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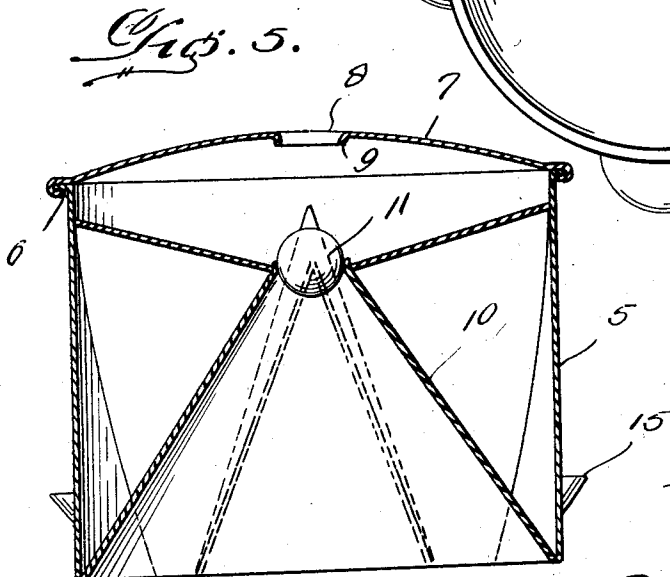
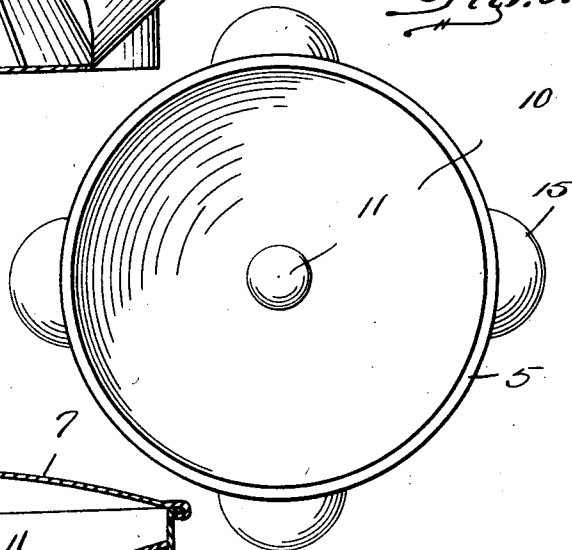
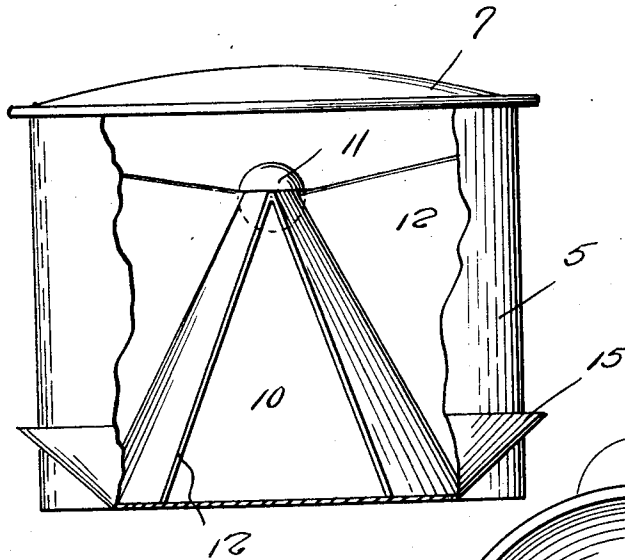
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## GAME DEVICE.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in game devices, and aims to provide a device that is constructed and adapted for use in association with the general game of marbles. In carrying out the present invention, there is provided a container having a relatively small opening in the top wall thereof through which the players attempt to drop marbles one at a time, and while standing at a point considerably above the container. Furthermore the interior of the container is constructed to provide a plurality of compartments having openings at their lower ends and through which the marbles will pass from where they may be readily removed, the marbles being adapted to descend in the respective compartments by gravity.

Preferably the exterior of the container at points adjacent the openings of the compartments is provided with various numbers representative of odds that will be given by the banker of the game in the event the contestants are successful in dropping their marbles through the opening in the container and their resultant luck in having their marbles passed to the different compartments of the container.

Obviously in the event the contestant's marbles fail to pass through the opening in the container they will become the property of the banker of the game.

