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Fig. 1.

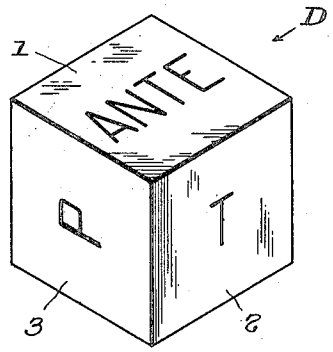


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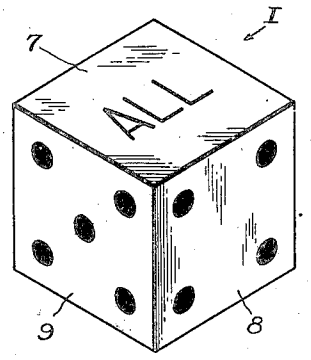


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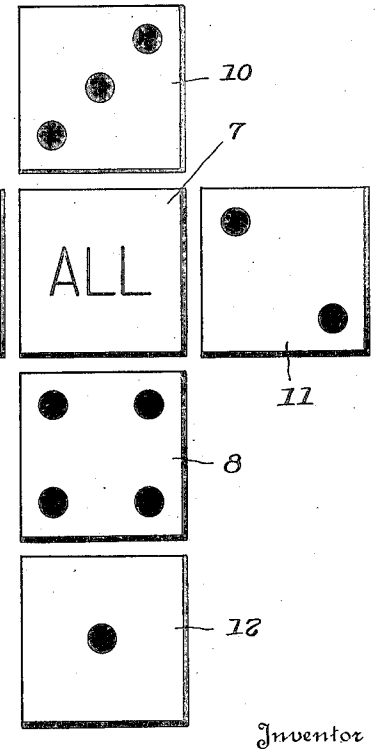
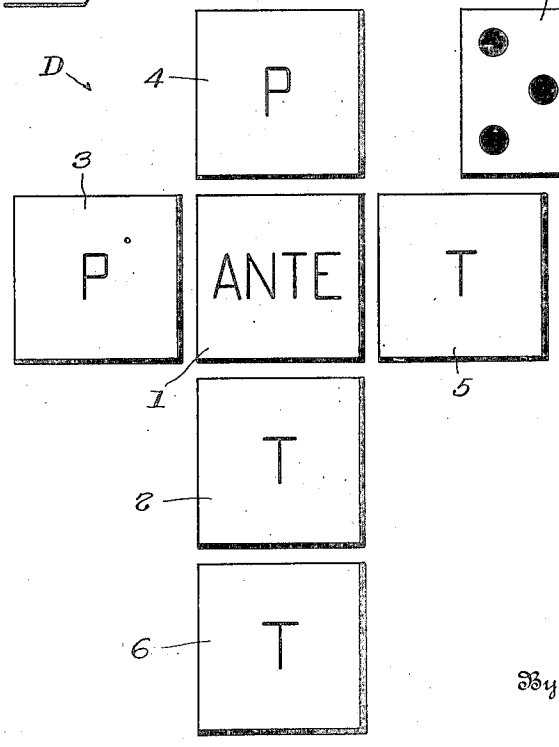


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN H. WENZEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games of Chance, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to games, and particularly to games of chance in which two or more players may participate and in which one or more dice are used as the game device.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a game of this character in which each player as he takes his turn plays with the board, and not with one or more of the other players as is the case in the heretofore known games of a similar character.

Another important object of the invention is to incite more than the usual amount of interest in a game of chance in which the game device consists of one or more dice, by providing the latter with markings which indicate various combinations of distribution or apportionment of the points between the players and the board.

The new game is different from the heretofore known games of the character described because the players are only entitled to a single cast of the die or dice at one turn. Hence, the players can make their casts in quick succession, and since a player's interest in a game of this character centers in his turn to cast, the new game will continually hold the interest of all of the players participating.

The markings upon the die or dice denoting winning and losing points are substantially equally apportioned, and for this reason and for the further reason that the players are only entitled to a single cast at one turn, the chances of the various players participating in the game are substantially equal.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those desiring to make use of the invention upon referring to the following description and the accompanying drawings, in which a preferred embodiment of the invention is disclosed.

The invention in its broadest aspect contemplates the use of one or more dice having a multiplicity of faces, the number of which is immaterial, but for the sake of simplicity a pair of cubical dice are selected for the present disclosure as a preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings:—

Figs. 1 and 2 are perspective views of a pair of dice marked in accordance with the invention, Fig. 1 illustrating a point distributing die and Fig. 2 a point indicating die; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are plan views illustrating the markings on the various faces of the dice, Fig. 3 illustrating the markings on the faces of the point distributing die and Fig. 4 illustrating the markings on the faces of the point indicating die.

