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Fig. 1

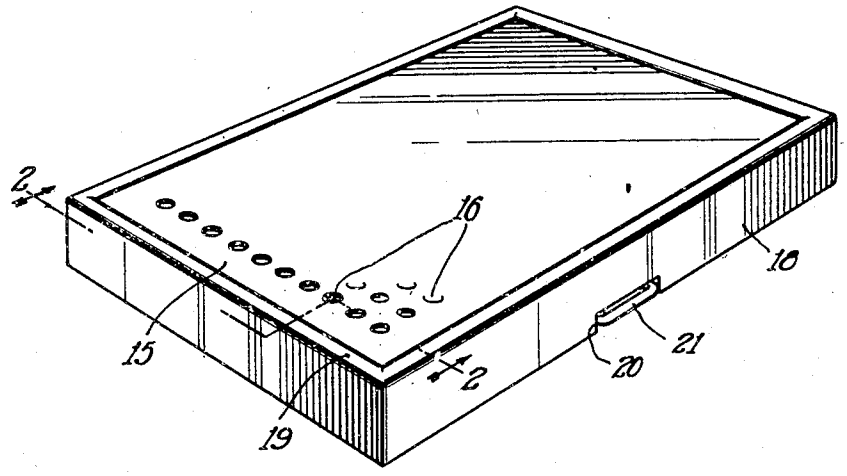
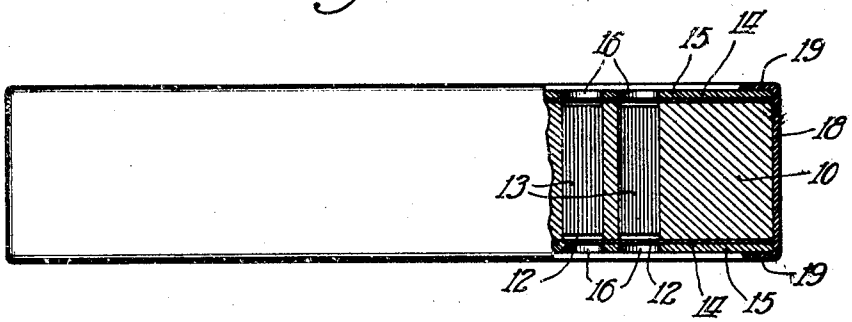


Fig. 2



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My invention relates generally to games, and has to do more particularly with a novel board which is especially adapted as a game board in a variety of entertaining and instructing ways.

Broadly stated, my invention contemplates a board having a plurality of pockets or cells therein, similar to a honey-comb, which cells contain slips of paper or the like, each bearing a different legend and adapted to be punched out of its cell by means of a pin or the like. The slips may contain questions relating to geography, history, popular science, current events, advertising slogans, sport, the Bible, literature, or a wide range of other information. A key or answer slip is intended to accompany the board which will provide answers to the questions written on the slips. It will be apparent that such a device will furnish a great amount of merriment at parties or other gatherings.

Game boards resembling in a general way those contemplated by my invention have been known in the past. However, one of the principal objections to the boards as previously known was that these boards could be readily dismantled surreptitiously by a person desiring to discover the relative locations of the various slips and the board could then be restored to its normal condition, and such person would then have an unfair advantage over his opponents in playing the game.

A particular object, therefore, of my invention is to provide a game board of the type referred to which will be so designed as to prevent any one from dismantling the same without absolutely destroying it or rendering obvious the fact that the board has been tampered with.

Various other objects and advantages will become apparent to those skilled in the art as the description proceeds.

Referring now to the drawings forming part of this specification and representing a preferred embodiment of my invention:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a game board embodying my invention, and

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

The improved game board embodying my invention comprises a body portion indicated by the numeral 10. This body portion is in the form of a relatively thick block of any suitable material and may be rectangular, as shown, or of any other desired shape.

