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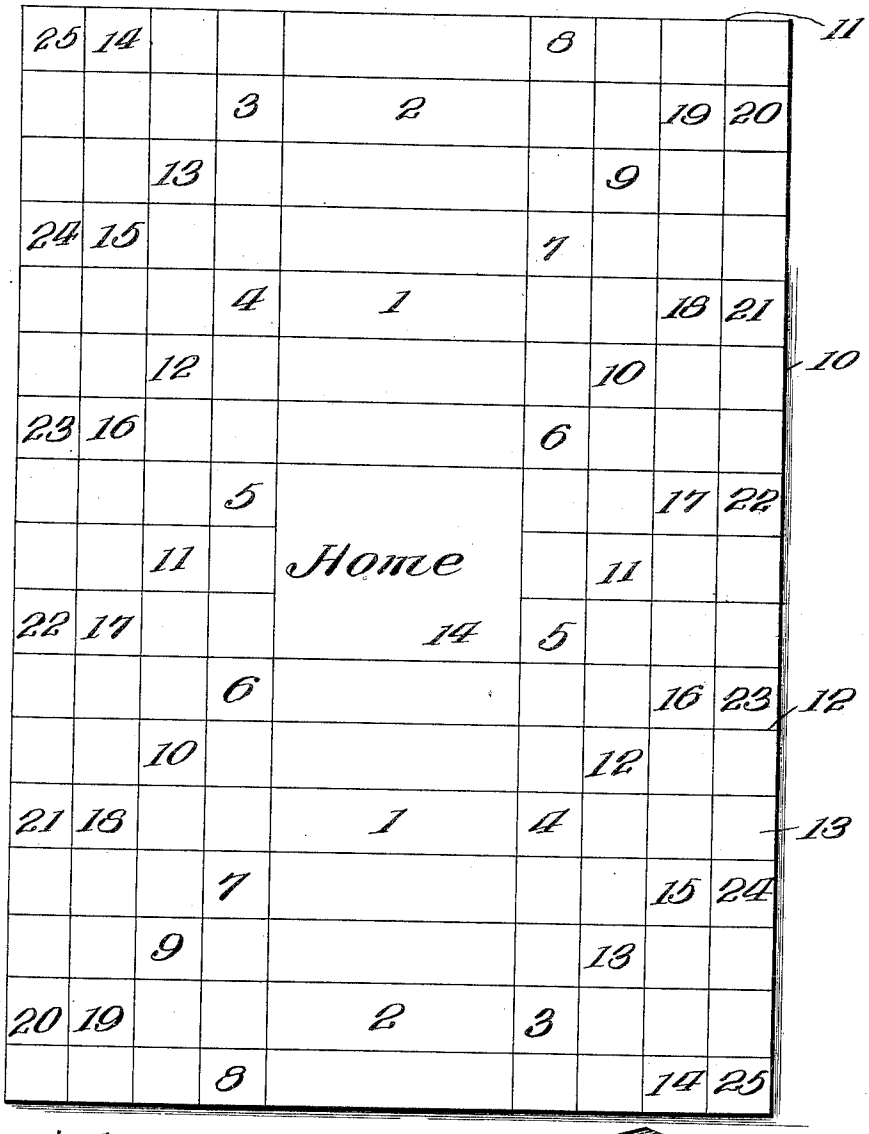


Fig. 1.

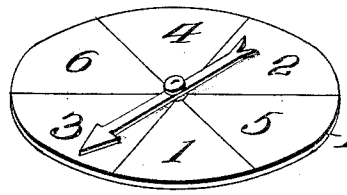


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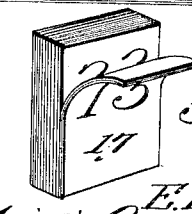


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST F. MEYERS, citizen of the United States, residing at Wilmette, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprehends a new and interesting game wherein, briefly stated, a game board is employed, such board being laid off in spaces, certain of the spaces having designating numbers thereon and the board also having a space indicated as the starting point from which the moves upon the board are to begin. Colored game pieces are also used together with a spinner by which the moves of the game pieces are determined, and a pack of cards is also employed, such cards bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the board, the cards being distributed among the players and each card of a certain number being used when the holder of that card spins a number upon the spinner to move his game piece to the corresponding number upon the board.

The invention has for its object to provide a game which will be amusing and interesting, and wherein a maximum element of chance is involved to the end that the game may hold the attention throughout its progress and become more interesting as the final moves upon the board are made.

