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INDOOR GAME DEVICE.

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Fig. 1

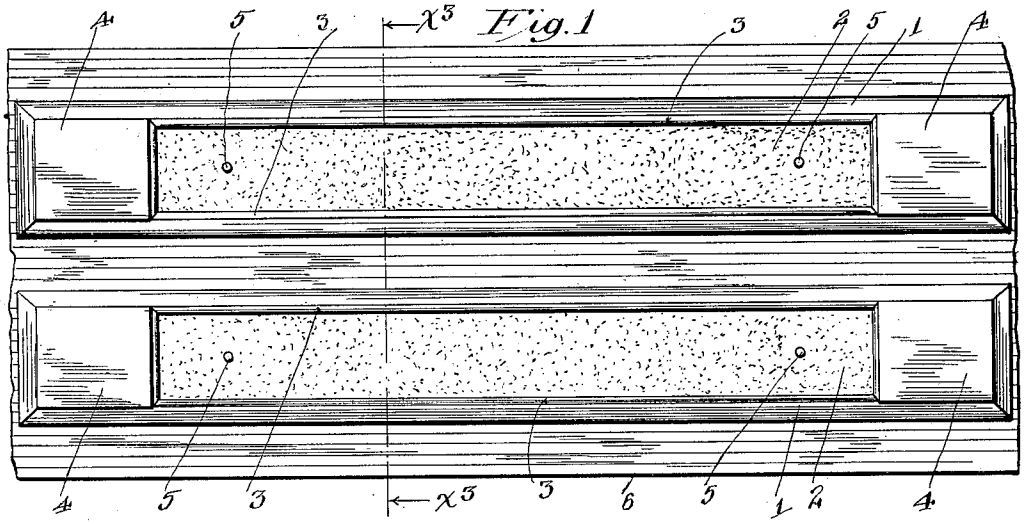


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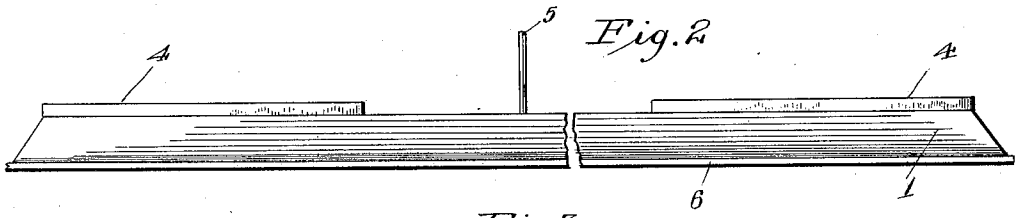


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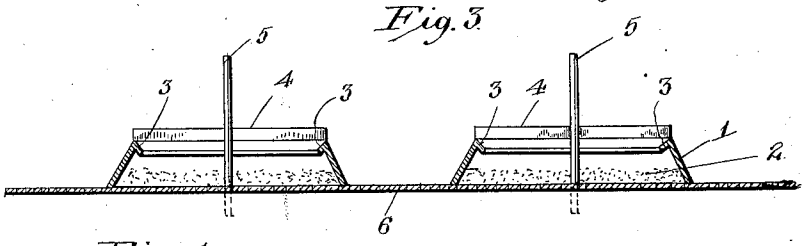


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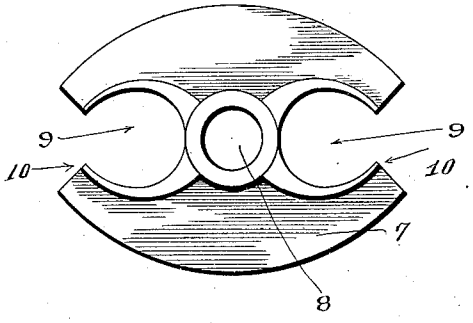


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INDOOR-GAME DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR R. LEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Indoor-Game Device, of which the following is a specification.

The game is played by means of the apparatus herein shown and described, and referring to the drawings:—Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a side elevation on an enlarged scale, with intermediate portions broken away. Fig. 3 is a cross section on line x^3—x^3 Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a playing piece. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a playing piece.

The indoor game device comprises an alley which is portable and adapted for use indoors, the alley consisting of troughs 1 which are provided with a padding 2, preferably sand. The troughs 1 have sloping sides to divert the playing piece away from the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls outside the trough as clearly shown in Fig. 3, and preferably have inwardly projecting ledges 3 which extend downwardly at an angle to guide the playing piece into the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls within the trough and prevent sand from getting over the upper edge. At each end of each alley is a platform 4 upon which the players stand. A stake 5 is placed near the end of each alley and the upper end of the stake extends above the sand and the lower portion of the stake extends through the sand and through the bottom of the alley into the wooden base 6. This base may form the floor of the room or may be constructed as the support for the alley. The playing piece is shown in Fig. 4 and comprises a metal disk 7 with a central opening 8 and two outer openings 9. The two openings 9 are not complete circles but have open segments 10, while the center orifice 8 forms a complete circle. A playing piece is constructed of metal and should weigh from one to four pounds each. I prefer to form the playing pieces in different finishes, those playing pieces of each set having their own particular finish, thus one set of playing pieces may be nickel, and another set of brass, etc.

The game is played by the player standing on one of the platforms 4 and throwing a playing piece toward the opposite end in the endeavor to cause the center orifice 8 of the playing piece to catch over the stake at the farther end of the alley or to have either of the orifices 9 catch over the stake, or if that be not attained, to see how close to the stake the player can throw the playing piece. The counts of the game are made according to the location of the playing piece with respect to the stake and as to which of the orifices, if any, lie over the stake.

What I claim is:—

1. In combination an alley consisting of a trough, sand in the trough, the trough having beveled sides and inwardly projecting downwardly inclined ledges, a platform at each end of the trough above the sand, and a stake near each end of the trough projecting above the sand.

2. A device of the character disclosed, comprising a trough, a padding in said trough, a stake near each end of said trough, the upper edges of the trough being adapted to guide the playing piece into the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls within the trough, and to divert said playing piece from the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls outside the trough.

3. A device of the character disclosed, comprising a trough, a padding in said trough, a stake near each end of said trough, said trough having downwardly diverging sides adapted to guide the playing piece into the trough when the major portion thereof falls within the trough and to divert the playing piece away from the trough when the major portion thereof falls outside the trough.

4. A device of the character disclosed, comprising a trough, a padding in said trough, the trough having inwardly extending ledges at the upper edges of the sides of the trough, each side and ledge diverging downwardly to guide the playing piece into

the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls within the trough, and to divert the playing piece from the trough when the major portion of the playing piece falls outside the trough, and a stake near each end of the trough.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 6th day of June, 1912.

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