Referring more particularly to the drawings in which similar reference characters are used to indicate corresponding parts upon the several views, D represents what may well be termed a point distributing die, and I represents what may well be termed a point indicating die. The dice as hereinbefore explained are illustrated as being of cubical form, and the die D as having six flat faces, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and the die I as having six flat faces, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The face 1 of the die D is provided with a marking intended to indicate that all players participating in the game must pay the board. This marking preferably consists of the word "Ante." The faces 3 and 4 are provided with suitable markings intended to indicate that the player casting the die must pay the board. These markings preferably consist of the letters "P." The remaining three faces 2, 5 and 6 are provided with suitable markings intended to indicate that the player casting the die may take points from the board. These markings preferably consist of the letters "T."

The face 7 of the die I is provided with a marking intended to indicate an indefinite number of points which is agreed upon by the players before the commencement of the game. This marking preferably consists of the word "All". The remaining faces 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are marked with dots ranging from one to five in number similar to the markings upon five corresponding faces of the ordinary type of dice.

The rules of the new game or the method of using the new dice is as follows:—

Two or more players may participate and they should arrange themselves around the board or table upon which the dice are to be cast.

Before the commencement of the game the players agree among themselves the value which the face 7 of the die I marked "All" represents.

For convenience of counting the points, chips may be used, one chip representing one point.

At the commencement of the game each player credits the board with one point by placing one chip at a convenient spot upon the board.

The player to start the game then casts the dice in the usual manner. When the dice cease rolling the points are distributed and indicated in the manner indicated by the markings upon the uppermost faces of the dice.

The players are only entitled to a single cast of the dice at one turn and they take their turns in succession from left to right around the board or table.

For illustration, when the faces marked "Ante" and "All" appear uppermost when the dice are cast, each player must pay to the board the value decided upon for the marking "All". When the faces marked "Ante" and one dot appear uppermost each player must pay the board one chip. The number of points figuring in the cast is always designated by the markings upon the die I.

When the faces marked "P" and "All" appear uppermost, the player casting the dice must pay the board chips to the value decided upon for the marking "All". If "P" and three dots appear uppermost he must pay the board three chips.

When the faces marked "T" and four dots appear uppermost the player casting the dice may take four chips from the board. When "T" and "All" appear he may take all of the chips upon the board, and then all of the players must pay one chip to the board.

If at any time the number of points on the board falls below the number of the players participating in the game or below the number designated for a player to take from the board by a cast of the dice, then all players must pay one chip to the board.

Although the foregoing rules for playing the new game or the method of using the dice are preferably to be followed, yet it is possible that variations may well be worked into the game, and therefore the right to make and use variations is reserved.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings it will be seen that the objects of the invention have been effectively carried out, but in view of the fact that the number and shape of the dice is immaterial and also that the markings upon the faces of the dice may be changed without departing from the spirit and principle of the invention, it is to be understood that such may be done within the meaning and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination of a pair of dice in which one die has faces marked so as to indicate the direction of distribution of points between the board and the player casting it and in which the other die has point indicating markings upon its faces.

2. The combination of a pair of dice in which one die has its faces marked so as to indicate the direction of distribution of points between the board and one or all of the players and in which the other die contains point indicating markings upon its faces.

3. The combination of a pair of dice in which one die has one of its faces marked so as to indicate that the player casting it must pay the board, another of its faces marked so as to indicate that the player casting it may take points from the board, and still another of its faces marked so as to indicate that all of the players must pay the board, and in which the other die has its faces provided with point indicating markings.

4. The combination of a pair of multiple faced dice in which one die has about one-half of its faces marked so as to indicate that the board must be paid and its remaining faces marked so as to indicate that the player casting it may take points from the board, and in which the other die has its faces provided with point indicating markings.

5. In a dice game device, the combination with a multiple faced die having about one-half of its faces marked so as to indicate that the board must be paid and its remaining faces marked so as to indicate that the player casting it may take points from the board, at least one of the first mentioned faces of said die indicating that the board must be paid by all of the players and the remaining first mentioned faces of said die indicating that the board must be paid by the player casting the die; of another multiple faced die having its faces provided with point indicating markings.

In testimony whereof, I hereto affix my signature.

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