By reason of a device of this character there is provided a highly amusing game device whereby the contestants will be caused to display considerable skill in judging a straight line between the fingers holding a marble and the opening in the container. The practicing of a game employing the device as constructed in accordance with the present invention will assist the players in controlling their nerves inasmuch as it will require a very steady hand to support the marble in such a position as to cause the same to drop into the opening in the container.

An important object of the device is to provide a very simply and inexpensively constructed device, the same including but few parts, and these so correlated as to reduce the possibility of disarrangement to a minimum.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as the nature of the invention will be better understood, the same comprises the novel form, combination and arrangement

of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my device.

Figure 2 is a detail vertical section.

Figure 3 is a top plan view, the top wall of the container being removed.

Figure 4 is a side elevation, the container being broken away for more clearly disclosing the construction of the interior thereof.

Figure 5 is a vertical section taken at right angles to Figure 2, and

Figure 6 is a bottom plan view.

Now having particular reference to the drawings, my novel device consists of a cylindrical container 5 of predetermined area open at its opposite ends as clearly disclosed in Figures 2, 4 and 5. The upper end of this container 5 is provided with an outwardly extending flange 6, while disposed thereon is a concavo-convex lid 7, the edge of which is bent around the container flange 6 so as to provide a tight joint therebetween. The center of this lid 7 is provided with a relatively small circular opening 8 preferably formed with a depending flange 9.

Arranged within this container 5 is a cone 10 that is attached at its lower edge to the lower edge of the container 5 by welding, soldering or the like. The upper end of this cone 10 terminates a slight distance beneath the upper end of the container 5 as clearly disclosed in Figures 2 and 5. The upper end or apex of this cone 10 is formed with a circular opening and detachably arranged therein is a rubber bumper ball 11, while arranged upon the outer surface of this cone 10 at spaced predetermined points are inverted V-shaped partition walls 12, which will cooperate with the cone 10 for dividing the interior of the container 5 into a plurality of V-shaped compartments 12. The apices of these inverted V-shaped compartments 12 are inclined as disclosed in Figures 2, 4 and 5, whereas the inner and outer edges thereof are shaped to conform to the opposed faces of the container 5 and cone 10, said inverted V-shaped partitions being suitably secured to the cone and to the container by soldering, welding or the like.

From a consideration of Figures 2 and 5,

it will be obvious that the opening 8 in the lid 7 of the container 5 is located directly above and in spaced relation with the rubber bumper ball 11 that is arranged within the upper open end of the cone 10 with the obvious result that marbles dropped through the opening 8 will strike against the ball and be deflected without noise, which marbles will finally locate in one of the compartments 13. The container 5 is formed at the lower end of the four compartments 13 with openings 14 while formed around said openings are suitable marble catching troughs 15 from which the marbles may be easily removed after passage therein. It is preferable that the container 5 directly above the openings 14 have printed or otherwise applied thereto numerals ranging from 1 to 4. In the event the marble passes through the number 4 opening, the odds will be four to one and the banker of the game must then give the successful party four of his marbles. The other numbers designate similar odds. When the contestants fail to drop their marbles through the opening 8 in the container lid 7, said marbles become the property of the banker of the game.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a highly novel, simple, skillful and amusing game device that is well adapted for all the purposes heretofore designated, even though I have herein shown and described the invention as consisting of certain detail structural elements, it is nevertheless to be understood that some changes may be made therein without affecting the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a device of the character described, a container, having an opening centrally of its top wall, a cone arranged centrally within the container terminating at its upper end beneath the top wall of the container, a plurality of partitions arranged within the container around said cone for dividing the interior of the container into a plurality of compartments, and said container being formed adjacent the lower ends of the compartments with discharge openings, all in a manner and for the purpose described, the upper end of the cone being open, and a bumper member arranged within the open end of said cone.

2. In a device of the class described, a container having an opening formed in the central portion of its top, a cone arranged centrally within the container and terminating at its upper end beneath the top of the container, the apex portion of the cone being opened, a bumper member arranged within the opening in the apex of the cone, a plurality of substantially inverted V-shaped partitions arranged within the container around said cone for dividing the interior of the container into a plurality of compartments, said container being formed adjacent the lower ends of the compartment with discharge openings, and a marble receiving trough adjacent each of the discharge openings.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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