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Fig. 1

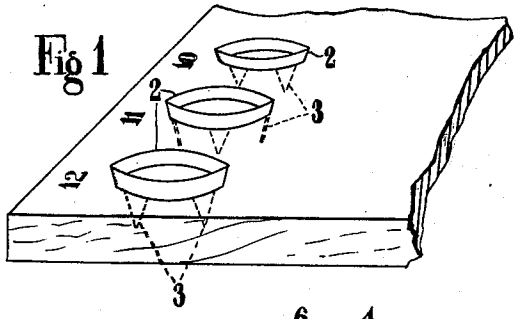






Fig. 2a

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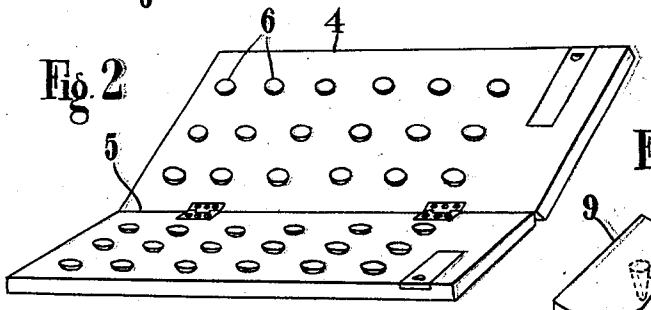
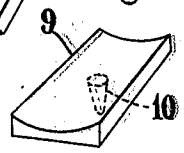



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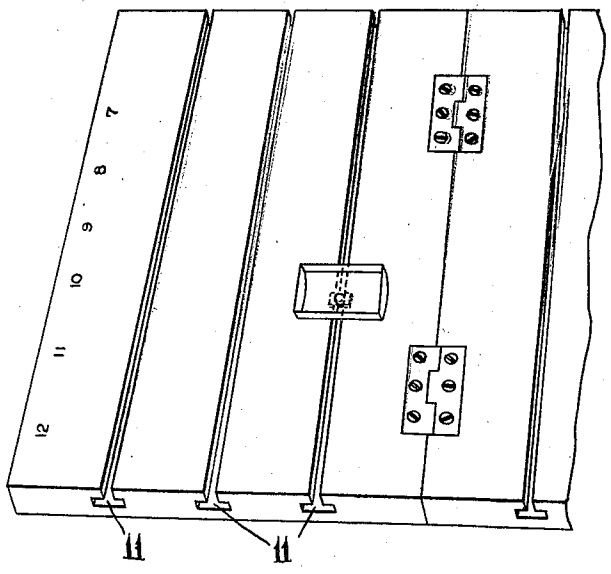




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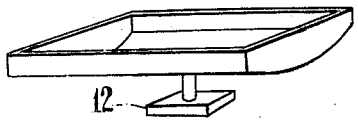



Fig. 3a

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Fig. 4

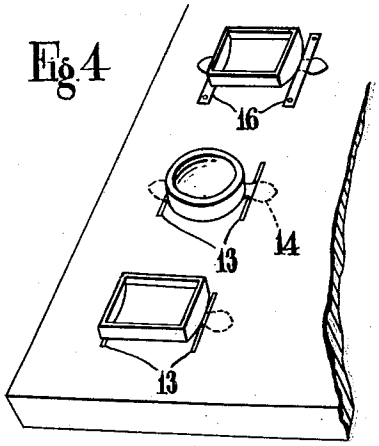






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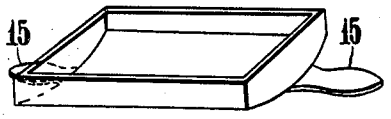



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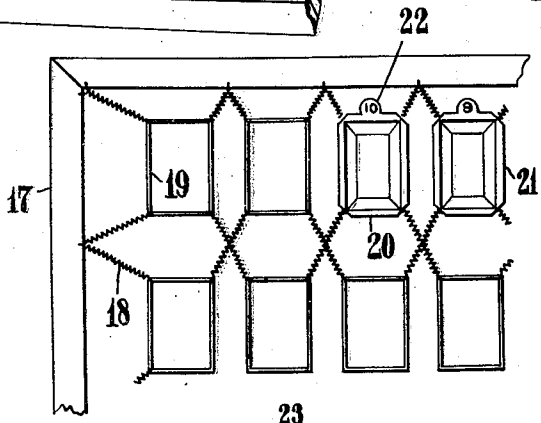



