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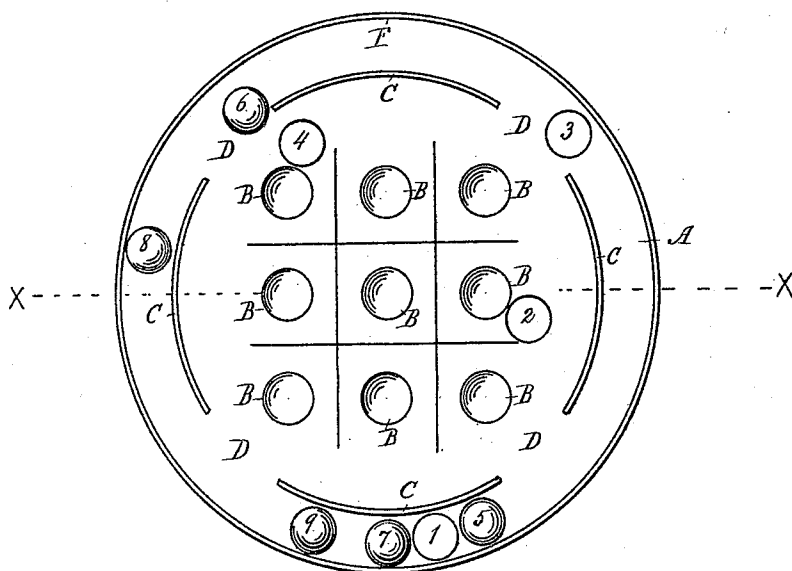


Fig. I.

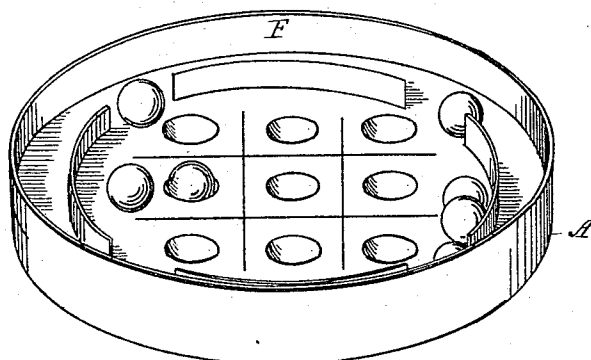


Fig. II.

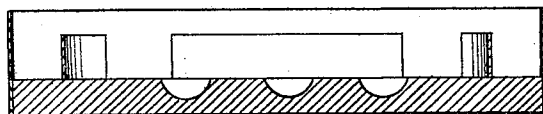


Fig. III.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR H. TRUMAN, of Wilmington, in the county of New Castle and State of Delaware, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Toy Games, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved
10 toy; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the same, and Fig. 3 a vertical section through line *x* in Fig. 1.

My invention relates to improvements in toy games; and its object is to provide a simple and inexpensive device designed not only
15 to afford a source of innocent amusement to the young, but also an attractive and fascinating entertainment for families and social circles generally.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A designates a tablet, preferably circular in form, which may be made of wood or other
20 suitable material. The center of the tablet is provided with transverse lines, forming nine squares, within which are a corresponding number of shallow cavities or depressions B, designed to engage the same number of
25 small balls or marbles, which are of two different colors, and are numbered 1 to 9, inclusive.

A circular barrier C, having four openings D, surrounds the central square. The said openings D are respectively placed opposite the
30 corners squares. The spaces between the cavities and also between the central square and the barrier must be sufficiently large to allow free passage for the marbles. The tablet is
35 encircled by a rim F, forming, in connection with the barrier C, a groove or channel in which the marbles are placed at the beginning of the game. In order to prevent loss of
40 the marbles the tablet is provided with a cover which, if desired, may be transparent, so that it need not be removed while the game is in progress. If preferred, it may bear an
45 appropriate ornamental label with the rules of the game.

The game is performed by balancing the tablet on the hands and gradually and carefully changing its horizontal position until all

the marbles are passed through the openings
50 in the barrier and finally made to occupy the cavities in succession. A number of persons may by turns engage in the game, and the player who first succeeds in stopping and
55 arranging the marbles in the cavities in such positions that the sum of their numerals in each row when counted transversely in either direction or diagonally shall amount to fifteen is the winner of the game. The players
60 may agree upon any limit of time for the game, and the one who makes in that time the highest number of points is the winner; or, if it be preferred, the players can fix a
65 limit of time during which the game must be completed by each, and so in turn the board passed to each player. The different colors
70 for the balls are to make the alternate game "tit-tat-toe" more difficult. Three balls of the same color must be stopped in a row or the game is lost. In the device as now illustrated
75 nine balls are used. Of these four are supposed to be colored and five uncolored.

The device may be readily adapted to the popular diverting game of "tit-tat-toe, three
80 in a row" by playing the marbles so that three of the same color shall occupy any one row of the cavities.

What I claim as new is—

The herein-described toy, consisting of a tablet provided centrally with a series of shallow
85 cavities or pockets disposed in the form of a square and adapted to engage a corresponding number of marbles or balls colored, as described, a sectional circular barrier outside of the square and having four openings
90 D respectively opposite the corners of the square, and a rim encircling the tablet, forming, in connection with the said barrier, a groove in which the marbles may be placed at the beginning of the game, substantially
95 as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 2d day of October, 1890, in the presence of two witnesses.

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