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Fig. 1.

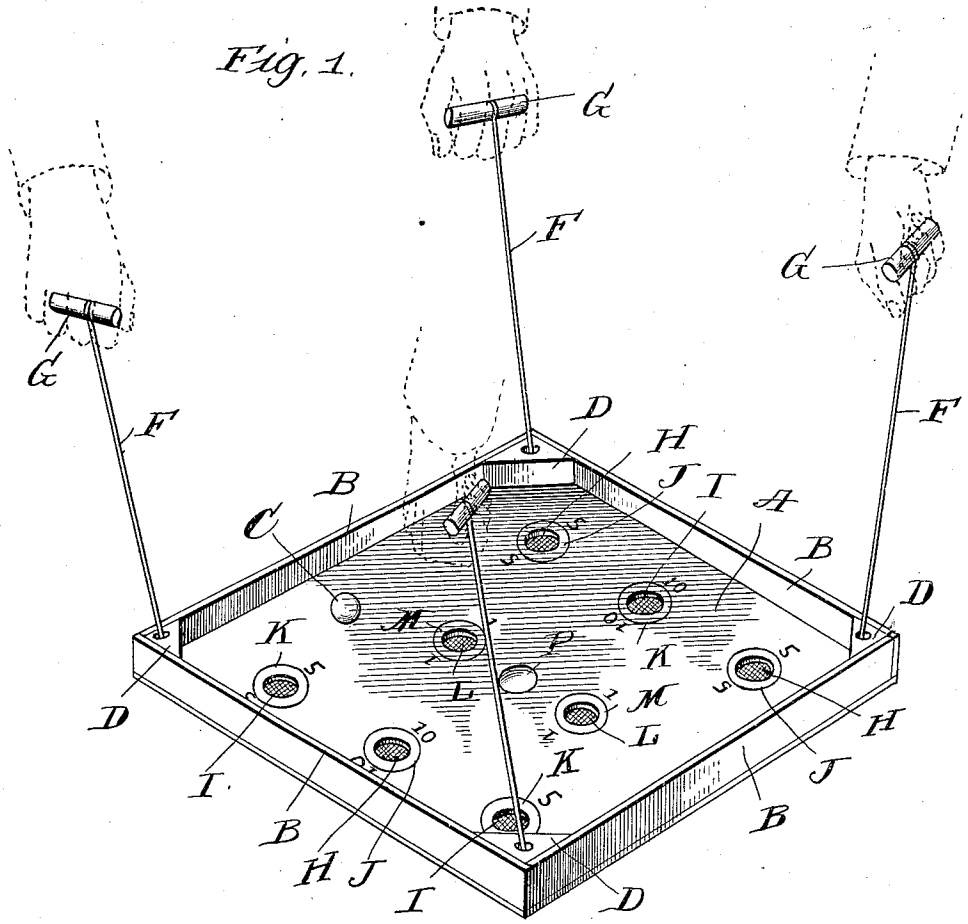


Fig. 2.

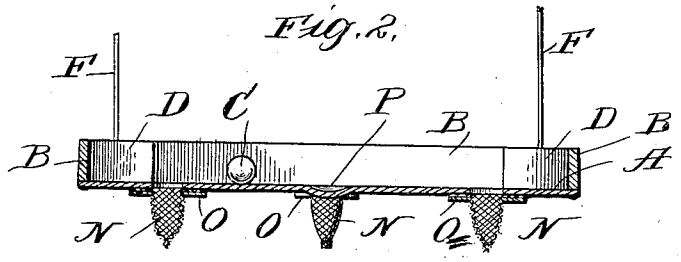
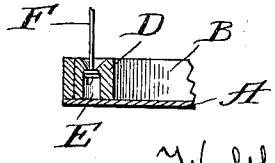


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTHER RASTER, citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has for its object to provide an amusement device or game to be played by manual manipulation requiring considerable skill and affording good entertainment to players and spectators.

The invention consists in a device embodying the novel structural characteristics hereinafter fully described and particularly claimed.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating a suitable embodiment of the invention:

Figure —1— is a perspective view of an amusement device or game embodying my invention.

Fig. —2— is a central vertical diametric section thereof.

