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Fig. 1.

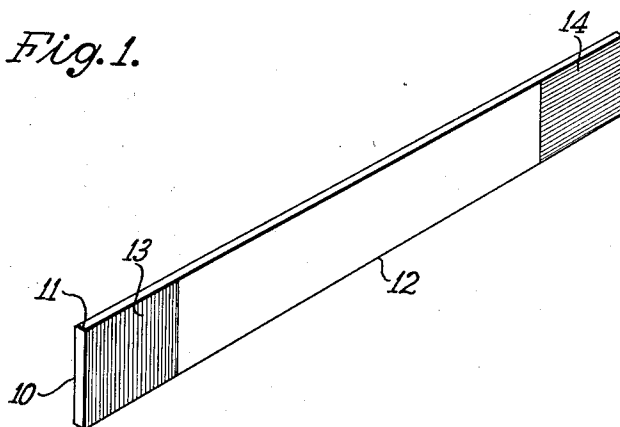
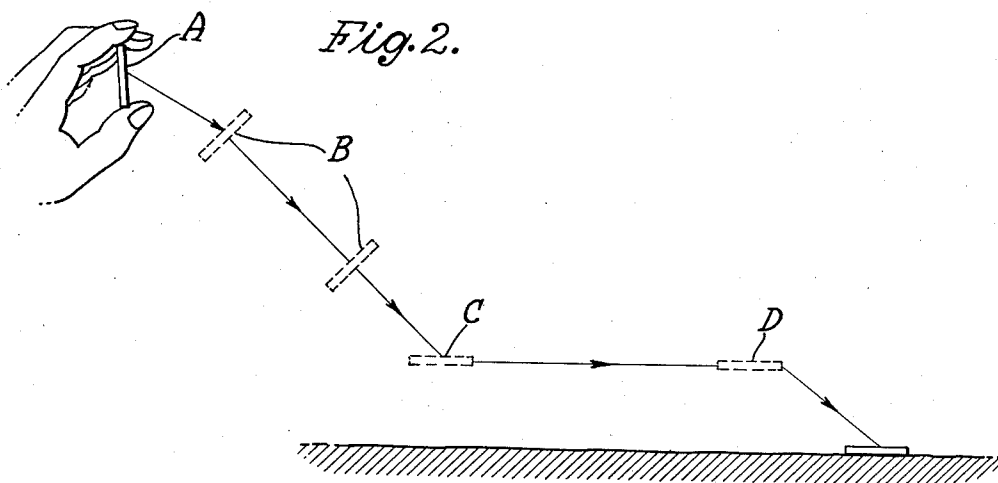


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a game.

It is an object of this invention to provide a new and improved game of skill.

The invention accordingly comprises an article of manufacture possessing the features, properties and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention, reference should be had to the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the stick employed in this invention.

Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic view showing the way in which the game is played.

In accordance with this invention it has been discovered that if a flat stick, substantially rectangular in cross section and of certain dimensions, is thrown in a certain manner that it will initially twist or move through a series of movements but that it can be so thrown that prior to striking the ground it will float horizontally parallel to the ground.

The ease with which this floating movement can be produced varies in accordance with the weight and dimensions of the stick within certain limits of dimension and that a stick outside of those limits cannot practically be made to perform in that manner.

The article of this invention comprises, therefore, a flat stick such as is illustrated in Fig. 1, having a width 10, a thickness 11 and a length 12. One end of this stick bears a particular designation 13, as for example by being painted with a characteristic color, but the other end may be characteristically marked in a different manner, as for example being painted with a contrasting color as shown at 14.

The dimensions of the stick are of peculiar importance in this invention since the characteristic and peculiar effect is dependent upon those dimensions being kept within certain limits and certain general proportions. For example when the device is made of white pine, if the width be two inches it may practically be about one-quarter inch in thickness and two and one-half feet long. This dimension of two inches, however, may be varied from about one and seven-eighths inches to two and seven-sixteenths inches and the thickness between three-sixteenths and five-sixteenths and the length be-

tween eighteen inches and thirty-six inches, the dimensions being kept in substantial proportions.

It is preferable to combine in a single set a group of sticks of different dimensions since these will require a different manipulation to produce the desired effect.

In playing the game the stick is grasped as shown at A in Fig. 2, between the thumb and fingers of the hand with the longitudinal dimension of the stick horizontal and the width vertical. The stick is then thrown flatwise into the air and it may twist and turn in the initial portion of its movement, as diagrammatically shown at B. It can be thrown, however, in such a manner that in the latter portion of its movement, say from the point C to D, it will move parallel to the ground for an appreciable distance for perhaps one to six feet and thereupon will abruptly drop. In dropping from the horizontal position it may drop with the end 13 or with the end 14 or both ends may strike at the same time.

The scoring is determined by which of the three methods of landing the stick attains. One of the ends being chosen as the high scoring end and the other as the non-scoring end—it being the object of the thrower to produce the horizontal movement with the final collapse upon the high scoring end and it will usually be preferable to provide that when both ends fall at the same time there is double score. Of course any other method of scoring desired may be adopted, but in general I prefer that above outlined.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A game comprising a stick rectangular in cross section and having rectangular faces having a thickness between three-sixteenths and five-sixteenths inch, having a width between one and seven-eighths and two and seven-sixteenths inches and having a length between one and one-half and three feet, and the dimensions being so proportioned that when thrown flatwise into the air it may be caused to travel parallel to the ground before striking the ground, having one end differentiated from the other for purposes of scoring.

2. A device according to claim 1 constructed of a material substantially of the weight of soft pine.

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