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GAME BOARD

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Fig. 1.

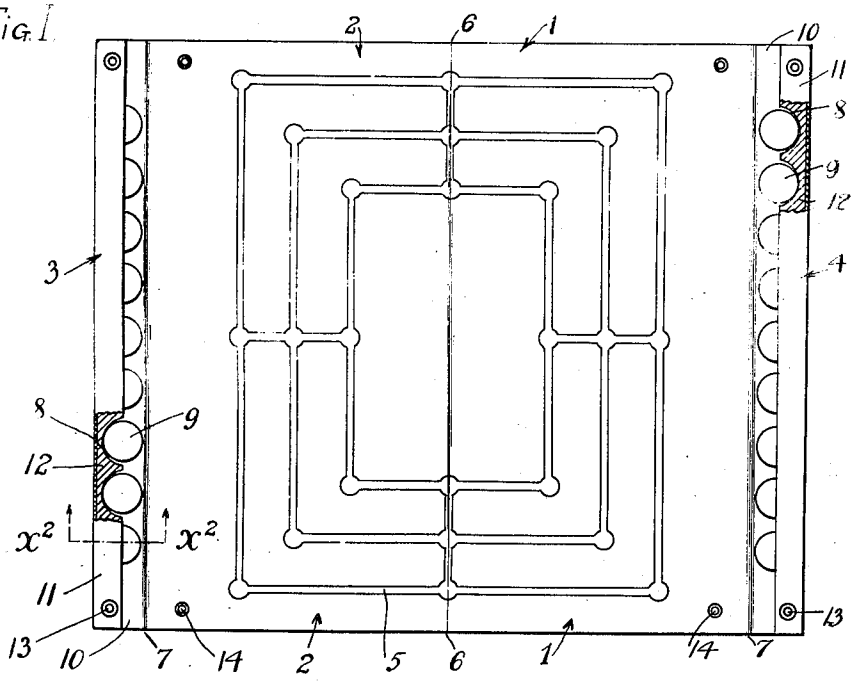



Fig. 2.

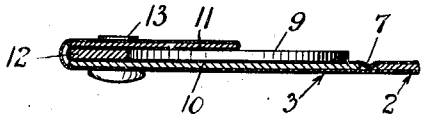



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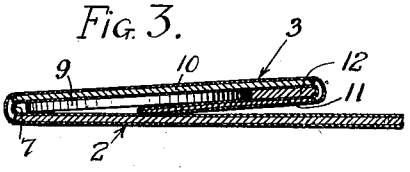
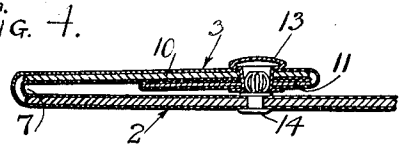



Fig. 4.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTIN C. NEUNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, State of California, have invented a new and useful Game Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a game board of the character employed in the playing of chess, checkers and other games using "men" or chips which are moved to different positions on the board.

An object of the invention is to make provision in the game board for holding the chips so that a box need not be provided to receive the chips, thus making it more convenient to carry the game board and chips from place to place and for storing the game board and chips when it is not desired to use them.

Another object is to provide a comparatively simple construction for holding the chips.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game board embodying the invention, the board being shown in open position ready for playing and portions of the flaps being broken away to disclose their construction more clearly.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmental section on line indicated by $X^2$—$X^2$ Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section similar to Fig. 2 excepting that the flap is shown closed.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail showing the flap in closed position and also showing the fasteners for holding the flap in closed position.

The board comprises a number of sections indicated at 1, 2, 3 and 4. The game is played on the sections 1, 2 and therefore said sections are provided with the necessary markings 5 for playing the game, such markings may be of the form indicated or may be of any desired character. For example, the markings 5 may be alternate squares of different colors to form a checker or chess board. The sections 1, 2 may constitute a single element without relative movement and together they form the "field" on which the game is played, but it is preferable to hinge the sections 1, 2 together as indicated at 6.

The sections 3, 4 are in the form of flaps which are hinged to the field 1, 2 as indicated at 7. It is not necessary to describe the construction of the hinge 7 in detail herein since folding game boards with hinges similar to the hinge 7 are well known. In the flaps 3, 4 are formed pockets 8 adapted to partially receive the men or chips 9. These chips are more or less flat in character and relatively thin so that the flaps can be made relatively thin. The flaps 3, 4 each comprises a relatively wide member 10, a relatively narrow member 11 and a notched intermediate member 12 interposed between the members 10, 11. Thus the bottom and ends of the pockets 8 are formed by the member 12 and the sides of the pockets are formed by the members 10, 11, and when the board is in open position the chips rest upon the members 10. The members 11 are made narrower than the members 10 so that the player can readily extract any one of the chips from the pockets 8 by placing his finger thereon and sliding the chip toward the center of the board. The distance from the bottom of each pocket to the adjacent hinge is but slightly greater than the diameter of the chips, and the hinges 7 form grooves adapted to engage the projecting edges of the chips when the flaps are folded inwardly toward the center of the board. Thus the grooves catch the chips and prevent them from sliding out of the pockets when the flaps are being folded.

Though it is not absolutely necessary, it is preferable to fasten the flaps in folded position, and for this purpose the flaps and the sections 1, 2 are provided with co-operating fasteners 13, 14. The fasteners 13, 14, in this instance, are in the form of snap fasteners of the character employed on gloves.

To fold the game board, as it lies in the position shown in Fig. 1, the flaps 3, 4 will be folded inwardly and secured by the fasteners 13, 14, and then the sections 1, 2 will be folded toward one another so as to bring the flaps between the sections 1, 2. In this folded condition the game board together with the chips can be readily carried about or stored, and when the board is unfolded for use the chips are in place on the board ready to the player's hand.

I claim:

1. In a game board, the combination of two sections hinged together, one of the sec-

tions being provided with pockets to receive the chips used in playing the game and the distance from the bottom of each pocket to the hinge being but slightly greater than the diameter of the chips.

2. In a game board, the combination of two sections hinged together, one of the sections being provided with pockets to receive the chips used in playing the game, and the hinge forming a groove adapted to be engaged by the edges of the chips when the section having the pockets is folded upon the other section.

3. In a game board, the combination of two sections hinged together, one of the sections comprising a relatively wide member and a relatively narrow member and a notched intermediate member between the wide and narrow members to form pockets to receive the chips used in playing the game.

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