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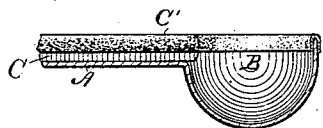
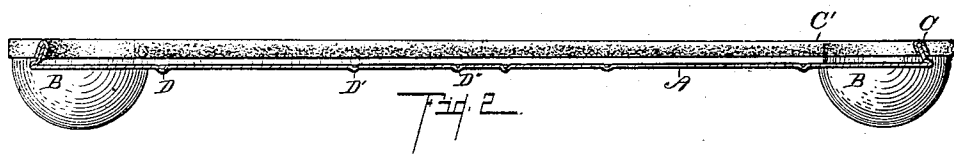
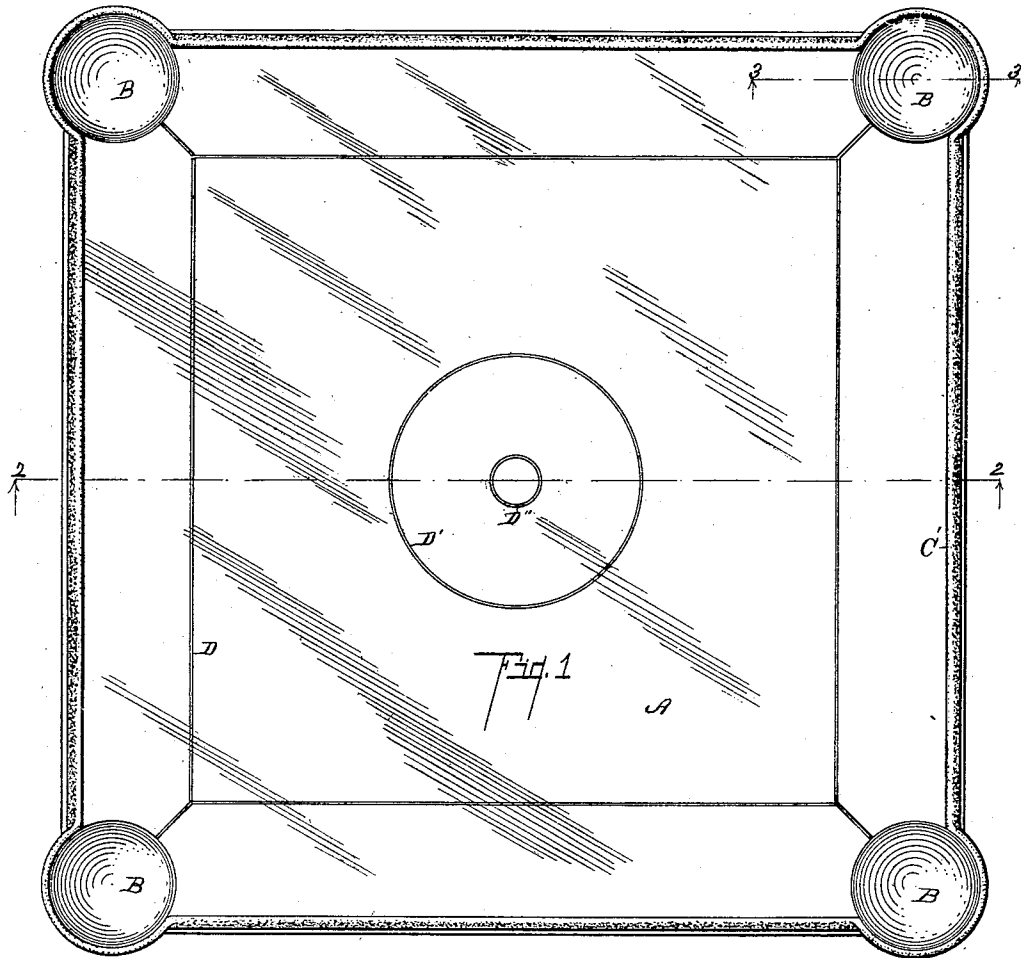


Fig. 3

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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. HASKELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ludington, in the county of Mason and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in game-boards.

It relates particularly to a game-board formed mainly of sheet metal of the class shown and described in United States Letters Patent No. 602,179, issued to me on April 12, 1898. In the manufacture of game-boards of this class a surface of considerable extent is required, and it is necessary to use a very high grade of material and great skill in constructing the same to prevent warping and to produce a perfect playing-surface. For this reason game-boards of this class are quite expensive to produce.

The objects of this invention are to provide an improved game-board of the class described, formed mainly of sheet metal, which shall be light, strong, and durable and have a smooth surface and at the same time be economical to manufacture.

Further objects of this invention will appear in the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a structure embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail cross-sectional view taken on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and the sectional views are taken looking in the direction of the little arrows at the ends of the section-lines.

Referring to the lettered parts of the drawings, A represents the playing-surface of the game-board. The board is preferably formed

rectangular, and in each corner is formed a pocket B by stamping down the metal. The edges are turned upwardly and inwardly or flanged to form a rim C. I preferably secure a strip of heavy cloth or felt C' over the edge of the rim C. This serves the purposes of a cushion to receive the impact of the playing-disks, as a deadener, and also as a finish. The rim C serves a double purpose, that of a cushion for the playing-disks upon the board and that of making the board rigid. The surface of the board is preferably grooved, as at D D' D'', to mark out a suitable playing-field for the game. These grooves also serve to strengthen the board and make the same rigid, although this is not necessary, as the board may be made of very light material and still be very rigid, as the flanged edge or rim C serves to effectually brace the same in all directions.

The board may be ornamented as desired, being capable of receiving any desired enamel or finish to imitate any kind of metal or wood.

The rim C is preferably formed at an acute angle to the surface of the board, as it thus tends to retain the playing-disks to the surface of the board when the same rebound, although a very satisfactory board is produced if the rim is formed at right angles with the surface of the board. The strip of cloth or felt C' may be omitted and very satisfactory results be obtained, as the rim forms in itself a very satisfactory cushion to receive the impact of the playing-disks.

It is apparent that, owing to the form of the board, the same may be made of very light metal and still possess great strength.

My improved game-board is very simple and economical to manufacture. I am aware, however, that it is capable of considerable structural variation without departing from my invention, and I desire to claim the same broadly as well as specifically.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a game-board, rectangular in outline, formed of sheet metal having a playing-surface A with grooves D, D', D'', therein, and its edges turned upwardly and inwardly to form a rim to receive

the impact of the playing-disks propelled across the board; and depressions B in the corners to form pockets.

2. As an article of manufacture, a game-board, rectangular in outline, formed of sheet metal having a playing-surface A with grooves D, D', D'', therein, and its edges turned upwardly to form a rim to receive the impact of the playing-disks propelled across the board; and depressions B in the corners to form pockets.

3. As an article of manufacture, a game-board, rectangular in outline, formed of a thin sheet of metal, having a playing-surface A, the edges of said sheet of metal being turned upwardly and inwardly to form a rim adapted to receive the impact of the playing-disks pro-

pelled across the board, said sheet of metal having depressions B in the corners, to form pockets.

4. As an article of manufacture, a game-board, rectangular in outline, formed of a thin sheet of metal, having a playing-surface A, the edges of said sheet of metal being turned upwardly to form a rim adapted to receive the impact of the playing-disks propelled across the board, said sheet of metal having depressions B in the corners, to form pockets.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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