Fig. —3— is a fragmentary vertical detail section through a corner of the device.

The main object of my invention is to provide a device of the kind set forth which is manipulated by the hands of two opposed players for the purpose of causing a small sphere deposited upon the device to enter certain of two sets of pockets distinguished from each other and constituting the goals or score points of the respective players and in which the latter are so disposed with relation to each other as to test the manual skill and judgment of the players to the greatest possible degree allowing for no advantage of greater physical power and endurance of the players.

The device embodying the invention is very simple. It comprises a plane surface, such as a board, stiff cardboard, or other suitable material, which may be of any desired shape but is preferably square. Said board is indicated at A and is bordered by a peripheral flange or similar obstruction B which serves to prevent the sphere C deposited on said board from passing over the peripheral edges thereof. Corner blocks D of any suitable material are mounted at the corners of the board and suitably secured to the latter and said flanges C. Each of said blocks is provided with a vertical opening E contracted between its ends and countersunk at the upper surfaces of said blocks. Cords F of any suitable, flexible material are secured in said openings by knotting the same below the contracted portions thereof whereby to render them incapable of being withdrawn through the choked portion. Each cord is secured at its other end to a suitable device G for manual engagement whereby to suspend said board from the hands of opposed players, the latter being indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

Said board A is provided with two principal sets of openings, each set consisting of two openings contiguous to one edge or flange of the board and a similar opening contiguous to the opposite edge. The openings of one set are indicated by the letters "H" and those of the other by the letters "I." It will be noted that one opening H is disposed midway between two openings I and vice versa. In practice the sets of openings have colored borders, those of the openings H being for example blue, and indicated by the letters J, while those of the openings I may be red or any other color contrasting with blue, and indicated at K. Intermediate the rows of three openings each just described there may be other openings L, or these openings may be omitted and said openings L may have borders M of a different color from the openings H and I. Each opening communicates with the mouth of a pocket N of knitted or netted fabric or any other suitable and preferably flexible material secured to the lower face of the board A in any suitable manner as by means of the disks O between which and the said board A the edge portions of the pockets or sacks are clamped, said disks having central openings registering with the openings I and being suitably secured to said board A.

In the center of the latter is a shallow depression P in which the sphere C is first placed as the players maintain the board A substantially level before starting to play. The game consists in each player endeavoring to so manipulate the board as to cause the sphere C to become deposited in a pocket scoring for him and preventing the same from entering a pocket scoring for his adversary. The pockets which communicate with

the several openings H score for one of the players and the other set for the adversary. The disposition of the respective sets of pockets is obviously such that when the sphere is favorably positioned to enter a pocket or pockets at one side of the board scoring for one player, it is equally advantageously positioned to enter the opponent's pocket. Hence there is no advantage to either player to have the sphere at his side of the board and this causes the players to use their muscles to the best advantage by slight wrist movements to cause the board to tilt in any direction. The flexible cords prevent the use of force to press down any portion of the board but enable same to be raised at one side or corner requiring a counter or neutralizing movement on the part of the opposing player.

The openings I may be designated in suitable rules of the game to affect the scores of the players in any desired manner.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A game device including a body having plane surface over which an object is adapted to travel by gravity, a plurality of pockets underhanging said plane surface and each adapted to receive the said object, and a plurality of flexible elements connected to the said body for suspending the same from the hands of and adapted respectively to be manipulated by players.

2. A game device including a platform having a plurality of perforations, a body adapted to enter any one of said perforations, and two pairs of flexible elements, each of said elements being secured at one of its ends to the said platform at a corner of the same and being adapted to be supported at its other end by the hand of a player.

3. A game device including a platform having a plurality of perforations, a body adapted to enter any one of said perforations, and two pairs of supporting elements, each pair connected to said platform at one side thereof, and each of said elements being connected at one end to the said platform through a substantially universal joint and being adapted to have its other end held by the hand of a player.

4. A game device including a platform having an upper surface over which an object is adapted to be propelled by gravity and having a plurality of goal points disposed thereon, means associated with said platform for initially holding said object symmetrically central of said goal points: and a plurality of flexible supporting members connected to said platform symmetrically with respect to said goal points for suspending the same from the hands of and each of said members being adapted to be manipulated by player.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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