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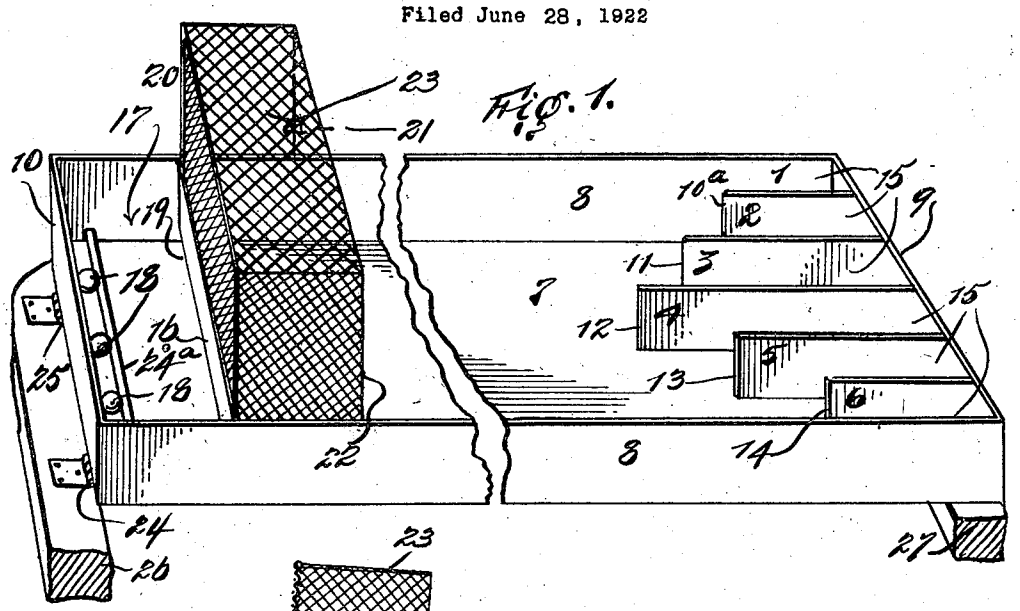


Fig. 1.

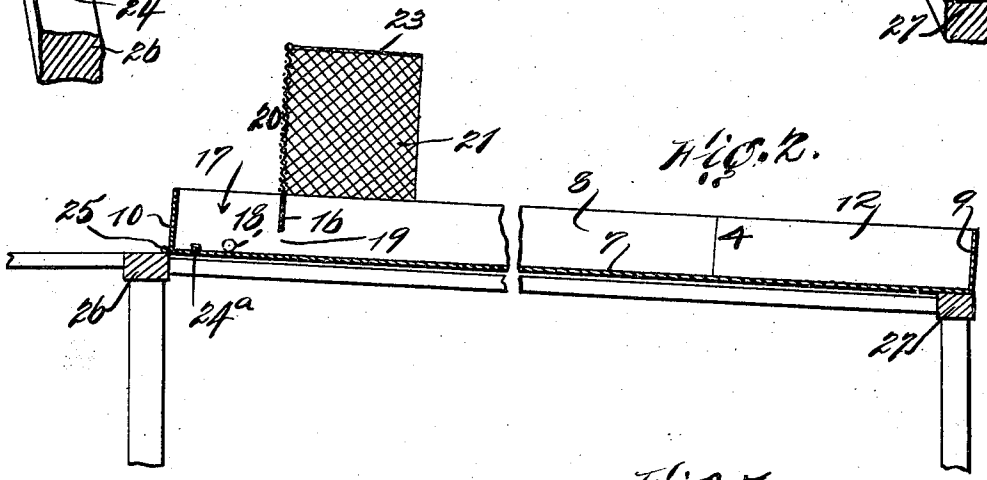


Fig. 2.

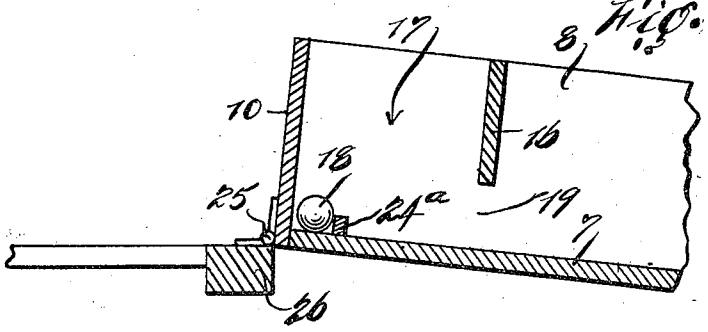


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. CORBETT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in game apparatus one of the objects being to provide a game board arranged for the rolling of spheres or balls into compartments or stalls, each one of which represents a certain value. The game is played with the aid of a sphere or ball which is directed toward a selected compartment by a player, the board being slightly tilted to cause the ball to roll by gravity longtudinally thereof.

