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Fig. 1.

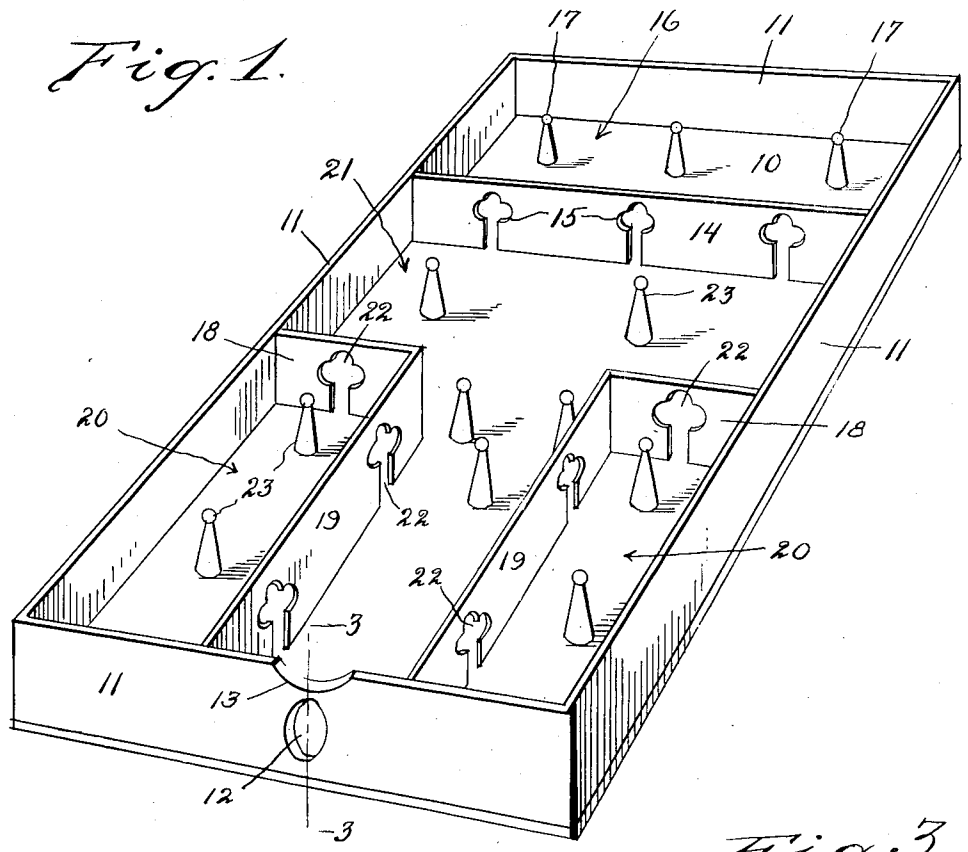


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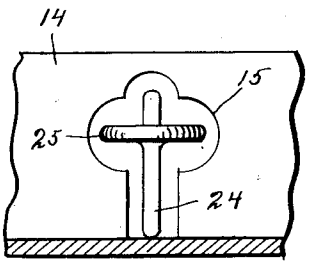
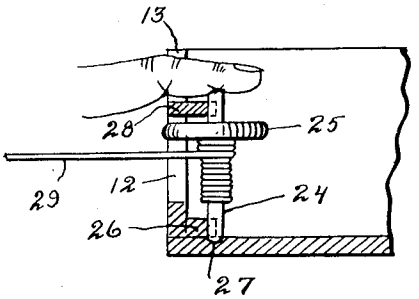


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY E. ANKENER and LAWRENCE A. DEMARCO, citizens of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore City and State of Maryland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to amusement devices, particularly to games, and has for its object the provision of a game including a game board and movable pieces in the nature of pins having varying valuations and adapted to be knocked over by a top spun upon the board.

An important and more specific object is the provision of a game of this character in which the game board is divided into compartments by partitions formed with openings for the passage of the top, the movable pieces set up within the various compartments having considerably different values depending upon the probability of their being knocked over by the top.

An additional object is the provision of a game of this character which will be simple and inexpensive in manufacture, highly amusing and entertaining in use, easy to operate, durable in service, and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the game board,

Figure 2 is a detail sectional view showing a fragment of one of the partitions and showing the relation of the spinning top to the opening in the partition, and

Figure 3 is a detail sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, showing the top in position.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, we have shown our game board as comprising a rectangular box-like structure including a bottom 10 and a peripherally disposed upwardly extending flange 11. At the center of the forward end of the box the flange 11 is provided with an opening 12 and has its upper edge formed with a cut-away portion 13 for a purpose to be described. Extending transversely of the other end portion of the box is a partition 14 provided with peculiarly shaped openings 15. This partition 14 defines a compartment 16 within which are disposed movable pieces 17 which are in the nature of miniature ten pins and which are given a certain valuation in the game. At substantially the central portion of the board we provide partitions 18 which extend only part way across and which are connected with longitudinal partitions 19 which extend to the forward end of the board. By this arrangement there are provided relatively small compartments 20 and a T-shaped relatively large compartment 21. The partitions 18 and 19 are formed with openings 22 which are similar to the openings 15. Located within the compartments 20 and 21 are movable pieces 23 which are the same as the pieces 17 and which may be given various valuations.

The game further includes a top which consists of a spindle 24 and a disk 25 mounted thereon. Adjacent the lower end of the opening 12 there is provided a block 26 having a notch within which is engaged the lower end portion of the spindle and this notch aligns with a slight concavity 27 in the bottom of the box. At the upper end of the opening 12 there is provided a block or strip 28 likewise formed with a notch for the reception of the upper end portion of the spindle and when the top is properly placed with its lower end in the concavity 27 and its spindle engaged within the notches its upper end will project slightly above the cut-out portion 13 so that the operator may hold the top by placing a finger upon its upper end. A suitable cord, indicated at 29, is wrapped about the top spindle beneath the disk 25.

In playing the game it is of course necessary that the top be wrapped with the string and placed in position, as shown in Figure 3, with the string passing through the opening 12. The operator holds the top with one finger, as shown, and pulls the string with the other hand and subsequently removes his finger. The top will of course be given rapid movement and will naturally jump out of the concavity 27 and the notches and will move along the board, knocking over more or less of the pins 23 and possibly passing through some of the openings 15 or 22 and subsequently knocking down some of the pieces 17 or 23 in the compartments 16 or 20. The different pieces of course have different valuations and the player knocking down the larger number of pieces or the pieces whose

values aggregate the larger amount will of course be the winner of the game.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings it will be apparent that we have thus provided a simply constructed and easily played game which will be highly interesting and entertaining.

While we have shown and described the preferred embodiment of our invention, it is of course to be understood that we reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described our invention, we claim:

A game comprising the combination with a game board having a playing surface surrounded by a retaining flange, of movable pieces disposable upon the playing surface at selected locations, and a spinning top adapted to be spun upon and travel over the playing surface for knocking over the pieces thereon, the top including a spindle body adapted to have string wrapped thereabout and further including a disk member located intermediate the ends of the spindle, one end of the board being provided with retaining means for initially holding the top and being provided with an opening through which the string may be pulled, said retaining means comprising vertically spaced blocks secured upon the flange above and below the opening therein and provided with notches for the reception of the top spindle, the board being provided with a depression below and alining with said notches for receiving the lower end of the spindle, said end wall of the board having its upper edge cut away whereby the upper end of the spindle will extend thereabove for engagement by a finger.

In testimony whereof we hereto affix our signatures.

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