

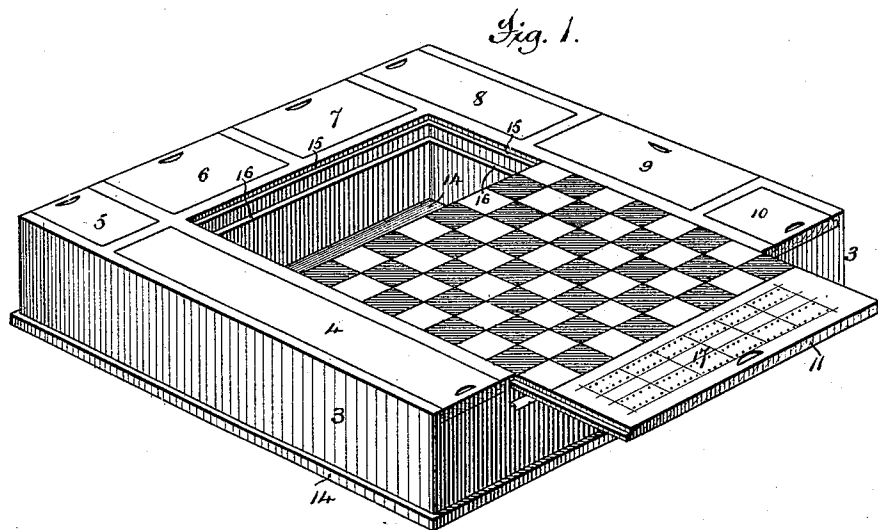
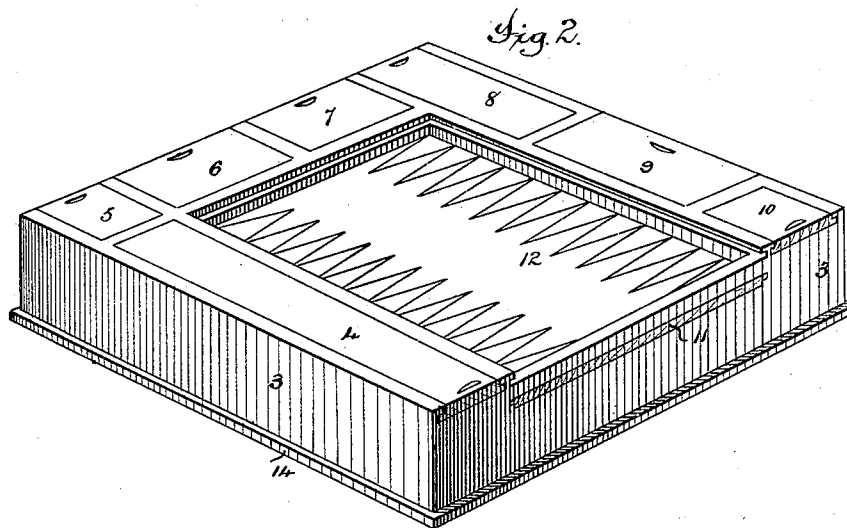
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. SHAY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boxes, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient case to hold cards, checkers, dominoes, chess, dice, and other implements used in playing various games, and also the proper support and boards for such implements in playing the games; and my invention consists in a case provided with a series of receptacles for the implements with which the games are played, and means whereby the different games may be played, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a case containing my invention, and Fig. 2 a perspective view of said case altered for the playing, for instance, of backgammon.

In these drawings 3 is a case provided with a series of compartments with sliding lids 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The compartment which the sliding lid 4 covers is of a sufficient size to contain a set of chessmen. The compartment which the sliding lid 5 covers is of sufficient size to contain a set of counters in the playing of cards. The compartments which the lids 6 and 7 cover are of sufficient size to contain a euchre-pack of cards and a full pack respectively. The compartment which the sliding lid 8 covers is of a sufficient size to contain a set of checkers. The compartment which the sliding lid 9 covers is of a sufficient size to contain a set of dominoes, and the compartment which the sliding lid 10 covers may be used for holding dice, while the compartment which the sliding lid 11 covers may contain dice-cups and other playing implements. The case is also provided with a bottom, 14, and its inner sides are provided with grooves 15 16 in which the lid 11 may slide, and by which it is supported.

The lid 11 on one side, 13, is divided into squares, as represented, and when said lid is

placed in the upper grooves, 15, of the case 3, as represented in Fig. 1, it may be used for playing checkers and chess, or as a support for cards. At one end of said lid there is a series of holes, 17, for the reception of pins when the game of cribbage is being played. When it is desired to play backgammon the lid 11 is taken out of the upper grooves, 15, and slid into the lower ones, 16, the under face of said lid 11 then being uppermost. These lower grooves, 16, are at such a distance below the top of the case 3 as to enable the dice to be thrown and checkers to be used without liability of their falling out, as is usual in playing the game of backgammon. The face 12 of the lid 11 is divided, as represented in the drawings, in the ordinary way of cases for the playing of the game of backgammon.

By the use of my invention the implements by which the different games are played are all assembled together in their respective compartments, handy to be gotten at and used, and not liable to be lost, thus avoiding the great inconvenience in the playing of the different games, whereas heretofore these implements have been put away in different places, and thus some of them were liable to be lost.

By the use of the double grooves in the case and the double-faced sliding cover 11 various games—such as cards, chess, and checkers—can be played as well as backgammon, as I have described, thus dispensing with several devices heretofore required in order to play these various games.

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

1. A game-board having a main receptacle for game implements, which is provided with a sliding cover having divisions on its opposite sides adapted to different games, which cover is made reversible, so that either game may be played at will, substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a game-board, with the walls forming a main receptacle and provided with means for securing a cover at different altitudes, of a cover having delineated upon its opposite surfaces the necessary divisions for different games, whereby said cover

may be adjusted for use with a game requiring the surrounding border or ledge, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the side walls forming a main receptacle and having means for supporting a cover bearing upon its opposite sides different game-diagrams at different altitudes, of additional receptacles along the side or sides provided with separate protecting-covers, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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