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Fig. 1

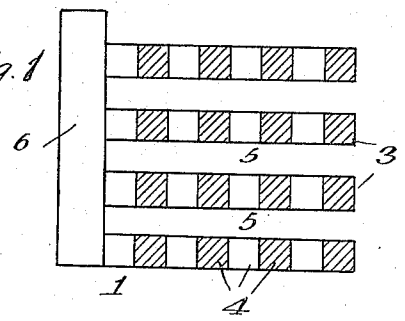


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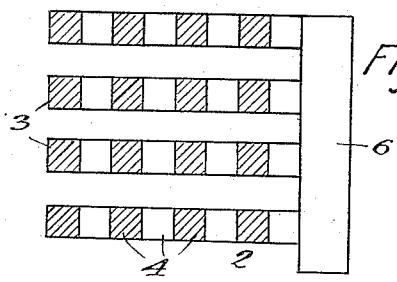
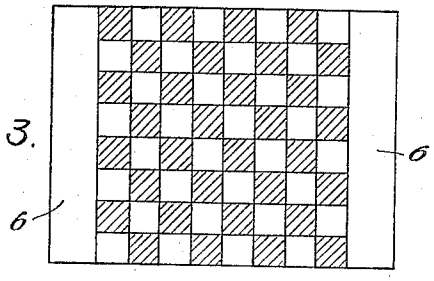


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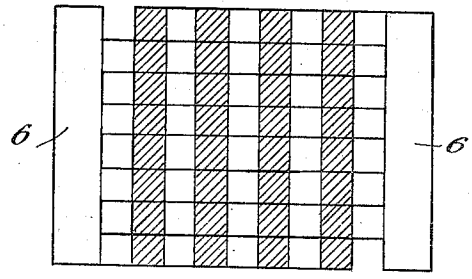


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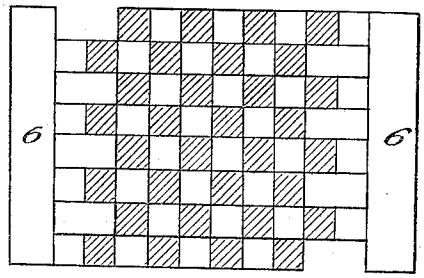


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN W. FOSTER, a resident of Central Park, in the county of Nassau and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to game boards, on which games like checkers or chess may be played and on which certain rows of the pieces used in the game may be moved bodily at will.

The object of my invention is the provision of a game board on which the relative positions of alternate lines of pieces may be varied independently of the ordinary moves of the game. I attain this object by the device shown in one form in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of one half of my improved board. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of the other half of the board. Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the parts arranged to form the ordinary checker board. Fig. 4 is a plan view showing one of the positions into which the parts may be separated during the progress of the game, and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 of another position.

In the practical embodiment of my invention, I prefer to separate a game board such as a checker board into two similar sections 1 and 2, (Figs. 1 and 2). Each of said sections comprises a series of rows 3 arranged transversely of the board and preferably four in number, said rows being divided into squares 4, the alternate squares being colored contrastingly as in the ordinary board. The spaces 5 between rows 3 of section 1 are made just wide enough to allow rows 3 of section 2 to slidably fit said spaces, section 2 being made similar to section 1. The connecting portion 6 of the sections serves to hold rows 3 in the proper spaced relation, said portion 6 being shown integral with said rows 3, though it is obvious that the portions 6 may be made of separate pieces suitably joined to rows 3 without departing from the spirit of my invention.

It is intended that during the progress of the game, sections 1 and 2 be separated at various times by a distance equal to the width of one or more squares, thereby moving the sections and the pieces carried thereby relatively to each other.

Various rules for the movement of the sections may be decided upon for making the game played on my improved board more varied and interesting than that played on the ordinary board. In one form of game, sections 1 and 2 may be moved transversely from each other a distance equal to the width of two squares, leaving spaces temporarily at the opposite ends of alternate lines, but not interfering with the use of all the black squares, since the first square at the upper left hand corner is black instead of white as in the ordinary checker board, the separation and bringing together of the sections taking place alternately after each player has made a move. In this form of the game, each player plays on a board differing from that of his opponent in the relative positions of the squares and of the pieces, and the player has therefore to imagine the movable section moved to form his opponent's board in order to foresee the consequences of his move.

What I claim is:

1. In a sectional game board, a section comprising a series of rows of squares, said rows being spaced apart to allow the rows of a similar section to slidably fit therein.

2. A sectional game board comprising two sections, each of said sections having four rows of squares arranged in suitable spaced relation to allow said sections to mutually interlock, said sections being relatively movable longitudinally of said rows.

3. In a sectional game board, two series of alternate rows of squares relatively movable longitudinally, and means for holding said alternate rows in suitable spaced relation.

4. A sectional game board comprising two sections, each of said sections having four rows of eight squares in each row, means for retaining said rows in suitable lateral spaced relation to allow said sections to mutually interlock, said sections being movable relatively longitudinally of said rows.

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