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Fig. 1.

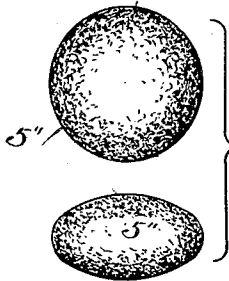
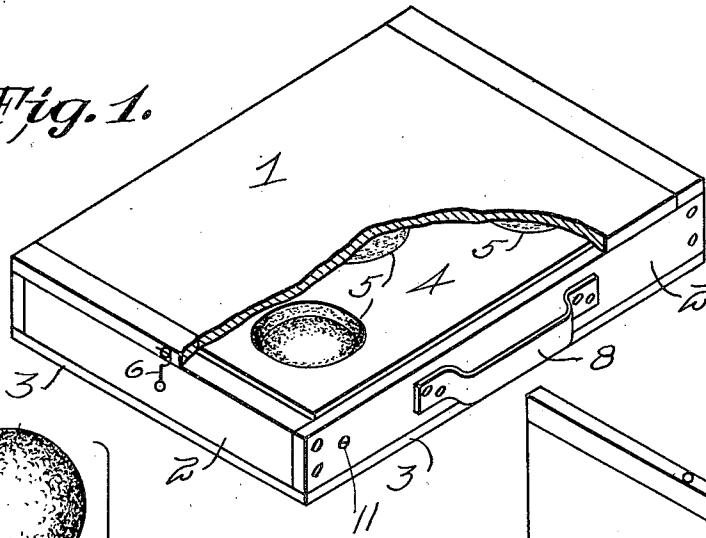
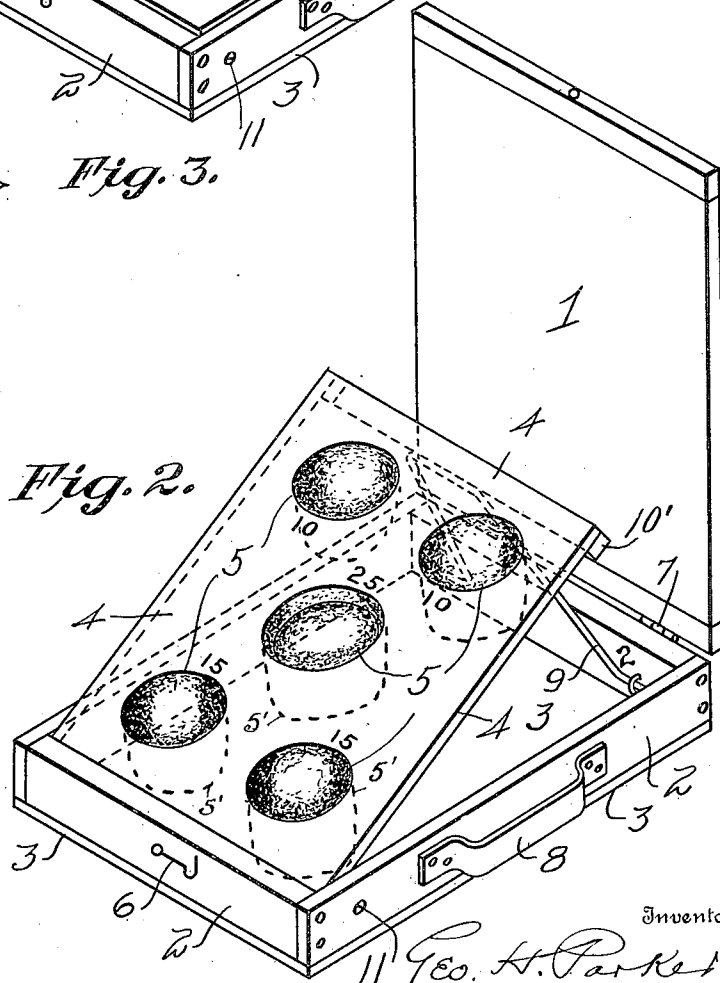


Fig. 3.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in a game which is suitable for both the parlor and out doors, for example, as a means of enjoyment in-doors during the winter and at picnics and elsewhere in the open air during the spring and summer months.

The game partakes of the character of the quoit game, but instead of the pins there is provided a series of openings inclosed below by flexible pockets of a size to receive a bean bag which serves the purpose of the quoit. The device is so constructed that it may be elevated to an inclined position or it may be folded compactly within a supporting case and carried in the hand much after the fashion of a grip.

Preceding a more detailed description of the invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the game apparatus reduced to the form of a portable receptacle or grip, a portion of the cover thereof being broken away to show the pocket board in its lower position. Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the apparatus opened for the game. Fig. 3, represents the bean bags in plan view and edge view.

In a detail description of the invention, similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

A shallow casing or receptacle consisting of a bottom 3 and sides and ends 2 is provided and partakes of the form of a shallow portable case having a lid 1 connected therewith at one end by hinges 7 and adapted to be held in a closed position by a hook 6 pivoted to the other end of the said shallow casing.

4 designates a board or flat tablet which is of a size to snugly fit within the casing or receptacle, and which is hinged within said

casing or receptacle at the forward end by suitable pivots 11. The point of this hinge connection between the front sides of the casing and the front end of the board 4, is a suitable distance from the bottom of the casing to permit said pocket board 4 to lie flat within the casing when lowered as in Fig. 1, and to permit the cover 1 to be closed as in Fig. 1.

Within the board or tablet 4, there is a suitable number of circular openings 5 which are inclosed below by pockets 5' formed of any suitable fabric and of sufficient depth to contain and receive the bean bags which are pitched thereto; these pockets are designated by 10, 15 and 25, which designations indicate the value of said pockets in the game, the central pocket indicating twenty-five points, while the top and bottom pockets have a value of ten and fifteen points, respectively. The quoits 5" as shown in Fig. 3, are of circular form and are each supplied with a sufficient number of beans to permit said bags or quoits to have a certain flexibility and flattened form in order that they may not bounce or roll when pitched. Upon the end of the pocket board opposite its hinge end is a cross strip 10' secured to the underside thereof and which coöperates with a pivotal supporting frame 9 to maintain the board in an inclined position as in Fig. 2 when the game is being played. The strip 10' prevents the frame 2 from becoming disengaged from the board under the impact of the bean bags when they strike said board in its inclined position. The frame 9 has its ends pivoted within the casing to the opposite sides and when the apparatus is folded as in Fig. 1, the supporting frame 9 lies beneath the board 4. Secured to one edge of the casing is a handle 8 by which the apparatus may be conveyed from point to point. In playing the game the apparatus is placed a suitable distance from the players, either upon the floor or ground or elevated a suitable distance should it be necessary. Each player throws a certain number of the bean bags and it will be readily understood that the one making the greatest number of points by entering the greatest number of pockets or the pockets having the greater value, is the victor of the game. The utility of the game will be readily appreciated not only by the younger generation but by the older ones as well. It adds cheerfulness to the household and is a great incentive to

amuse the children as well as the older members of the family within doors during the long winter evenings.

I claim:

- 5 A portable game apparatus comprising an oblong rectangular shallow casing provided with a lid, a board hinged within one end of said casing and adapted to be supported in an inclined position or to lie parallel with the
10 bottom of the casing, said board having a series of circular openings which are inclosed below by pockets formed of pliable material, and the end of said board opposite its hinged end having a transverse retaining strip se-

cured to the underside of said board, and a 15 supporting frame hinged within the casing and adapted to be elevated to cooperate with the retaining strip in holding the pocket board in an inclined position or to be lowered to a horizontal position below the board 20 when the latter is lowered within the casing, substantially as shown and described.

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

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