With this and other objects in view my invention will be more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and then more specifically pointed out in the claims which are attached to and form a part of this application.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board, Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the spinner employed. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the character of game pieces employed, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the cards used.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, I preferably employ an oblong game board 10 which is provided adjacent its longitudinal edges with a plurality of longitudinally extending spaced parallel lines 11, preferably four of such lines being made on each side of the board, the central portion thereof longitudinally being free from said longitudinally extending lines as shown. Intersecting the longitudinally extending lines 11 and disposed transversely of the board in spaced relation, are a plurality of parallel lines 12, said lines crossing the lines 11 at right angles and defining upon the face of the board a plurality of rectangular spaces 13. A central space 14 upon the board is left unlined and is preferably designated by the word "Home." The spaces formed by ruling the board may be characterized by different colors, if desired, preferably alternate spaces being of the same color while the space designated "Home" may be of a third or different color. Beginning with the space 14 and designated "Home," the spaces upon the board are numbered, the spaces being counted longitudinally of the board and every third space being numbered consecutively. The spaces are numbered counting in opposite directions from the "home" space 14, the third space upon each side of "Home" being numbered 1, as shown. The spaces are then numbered, counting in opposite directions, each third space being numbered consecutively as stated. Thus, at each end of the board the space three spaces removed from that numbered 1 is designated 2. From the space numbered 2, the spaces are counted toward the end of the board, and thence alternately up and down the spaces in the adjacent longitudinal rows 13. Every third space upon the board is thus numbered consecutively, such numbers being arranged in spaced relation longitudinally of the board, the spaces in the longitudinal rows 13 being reckoned reversely. Preferably, the board is so lined as to provide spaces which may be thus numbered from 1 to 25. A plurality of game pieces are used, such game pieces being preferably of the form shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and designated at 15. The game pieces 15 are each of a different color and one game piece is used by each person in playing the game. A spinner 16 of usual construction, is employed, the face of the spinner being divided into a plurality of sections, said sections being preferably consecutively numbered from 1 to 5. A pack of cards designated 17 is also

employed. Such cards are preferably of the same size as the ordinary playing cards and are similar in character. The number of cards constituting a pack will be equal in number to the highest number appearing upon the board, said cards being numbered consecutively and in the present instance, from 1 to 25 to correspond to the numbers upon the board.

The manner of playing the game is as follows: Each player is provided with one of the game pieces 15, which he retains throughout the game, it being understood that either two, three, or four or more players, if desired, may participate in the game. The cards are then dealt out, one at a time to each player, in the usual manner, the object of the game being that each player may by operating the spinner move his game piece in accordance with the number indicated by the spinner upon each rotation thereof, so that said game piece will be caused to fall upon such numbered spaces upon the board as are indicated upon the cards which are held by the player, when said cards are placed face downward upon the spaces bearing the corresponding numbers. The player who thus first disposes of all his cards is considered to win the game. Thus, the cards dealt, the spinner is operated, and by way of illustration, it will be supposed that the pointer stops upon the space indicated 3, upon the spinner. The player then moves his piece to the space indicated at 1 upon the game board, such space being the third from the space indicated "Home", each player starting from this point. Now it will be supposed that the player in question holds the card designated 2. Upon his next turn to spin, therefore, it will be necessary for the pointer of the spinner to stop in the space designated 3, upon the spinner, as his game piece from the previous move is resting in the space designated 1, and the space designated 2 is three spaces removed from the space first mentioned. A single operation of the spinner is considered a "go" and in the event that the player thus fails to spin the number 3 upon the first operation of the spinner, his "go" is considered to have been lost, and he must continue to spin at each "go" until the pointer of the spinner indicates the proper number which he desires, being the number 3 in the instance cited, in order that he may move his game piece three spaces ahead to fall upon the space designated 2 upon the board so that he may put down his card No. 2 upon the corresponding space. The game pieces of each player are thus moved back and forth across the board, each move being determined by the number indicated by each operation of the spinner and the player who is successful in so operating the spinner as to move his game piece to occupy spaces bearing the numbers corresponding to the numbers on the cards which he holds, is considered to win the game. Where several players are participating in the game at the same time and one player succeeds in operating the spinner to designate a number as his next move so that that number of spaces from his present position will cause his game piece to fall upon the same space occupied by the game piece of some other player, the other player is caused to forfeit the advantage of his position and must move his game piece back to the space designated "Home" to begin anew. Thus, throughout the entire progress of the game, any player is subject to the chance of having his game piece sent back to "Home" to start over again and this contingency is equally liable to happen to any player, even though he may have only one more move to make. As a consequence, interest in the game rather increases as the game progresses, thus making the game a very interesting and amusing one. It will therefore be seen that I provide a game which is not difficult to learn, and which may be played by an arbitrary number of players, the game being equally interesting under all conditions.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new is:—

1. A game apparatus including a game board divided into a plurality of spaces and having a starting point indicated thereon, certain of said spaces bearing numbers, game pieces movable upon the board, cards bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the board and means for determining the movement of the game pieces on the board so as to cause said game pieces to occupy spaces upon the board bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the cards.

2. A game apparatus including a game board divided into a plurality of spaces and having a starting point indicated thereon, certain of said spaces being numbered consecutively from the starting point, game pieces movable upon the board, cards bearing numbers to correspond to the numbers upon the board, and means for determining the movement of the game pieces on the board so as to cause said game pieces to occupy spaces upon the board bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the cards.

3. A game apparatus including a game board divided into a plurality of longitudinally disposed rows of spaces and having a starting point indicated thereon, every third space of said longitudinal rows of spaces being numbered consecutively in opposite directions, beginning with the starting point, the spaces of said rows being reckoned reversely, game pieces movable upon the

board, cards bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the board, and means for determining the movement of the game pieces on the board so as to cause said game pieces to occupy spaces upon the board bearing numbers corresponding to the numbers upon the cards.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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