One of the main objects of my invention is to provide means whereby all the players will start with an equal advantage, that is to say, I provide a guard positioned to prevent a player from guiding a ball by moving his arm ahead of the foul line represented by the guard referred to. The object of the guard is to prevent a player from moving the arm, which guides a ball ahead of a foul line. By this means all players have an equal chance. Other features of improvement will hereinafter appear.

I will now proceed to describe my invention in detail, the novel features of which I will point out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of my invention, broken away;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, also broken away, on a reduced scale; and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view.

My improved game apparatus is comprised of a bottom board 7 having sides 8 and end members 9 and 10. The board 7 will be relatively long and when set up for use, slightly inclined downwardly, as indicated in Fig. 2. At one end of the board and extending from the end flange 9 are a plurality of partitions 10^a, 11, 12, 13 and 14 forming compartments 15, in this instance, six. In practice, I will use more than six compartments, the six herein illustrated being indicated to convey the idea that the board is provided with compartments at one end.

Adjacent the end wall 10, I place a guard or foul stop 16, said guard or stop being separated from the end wall 10 just enough to provide space 17 into which a hand can be inserted to grasp a sphere or ball 18. As will be seen, the bottom of the guard or foul stop 16 is spaced from the bottom 7 of the board to provide a passage 19 for a sphere or ball 18, but not sufficiently for the passage of a hand. To prevent a player from reaching over the guard 16 or around the ends thereof, I provide a supplemental guard 20 which extends across the guard 16 and along the sides 8 of the board, as indicated by 21 and 22. The supplemental guard will be a net-work of rope, cord, wire or any other material. The supplemental guard will include a top 23. By means of this supplemental guard one player is prevented from taking advantage of another player by passing his arm over or around the guard 16. Adjacent the end wall 10, I place a batten 24^a to retain the balls 18 when said balls are not in use. To play the game one or more players will select a ball by placing a hand into the space 17. After selecting a ball, the player or players will position the ball selected in alinement with a compartment 15, release the ball and allow it to roll under guard 16 and down the inclined board. The space 17 will not be extensive enough to permit a player to impart speed to the ball, the object of the guard 16 being to prevent a player from casting a ball.

The board is held against sidewise movement by hinges 24 and 25; hence, a player cannot aid the ball, during its course toward end wall 9, by shaking the board.

To return the balls, after a game has been played, an attendant, at the lower end will raise the board, at the lower end to cause the balls to roll into space 17. Each compartment 15 will represent a certain value, numerals for instance, the winner being the one scoring the greatest number of points. The board at one end will be secured to a suitable support 26, by the hinges 24 and 25. The opposite end of the board will rest upon a support 27.

What I desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a game apparatus, a bottom member, sides and end members carried thereby, compartments at one end of the board, a guard adjacent the opposite end of the board

separated from said end sufficiently to permit of the insertion of a hand, the bottom of the guard being spaced sufficiently from the bottom member to provide a passage for a ball, and a supplemental guard attached to and extending outwardly from the sides and top of the guard first named and also along the side members of the board.

2. In a game apparatus, a bottom member, sides and end members carried thereby, compartments at one end of the board, a guard adjacent the opposite end of the board separated from said end sufficiently to permit of the insertion of a hand, the bottom of the guard being spaced from the bottom member to provide a passage for a ball, a supplemental guard extending upwardly from the guard first named and also along the side members of the board, and means adjacent the guard first named to retain balls which are not in use.

3. In an apparatus, a bottom member, sides and end members carried thereby, compartments at one end of the board, a guard adjacent the opposite end of the board separated from said end sufficiently to permit of the insertion of a hand, the bottom of the guard being spaced from the bottom member to provide a passage for a ball, a supplemental guard extending upwardly from the guard first named and also along the side members of the board, and hinges connecting the board at the end adjacent the guard to a suitable support.

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