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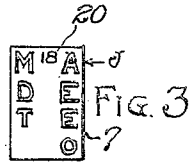


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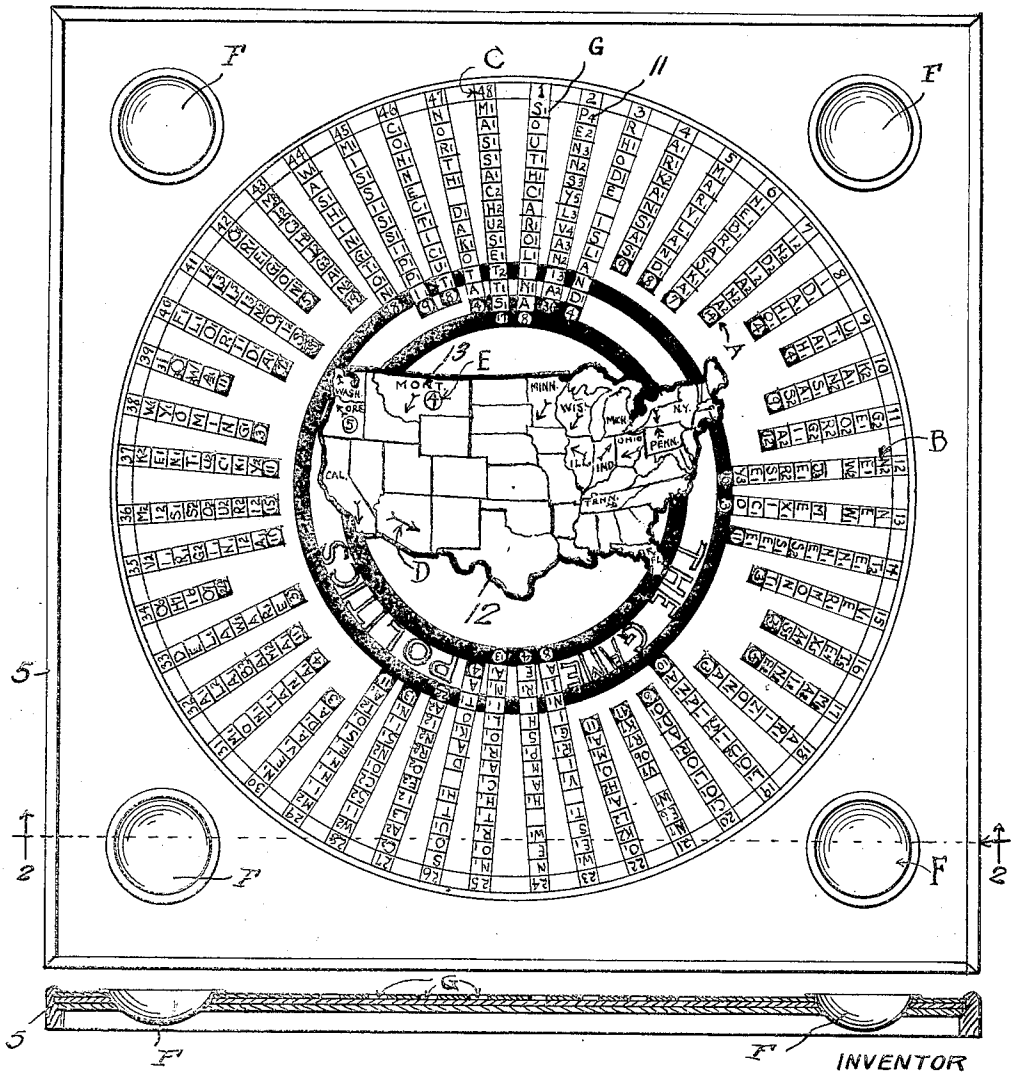


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to an improved game apparatus designed for the playing of a highly entertaining game having the characteristics of an election contest, and which may be appropriately called "the game of politics".

The object of the present invention is to provide a game apparatus of the above kind, the use of which in playing a game will require the exercise of skill and will prove instructive by reminding the players of the location of and the number of electoral votes possessed by each state of the United States.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board forming part of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a face view of one of the cards used as a play indicating means; and

Figure 4 is a plan view of one of the markers or chips.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the present game apparatus comprises a game board 5, chips or markers 6, and play indicating means such as a deck of cards 7.

