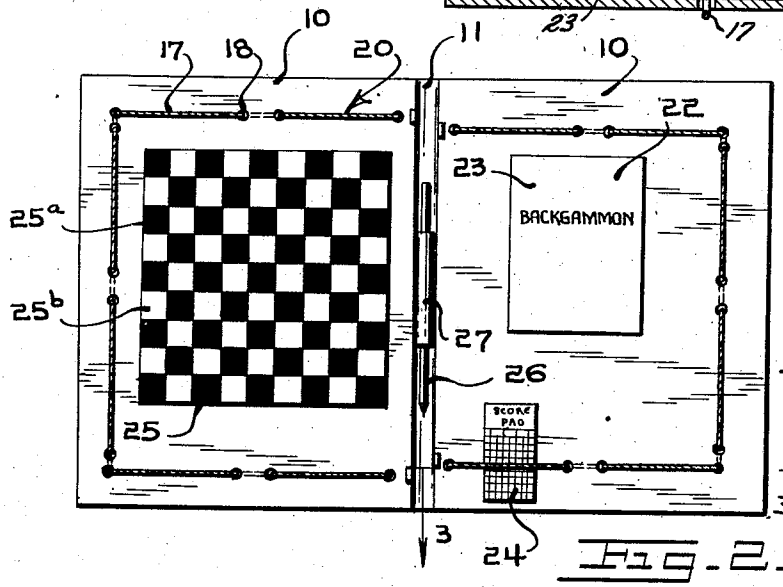


Fig. 2.



Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in outdoor game boards.

More particularly the invention proposes an improved outdoor game board which is characterized by improved means for holding playing cards and the like from blowing off the board and by having new and useful features whereby the board is adapted for use with a plurality of games.

It is proposed to characterize at least part of the holding means by flexible elastic members interwoven with the body of the board, and positioned for the convenience of the players.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a device which is simple and durable in construction and operation.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the new game board according to one embodiment of the invention, in which part of the holding means comprise elastic members interwoven with the board member.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the game board according to a slightly different embodiment of the invention wherein all the holding means comprise elastic members interwoven with the board.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view of the board shown in Figure 2, taken along the line 3—3.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the board shown in Figure 1, taken along the line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a cross section of the elastic holding means.

The outdoor game board as shown in Figures 1 and 5 comprises two board like members 10 which are flexibly joined together, for example by means of a strong cloth 11 or the like to form a folding game board generally designated 12. Around the periphery of this board are positioned holding members 13 comprising a plurality of clip-like strips 14 having a recess 15 thereunder to receive playing cards, scoring devices, tokens, or the like. These strips 14 are suitably mounted on the board members 10 by conventional means such as, for example, screws 16.

Running across the board members 10, preferably at right angles to the flexible joint 11 between the members, is an elastic holding means

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17. This holding means 17 passes through a series of holes or openings 18 in the board members to provide a plurality of separate holders or pockets. In the embodiment shown in the figure, one of these holes 18, is comparatively small and is adapted to receive a pencil or similar small article. Others of the pockets 19, are larger in size and are adapted to receive larger articles such as playing cards, score cards, napkins or refreshment accessories, and the like.

Also appearing on the board members are a bridge scoring pad 21, either as part of the decoration of the board, or preferably mounted thereon. There may likewise be other game boards positioned on the board members 10, and it is particularly within the scope of this invention to provide thereon game boards which contemplate the use of separate pieces which are liable to be blown away.

In the figure, a separate score pad is illustrated positioned within the holding means 13, and retained thereby.

In Figure 2, the game board comprises a pair of board-like members 10, flexibly joined by means of a heavy cloth or the like, whereby a folding board is created. An elastic member 17 is interwoven around and adjacent to the edge of the board 12 formed by these two board members, whereby a series of pockets 20 are created. In the center of the board and mounted on the flexible joining material 11 is a pencil 26 retained in a holder 27. A cribbage board 22 is positioned on one half of the board 12 and a checker or chess board is formed on the other half of the board, for example by means of alternate light and dark squares of wood 25a and 25b inlaid in the surface of the board member. There is likewise a score pad 24 shown positioned in one of the pockets 20 under the elastic member.

The elastic member 17 around the edge of the board is so spaced that the elastic on the two board members 10 will not coincide when the board is folded, thereby providing a folded board of less bulk or thickness.

Fig. 3 shows an arrangement whereby the elastic member 17 is passed through the holes 18 in the board members 12. The holes 18 are arranged in pairs relatively close together, and the elastic member 17 passes down through one hole and up through the adjacent hole, then passing over the board member to another pair of holes, forming a pocket 20 between the elastic member 17 and the board member 10. The ends of the elastic member are secured by means of a T-fastening. The elastic may alternatively pass across

the flexible joint 11, as shown in Figure 1, or end with a fastener on either side of the joint as shown in Figure 2.

In Fig. 4 is shown the combination of the elastic holding means 17 and the fixed holding means 13. The fixed means are shown at the edges of the board, and the elastic member 17 is shown passing through a hole 18 in the board member 11. This figure was further described in connection with Figure 1.

The elastic member 17 described in connection with the various figures comprises generally a cord-like elastic body 30 optionally covered with a cloth 31. The cloth serves as a protecting agent and as a decorating agent, and accordingly is not necessary to the functioning of the arrangement, but in view of the purpose it serves, it is a part of the preferred embodiment of the invention.

The elastic body 31 is suitably any rubber-like material, including such materials as natural rubber, any of the synthetic rubbers, reclaimed rubber, or other natural or synthetic elastomers which are capable of elastic stretching under stress.

In summary it is pointed out that this invention comprises a combination game board particularly adapted to outdoor use, containing a novel arrangement whereby game and refreshment accessories are retained on the board and prevented from being blown away therefrom.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letter Patent is:

A card game board for outdoor use, comprising a board having right and left sections hinged to fold on each other, each side of said board having an infolded edge portion providing a marginal retaining pocket parallel to said side, each section having a transversely spaced row of holes, the row of holes of one section being spaced out of line registration with the row of holes of the other section, and an elastic cord threaded through each row of holes, providing elastic retaining loops between the holes under which cards may be placed to be held against wind displacement.

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