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Fig. 1.

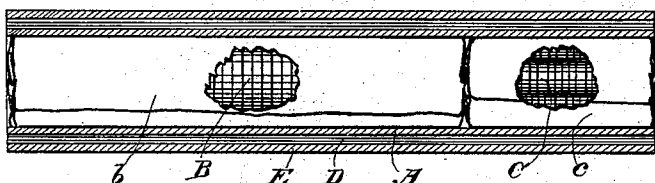


Fig. 2.

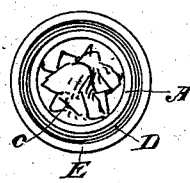


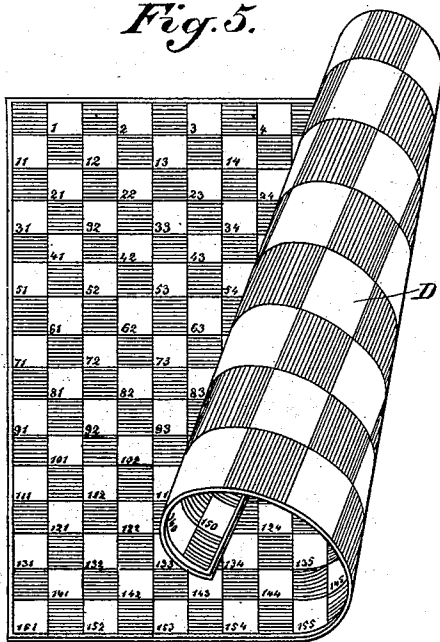
Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. LAPHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Game Apparatus; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of games, and especially to those which are so arranged with a view to portability that they may be properly called "pocket games."

The object of my invention is to provide a game, the construction of which is such that it can easily be folded into small and convenient compass, whereby it can be carried about in the pocket, and can be readily unfolded for use.

To this end my invention consists in a game comprising an inner casing within which are contained the men or other articles with which the game is played, a flexible board properly marked off, and upon which the game is played, said board being wound upon the exterior of the inner casing, and an outer casing in which the inner casing, with its contained men and its encompassing board is fitted, as I shall hereinafter fully describe and specifically claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention,—Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my game in a folded or portable condition, portions of the wrappings *b* and *c* being broken away to show the contained men. Fig. 2 is an end view. Fig. 3 is a view showing the obverse and reverse faces of men *B*. Fig. 4 is a view showing the men *C*. Fig. 5 is a view of the flexible board on which the game is played.

A is the inner casing. It may be of any suitable shape in cross section, though preferably cylindrical as here shown. It is of convenient length to be readily carried in the pocket, and it has a diameter sufficient to readily receive and contain the men or other articles with which the game is played. In the present instance, for the sake of illustration, I have shown two different classes of men. One, represented by *B*, is a disk of suitable material, having a plain surface of suitable color or colors on one side, whereby

the game of checkers may be played, and on the other side markings representing the various men of the game of chess. These disks are of a size adapted to fit readily within the inner casing *A*, and they may be confined therein by suitable removable ends to said casing, or as here shown, they may be wrapped up in a piece of paper *b* with folded ends, and the whole package slipped into the inner casing. The other class of men is represented by *C*, and consists of a small disk of suitable material having on its obverse and reverse faces suitable colors, some of these disks being of double the thickness of others to represent proportionate values. These are also contained within the inner casing and may be confined therein by removable heads of said casing, or by being wrapped in a piece of paper *c* into a bundle, and thus confined.

D is the board made of suitable flexible material whereby it can be wound up upon the exterior of the inner casing. This board may be marked off in a suitable manner to provide for the particular game to be played upon it. In the present instance, for the sake of illustration, I have shown one side of the board as laid off for checkers or chess, and the other side of the board as laid off into a number of squares of different colors which may be suitably numbered, and upon which, with the men *C*, an arbitrary game may be played. This board *D* is wound upon the exterior of the inner casing *A*.

E is an outer casing, into which the inner casing *A* with its contained men and its encompassing board is slipped, the whole fitting therein snugly and confined, it may be by removable covers to the ends of the outer casing, or merely by the snug fitting of the parts slipped into it. All these parts will be made of light material, and as inexpensively as possible, and may be ornamented as may be desired.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings it will be seen that the inner casing serves a double function, namely, first, the purpose of containing the men, and second, the purpose of furnishing a base or former upon which to roll the flexible board in order that it may be rolled to the proper size so that it may be easily placed within the outer casing. Thus,

a game is provided which can be folded up and is light and of small compass, adapting it to be readily carried about in the pocket. When required for use, it may be taken out, 5 and by withdrawing the inner parts the game may be laid out ready for play.

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

- 10 A pocket game apparatus comprising two concentric tubes open at one or both ends and fitting removably one within the other, a

flexible board rolled upon the inner tube and filling the space between the two tubes, a series of playing men contained within the bore 15 of the inner tube and means for preventing the escape of the playing men from said inner tube, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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