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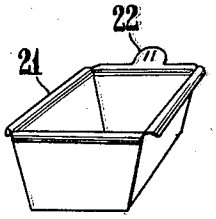



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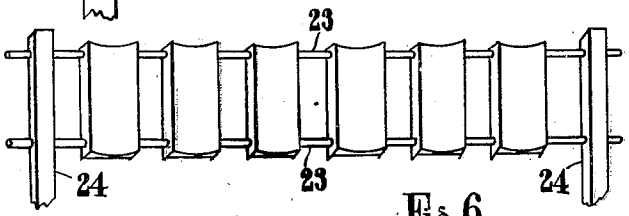



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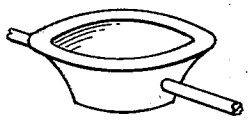


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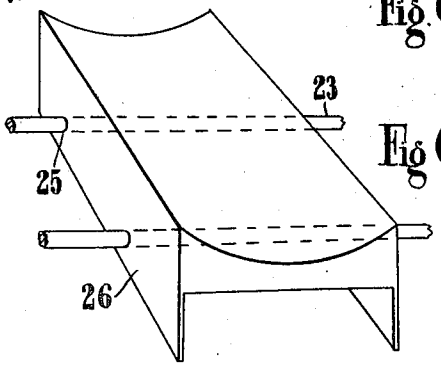



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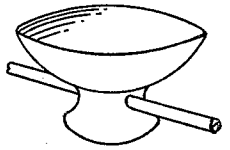


Fig. 6c

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## BOARD GAME

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This invention relates to games apparatus involving the use of pockets or containers into which are placed movable pieces such as counters during the playing of the game.

Apparatus of this kind is already described in my British Specification No. 476,480 and a number of different games are also described therein with which the apparatus may be used.

The object of the invention is to construct a board game as referred to wherein provision is made for arranging the pockets in different relative positions as desired, as distinct from a board having pockets in permanently fixed positions.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved construction of board game such as is described in my above numbered specification, and to enable such board to be more readily and cheaply manufactured and assembled, and by its compactness facilitate distribution.

A further object is to provide a board game in which are pockets of varying size and shape and which may be placed at any position on the board as desired.

A further object of the invention is to construct a board as referred to wherein the attachment of the pockets to the board or base is facilitated.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved form of pocket whereby it may be readily attached in position.

According to the invention the improved games board comprises a base member and a plurality of readily attachable pockets adapted to be positioned on the base in any predetermined regular or irregular manner or order, and being preferably removable therefrom when desired.

According to the invention, also, an improved games apparatus is provided comprising a base member which may be either made of paper, cardboard, cloth or the like, and bearing thereon pockets, or the outline of pockets applied by printing, arranged in regular or irregular order and preferably in sets of sixes along the sides or margins of the board.

The invention also consists in the various forms of boards carrying attachable and detachable pockets as hereinafter described.

Reference will now be made to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a board game with receptacles or pockets shown in position;

Figure 2 is a modified form of board with openings for receiving pockets;

Figure 2a is a view of one form of pocket which may be employed with the board shown in Figure 2;

Figure 2b is a modified form of pocket for use with the board shown in Figure 2;

Figure 3 is a further modification of an improved board;

Figure 3a is a view of a pocket or receptacle for use with the board shown in Figure 3;

Figure 4 is a further modification of the invention with pockets attached to the board by means of slots, or strips adhering to the surface of the board;

Figure 4a is a form of pocket for use with the board shown in Figure 4;

Figure 4b is a modified form of pocket for use with the board shown in Figure 4;

Figure 5 is a further modified form of board constructed principally of wire;

Figure 5a is a form of pocket or receptacle for use with the board or frame shown in Figure 5;

Figure 6 is a view of a further modification of the invention in which the pockets are maintained on rails extending between side frames;

Figure 6a is a view of a pocket or receptacle for use with the frame shown in Figure 6;

Figure 6b is a modified form of pocket for use with the frame shown in Figure 6;

Figure 6c is a further form of pocket for use with the frame shown in Figure 6.

In carrying the invention into effect as shown in Figure 1, a portion of the game board 1 is shown which is adapted to receive pockets 2. The board may be made of paper, cardboard or cloth. The pockets may be of oval, rectangular or circular shape and are preferably formed of a continuous strip or loop of metal provided with depending pins 3 enabling them to be fixed in position upon the board in any desired arrangement or clipped to the edges of the board. The pockets may be formed with a base but preferably they are open at the bottom, the board in this case forming the bottom for each pocket. Slots are preferably provided for receiving the pins 3 and the board is provided with numbers or symbols as indicated, each pocket being provided with a separate number. The pockets in this and in the following examples of the invention are formed with bevelled edges or shaped so as to facilitate the removal of counters or playing pieces placed therein.