The game board 5 has suitably provided, in or upon one face thereof a circular series of separated radial grooves or spaces G which are divided transversely by uniformly spaced lines into uniform divisions B, each radial space bearing the name of a state of the United States as shown, and the letters of such name being arranged in separate divisions of the space. Beside certain letters of the name of each state are provided numerals 11, and the total of all numerals for all the letters of the name of each state is indicated at the inner end of such name as at A and equals the total number of electoral votes possessed by that state. There are, of course, the same number of radial grooves or spaces G as there are states in the union, and these spaces are numbered consecutively for identification as at C. Within the circular series of spaces, a map of the United States is suitably provided as at 12, and each state is designated within its boundaries by its name as at 13. Also provided within the boundaries of each state as at E is a number indicating the number of electoral votes possessed by that state, and an arrow D pointing toward the space G in which the name of that state is provided. A pocket F is provided at each corner of the board to hold a number of the markers or chips 6.

The markers or chips 6 are in the form of square plates or wafers of different colors and each of a size to cover one of the divisions B, there being a number of markers of each color so that each player may use markers of a color different from that of the markers of each of the other players.

The play indicating means preferably consists of a deck of cards 7, preferably fifty-two in number. Each card preferably bears two columns of letters as at I and J, and the letters of all of the cards correspond to all of the valued letters in the names of all of the states provided in the spaces G on the game board.

The game can be played by two or more players. In playing the game, each player is allotted all of the markers of a particular color. The cards are then placed in a stack, and each player takes a turn at drawing a card. In the first run of the cards, only the left-hand column of letters on each card is used. Assuming that the first card drawn is that illustrated, the player drawing the same will place one of his markers or chips over a letter M in the name of one of the states in the spaces G on the game board, another marker over a letter D of a different state, and still another marker over a letter T of a still different state. The next player then draws a card and plays in a similar way, according to the letters in the left-hand column of that card, and so on until all of the cards are drawn. The cards are then shuffled and drawn over again, the right-hand column of letters on each card being then used. At the end of the second drawing, all of the valued letters of the names of all of the states in the spaces G will have been covered by markers or chips. The players then tabulate their respective electoral votes. For instance, one player may have covered the letters PESYVN, and another player the letters NNLAIA of the

State of Pennsylvania. In that case, the first player would have a total electoral vote of 20 and the second player would have a total electoral vote of 16 for that state. This state would therefore go to the first player, who would get the entire 39 electoral votes of such state.

The vote of each state is determined in this way, and the player having the greatest grand total of electoral votes wins the game. It will be noted that a particular letter may have a different value in one place than in another, of the state names. Accordingly, success in playing the game depends to some extent on skillful selection of the best place to play the chips or markers.

The cards 7 may bear identifying numerals as at 20 corresponding to those of the spaces at C, to permit a variation in the mode of playing the game, if desired.

While I prefer to use a deck of cards as the play indicating means, it is apparent that dice or a suitable chance device may be used instead, without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

1. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, and distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions.

2. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, and play indicating means bearing letters corresponding to all of the valued letters in the names of all of the states provided in said spaces of the game board.

3. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearig the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, and play indicating means bearing letters corresponding to all of the valued letters in the names of all of the states provided in said spaces of the game board, said last-named means embodying a deck of cards each having certain of said letters thereon in separate columns.

4. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, and distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, the board also having provided thereon a map of the United States, each state of said map bearing within its boundaries an arrow pointing to the space of the board bearing the name of that state.

5. A game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, and distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, the board also having provided thereon a map of the United States, each state of said map bearing within its boundaries an arrow pointing to the space of the board bearing the name of that state, and a number indicating the number of electoral votes possessed by such state.

6. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with the letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, the total of all numerals in each space equalling the total number of electoral votes possessed by the state whose name is borne by that space, and distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, the board also having provided thereon a map of the United States,

each state of said map bearing within its boundaries an arrow pointing to the space of the board bearing the name of that state, said series of spaces being arranged in a circle and radially with respect to such circle, said map being arranged within the circle defined by said spaces.

7. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, and distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions.

8. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces divided transversely into uniform divisions, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States with letters thereof arranged in separate divisions of the spaces, each of certain of said divisions bearing a numeral indicating the value of the letter therein, distinguishable markers for disposal upon said divisions, and play indicating means bearing letters corresponding to all of the valued letters in the names of all of the states provided in said spaces of the game board.

9. Game apparatus comprising a game board having provided thereon a series of elongated spaces, each of said spaces bearing the name of a state of the United States, each of said spaces bearing an identifying numeral, distinguishable markers for disposal upon said spaces, and play indicating means bearing identifying numerals corresponding to those of said spaces of the game board.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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