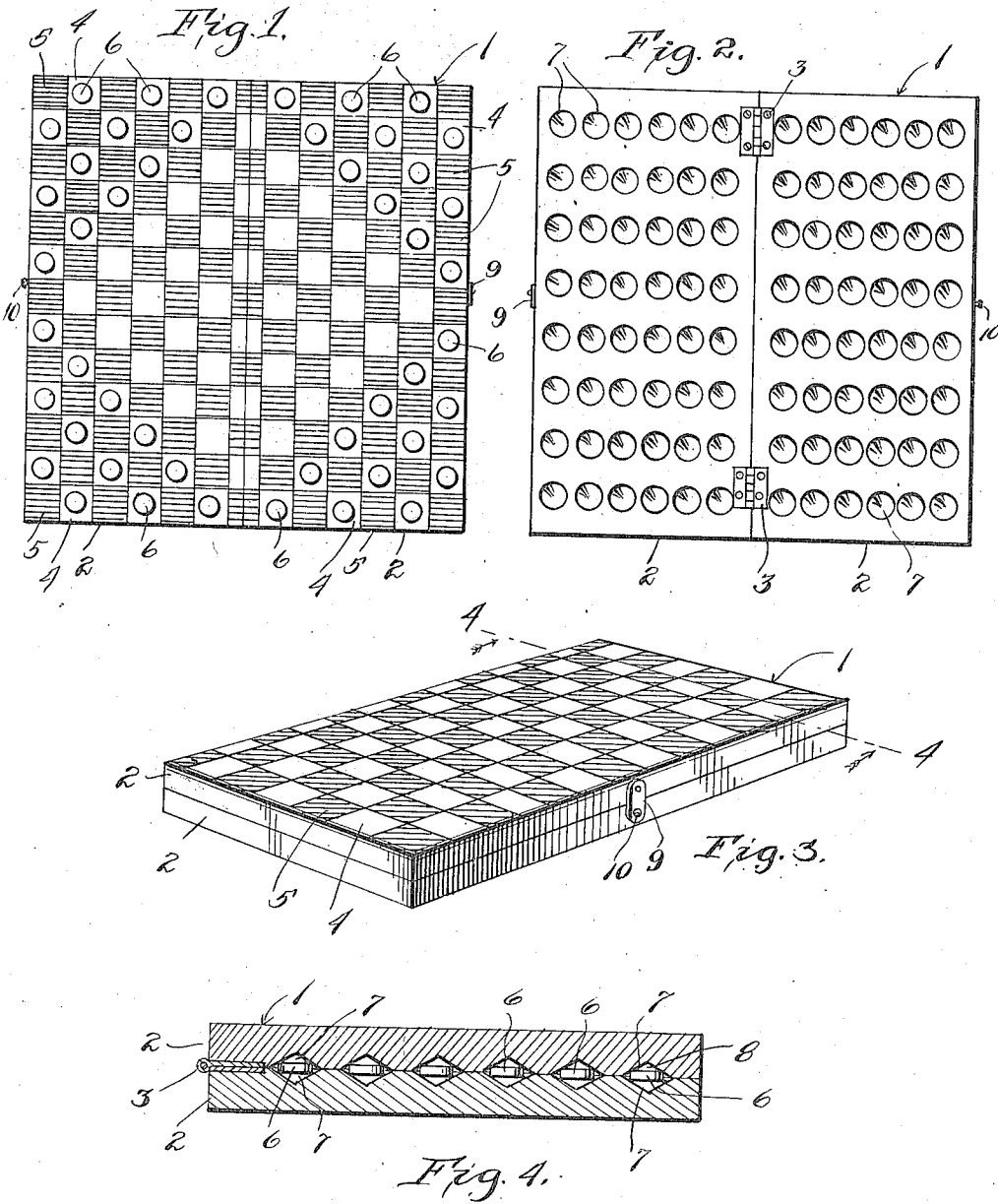


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. MASON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Prairie, in the county of Dallas, State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby 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.

The present invention is directed to improvements in games, and more particularly to a game similar to checkers.

The invention has for its object to provide a game comprising a board having its playing surface marked with men spaces and blank spaces arranged in such relation that four persons can play the game.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game board which consists of a pair of hingedly connected sections having one of their surfaces marked with spaces for playing the game, and its other surfaces provided with recesses which are adapted to confront when the sections are folded so as to provide pockets for the reception of the men or checkers.

With these and other objects in view, this invention resides in the novel features of construction, formation, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the board showing the same in its operative position.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the board when folded.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing 1 designates the board which consists of sections 2, said sections having their adjacent longitudinal edges connected by hinges 3. When the sections are unfolded the board will be rectangular in contour similar to the usual checker board. The sections are provided with men spaces 4 and blank spaces 5, which

are arranged in a manner similar to the usual checker board, but differs therefrom in that more spaces are provided so that ample room will be provided for moving the checkers or men since the game is to be played by four persons, each person having twelve checkers or men 6.

The checkers or men 6 are first placed in the men spaces 2 at each corner of the board 1, the partners having their checkers or men located at diagonally disposed corners 60 certain of the checkers being placed on spaces of the "king row" which extends longitudinally of the sections 2. It will be of course understood that the checkers or men are moved in the same manner as that employed in the usual game of checkers.

It is permissible in playing the game that the partners can jump each other's men or checkers, but this is only resorted to when the move will be advantageous to the partners.

The under surfaces of the sections 2 are provided with recesses 7 which are adapted to form pockets 8 when the sections are folded together, for receiving the checkers or men 6.

One of the free edges of one of the sections 2 is provided with a spring latch 9 which is adapted to snap into engagement with the lug 10 carried by the free edge of the other section, and when engaged serve to hold the sections with their rear faces in contacting relation so as to retain the checkers or men within the pockets 8.

It will be of course understood that the spaces can be printed directly on the sections, or they can be printed on paper and the paper pasted on the sections.

What is claimed is:—

A game of the class described comprising a board consisting of sections, said sections being hingedly connected and having their upper surfaces provided with spaces for controlling the movement of the game pieces, said game pieces being initially placed on spaces at each corner of the board, the under surfaces of each section having

recesses formed therein, said recesses being adapted to coincide when the sections are folded with their under surfaces in contacting relation to provide pockets, and means
5 for holding the sections in contacting relation.

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

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