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GAME APPARATUS.

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Fig. 1

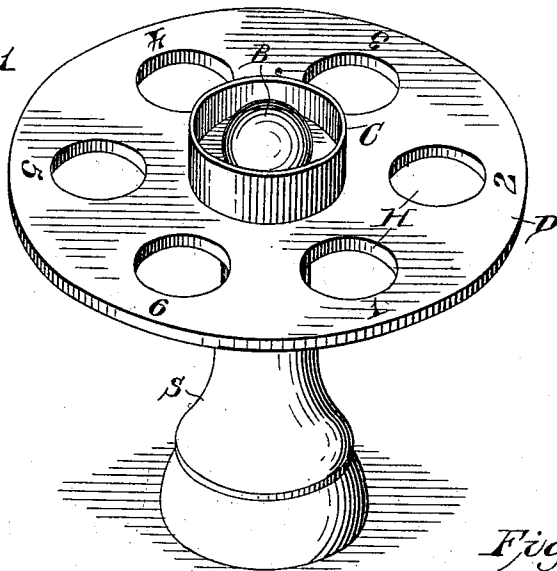


Fig. 2

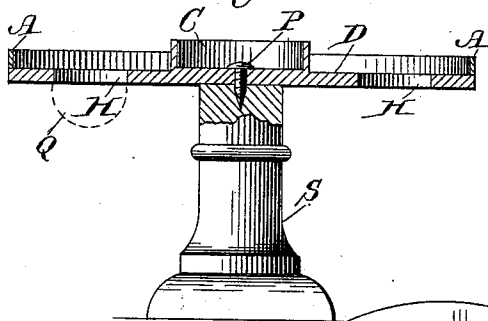


Fig. 3

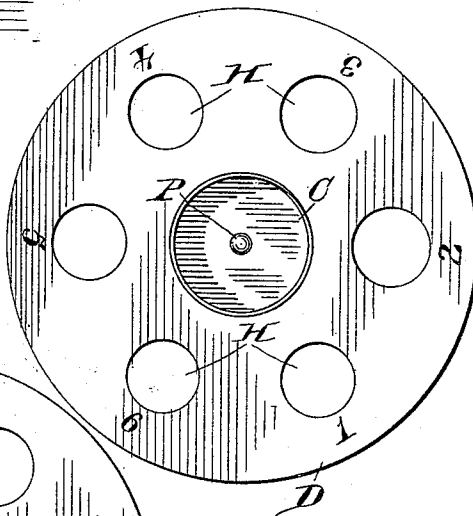
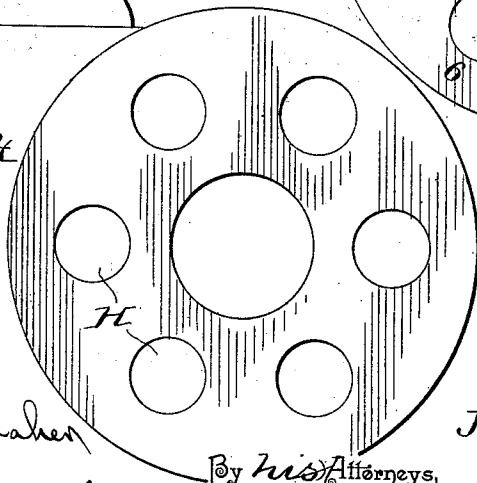


Fig. 4



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEROME B. REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Game, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games and toys, and more especially to that class of game requiring a special apparatus; and the object of the same is to effect certain improvements in games of this character.

To this end the invention consists of a game of the specific construction hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated on the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a general perspective view of this improved game ready to be played. Fig. 2 is a central vertical transverse section. Fig. 3 is a plan view, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of a removable disk adapted to be used in connection with this game.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter S designates a supporting-base, and D is a dial, having a cup C at its center and mounted on a central pivot P in the upper end of said base. This dial is preferably round and flat, as shown; but it may have an annular ridge A, as shown in Fig. 2, if desired, and it may be of other shapes than that illustrated. Through the dial are several holes H, in the present instance six, and adjacent each hole is a figure, as shown. The cup C is raised slightly above the level of the dial and is considerably larger than any one of the holes.

B is a rubber ball of a size to pass through any of the holes.

The game is played in the following manner: The players (in the present instance, six or less) seat themselves around a table, upon the center of which the device is placed. The dial D is given a rotation around its pivot P and the player opposite whom figure 1 stops has first play. Taking the ball B in his hand he throws it sharply upon the table in front of him and endeavors to cause it to fall through the hole numbered 1. If he fail, the play passes to the player on his left, who shoots for hole numbered 6, and so on around. If the ball falls into the cup C, the player who

shot it has subtracted from his score the number of the hole for which he was shooting, and if any player succeed in shooting through the hole for which he is striving he adds that number to his score and shoots again. After the play has gone once around the board the dial is again rotated, but the play continues regularly instead of again commencing with the player opposite hole numbered 1, although the figures must have been changed. This is sometimes done by moving the dial one step each time the play has gone once around. The game is twenty-five points, and he who first makes exactly that number is winner. Should he have twenty-three and hole numbered 4 stands opposite him, he had better not play, because if he should succeed in shooting through the hole it would make his score twenty-seven and he would be out of the game.

When the annular ridge A is employed, the ball will be prevented from rolling off the dial.

In Fig. 4 is shown a plan view of a disk, which is preferably made of card-board and provided with a central opening adapted to pass over the cup and with holes registering with those in the dial D, and near these holes are inscribed words or fancy pictures, indicating an old maid, a crânk, a dude, and so on, as well as the numbers above mentioned. The game of old maid can then be played in the same manner, the one who is last "out" being given the title designated by the word or picture opposite the hole for which he was playing last.

The parts of this device are made of wood or metal suitably finished and may be considerably ornamented.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the essential principles of my invention. Among others I might mention that cups Q may be arranged below the holes H, as seen in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the ball, after passing through the hole, will rest in said cup, from which it may be removed by hand.

What is claimed as new is—

1. The herein-described game apparatus, the same comprising a supporting-base, a dial pivoted upon the upper end thereof and provided with a number of holes with figures ad-

jacent, and a rubber ball adapted to pass through any of said holes, the whole being constructed and played substantially as herein set forth.

5 2. The herein-described game apparatus, the same comprising a supporting-base, a dial provided with a number of holes with figures adjacent, a cup rigidly mounted on the center of said disk, a pivot-pin passing through  
10 the center of said cup and into the base, and a rubber ball smaller than any of the holes or the cup, the whole being constructed and played substantially as set forth.

15 3. The herein-described game apparatus, the same comprising a supporting-base, a dial centrally pivoted upon said base and provided with a number of holes with figures adjacent, a cup rigidly mounted on said dial, an annular ridge around the edge of said dial,  
20 and a rubber ball smaller than any of the holes or the cup, the whole being constructed and played substantially as set forth.

4. The herein-described game apparatus, the same comprising a supporting-base, a dial having an integral cup at its center and a 25 number of holes through its body near its edge, a pivot-pin centrally pivoting the dial to the base, a card-board disk having a central opening adapted to surround said cup and a number of holes near its edge registering with those in said dial, figures on the dial and disk near the holes, and a rubber ball  
30 smaller than any of the holes or the cup, the whole being constructed and played substantially as hereinbefore set forth. 35

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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