While, as shown in Fig. 2, the body portion 10 may be formed of an integral member, as of wood or the like, this portion may, if desired, be formed of a plurality of laminated sections, as of wood, cardboard, or other suitable material. If formed of wood and laminated, the laminations are preferably arranged with their grains crossed in order to prevent splitting.

The body portion 10 is provided with a plurality of transverse apertures 12 which extend entirely therethrough, as shown best in Fig. 2, so as to provide a celled or honeycombed structure. In each of these apertures or cells is inserted a slip 13 of paper or the like bearing a legend, such as a question of the type suggested above. After the cells are thus charged with the slips, sheets of unperforated paper or the like, as indicated at 14, are arranged on opposite faces of the body portion 10 so as entirely to close the cells 12 and thus seal in the slips 13. Perforated sheets 15 of paper, cardboard, or the like, are thereupon arranged on the outside of the sheets 14, the holes 16 of the members 15 registering with the cells 12.

After the device has been prepared, as stated above, an edging 18 is applied thereto. This edging is formed of a suitable adhesive material which will form a hard permanent coating completely sealing the edges of the body portion 10 and the sheets 14 and 15 and overlapping the top and bottom faces of the board, as indicated at 19.

The edging material may comprise any suitable adhesive material which will form a permanent hard surface, such as shellac, casein, lacquer, cellulose esters, etc. In my preferred embodiment, however, I first bind the edges of the sheets 14 and 15 in fixed relation to the block 10 by applying thereto a mixture of animal glue, glycerine, water, beta naphthol, and a suitable dye, after which lacquer is applied as shown. The function of the various materials just mentioned is

believed to be well understood and the proportions may be varied within wide limits.

The board is provided with a pocket 20, in which may be disposed a sheet of paper (not shown) giving the key or answers to the slips 13, and seated also in this pocket, or in another pocket, if desired, is a punch 21, preferably of metal, for ejecting the slips from their respective cells.

It is evident that unauthorized and undetected access to the paper slips in the cells of a board of this character can be had only by removing the marginal binding material, and subsequently replacing the same. Heretofore, game boards of this character have been provided with a marginal seal consisting of ordinary adhesive tape; and it was found that this could be removed, freeing the sheets 15 and 14 on one side, the slips could be withdrawn and the symbols or questions thereon noted, the slips could then be replaced, the sheets 14 and 15 also replaced, and the marginal binding strip re-applied, without leaving any evidence that the board had been tampered with. By the use of the hard, tough binder herein shown and described, it is impossible to thus tamper with the board without destroying its integral character and thus leaving evidence of its unauthorized inspection.

I claim as my invention:

1. A game board of the character described, comprising a body formed with transverse cells opening through the sides thereof and containing printed slips, imperforate frangible sheets overlying the sides of said body and sealing the ends of said cells, and a hard permanent coating of adhesive material covering and binding together the edges of said body and sheets.

2. A game board of the character described, comprising a body formed with transverse cells opening through the sides thereof and containing printed slips, imperforate frangible sheets overlying the sides of said body and sealing the ends of said cells, and a hard permanent coating of adhesive material covering and binding together the edges of said body and sheets and overlapping the outer marginal portions of said sheets.

3. A game board of the character described, comprising a flat block formed with transverse cells opening through the sides thereof and containing printed slips, imperforate frangible sheets overlying the sides of said block and sealing the ends of said cells, perforate sheets overlying said imperforate sheets, the perforations of said perforate sheets registering with the cells of said block, and a hard permanent glue coating covering and binding together the edges of said block and sheets.

4. A game board of the character described, comprising a flat block formed with transverse cells opening through the sides thereof and containing printed slips, imperforate frangible sheets overlying the sides of said block and sealing the ends of said cells, perforate sheets overlying said imperforate sheets, the perforations of said perforate sheets registering with the cells of said block, and a hard permanent glue coating covering and binding together the edges of said block and sheets and overlapping the outer marginal portions of said perforated sheets.

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