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Fig. 1.

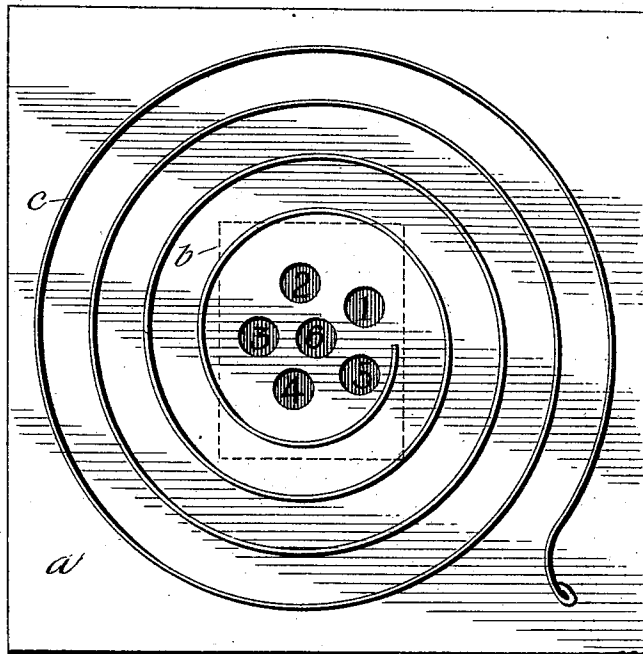


Fig. 2.

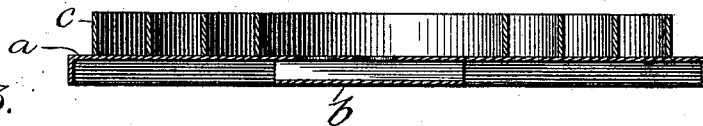
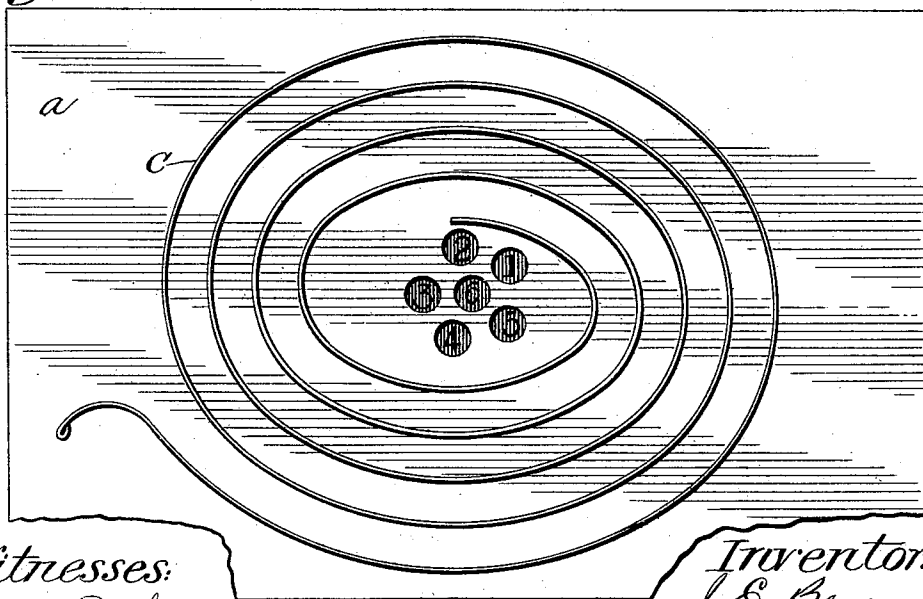


Fig. 3.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHINE ELLA BEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meadville, in the county of Crawford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in game-boards, and particularly to the construction hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a game-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical section thereof, and Fig. 3 represents a plan view of another form or embodiment of the invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, it will be observed that the base *a*, which may conveniently consist of sheet metal, is turned down at its edges to form a strengthening edge and also to provide an elevated peripheral support upon which the device as a whole may rest, while at the same time raising the base sufficiently to permit space underneath for the reception and attachment of the plate *b*. The said plate *b* is located immediately beneath the central field of the game-board, and is attached to the base *a* at its ends only. The field is provided with a series of perforations designated by graded numerals or the like, the numerals being on the plate and showing through the perforations in *a*, as indicated. These perforations form pockets for the small ball or marble used in playing the game, and the plate *b* forms a bottom, closed at its ends and open at the sides, common to all of the pockets, thereby constituting a construction economical in point of manufacture, or the pockets may be indented into the base, thus dispensing with the plate *b*, and the openings at the side of the plate *b* providing clearings for dirt, dust, &c.

Around about the central field is located a

helical runway opening into said field tangentially at the inner end of the runway. The runway is bounded by corresponding helical guard-walls *c* of appropriate height, which walls may consist of convolutions varying from the circular arrangement shown in Fig. 1 to a more or less elliptical or oblong form, as shown, for instance, in Fig. 3.

The method of playing the game will be readily understood. A small ball or marble projected from the hand of the player enters the open outer end of the runway and, following the same, issues into the central field, finally falling into one of the numbered pockets thereof. The number of shots allotted to each player being predetermined, the aggregate score represented by the sum of the numerals on the pockets into which his marble falls is counted for him and indicates his tally in the contest.

It is of course obvious that any number of players may participate in the game, that any number of balls or marbles may be used, and that the number of shots allotted to each player may be at the option of the players.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A game-board, consisting of a base-plate having a small space in the center provided with a number of perforations, and a turned-down edge forming an elevated peripheral support, a helically-arranged runway leading from the outer edge of the plate to the perforated central space, and a bottom plate underlying the perforations and attached at opposite ends a slight distance below and to the base-plate with its sides unattached so as to have a free space between the two plates, said perforations being adapted to form pockets for a marble or other rolling projectile entering the space from the runway, and the bottom plate being provided with numbers showing through the perforations and forming graduated designations for the pockets.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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