In the form of the invention shown in Figure 2, the board 4 is hinged longitudinally at 5 enabling it to be collapsed when desired. The pockets or receptacles in this form of the invention are secured by depressions or holes 6 formed

in the surface of the board and these holes are arranged in any desired order and are each provided with a symbol or numeral which is necessary in playing the game according to this invention. The holes **6** are adapted to receive the pockets as shown in Figure 2[a] which are, in this instance, in the form of saucer shaped receptacles **7** provided with a depending peg **8** of circular cross-section and preferably tapered. If desired, each peg **8** may be formed with a screw thread enabling it to be screwed into position in the board in which case the holes **6** are tapped or provided with a complementary screw thread.

Figure 2[b] shows a modified form of pocket which may be employed with this form of board, and in this instance the pocket **9** is trough-shaped and is adapted to be attached to the board by a pin **10** in a similar manner to that described in connection with Figure 2[a].

In the form of the invention shown in Figure 3 the board is provided with longitudinal undercut grooves **11** extending from one side of the board to the other enabling the pockets shown in Figure 3[a] to be slid into position and held in the grooves **11** by means of complementary projections or tongues **12**. Although only three longitudinal slots are shown in this figure for the reception of the pockets, it is understood that such may be provided on each half of the board which is hinged as shown.

According to the modification of the invention shown in Figure 4, the surface of the board is provided with pairs of slots **13** which are adapted to receive projecting tongues **14** and **15** provided on the pockets shown in Figures 4[a] and 4[b]. Instead, however, of forming slots **13**, metal strips may be applied to the surface of the board as indicated at **16** and in this case the tongues **14** and **15** are slid underneath these metal strips which maintain the pockets in position. The board may be marked with appropriate numbers or symbols or alternatively the pockets themselves may bear different numbers and be arranged in any prescribed order.

Instead of providing a solid board made of wood or cardboard as in the previous figures, the board may be constructed, as shown in Figure 5, of a frame member **17** to which is attached wires **18** on which the pockets, shown in Figure 5, are adapted to be supported. The wires shown at **19** conform to a rectangular shape and correspond generally to the shape of the pockets, one of which is shown in position at **20**.

The pockets are made of sheet metal bent into the shape shown in Figure 5[a] and are secured by having their lateral edges **21** bent over to provide a bead upon which they rest when placed in position upon the wires **19**. Each of the pockets is numbered and a convenient means of doing this is by providing a tongue **22** as indicated. Each pocket will bear a separate or distinct number, and as in previous examples, the pockets may be arranged in any prescribed order according to the game which is played.

Figure 6 shows a further modification of the invention and in this example the pockets are supported by means of parallel rods **23** extending between side frames **24**. The pockets are threaded over the parallel rods **23** and for this purpose are provided with holes **25** as shown in Figure 6[a] which extend through side walls **26**, the pockets in this instance being supported by two adjacent rods **23**.

When use is made of pockets such as shown at Figures 6[b] and 6[c], they may each be supported by a single rod passing through an appropriate opening provided in the base of each pocket as shown.

The boards illustrated may have each a side receptacle and drawer for counters or other pieces employed in the game.

The pockets are each provided with a number or symbol either on the pocket itself or in an appropriate position adjacent the pocket. The numbers may be arranged consecutively from left to right and continuing along each line of pockets. On the other hand the numbering of the pockets may be varied according to the game with which the apparatus is played. For instance one game may be played with the pockets numbered in the following order 3, 5, 1, 4, 6, 2 while another game could be played with the pockets numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. From this it will be readily seen that a board with pockets printed thereon would make it possible to have a series of boards available at cheap cost each with different pocket positions.

A number of games may be played with the improved apparatus described and employing counters or like playing pieces in the manner for instance as is briefly referred to in my British Specification No. 476,480.

I claim:

A game apparatus comprising a board having a substantially flat upper surface, a plurality of receptacles for receiving playing pieces which are placed therein by the players, each of the receptacles being in the form of an endless band of rigid material provided with depending pins for enabling the bands to be removably fixed upon the upper surface of the board in any desired arrangement, and the walls of the band being inclined to facilitate the removal of playing pieces which have been previously freely placed therein.

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