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Fig. 1.

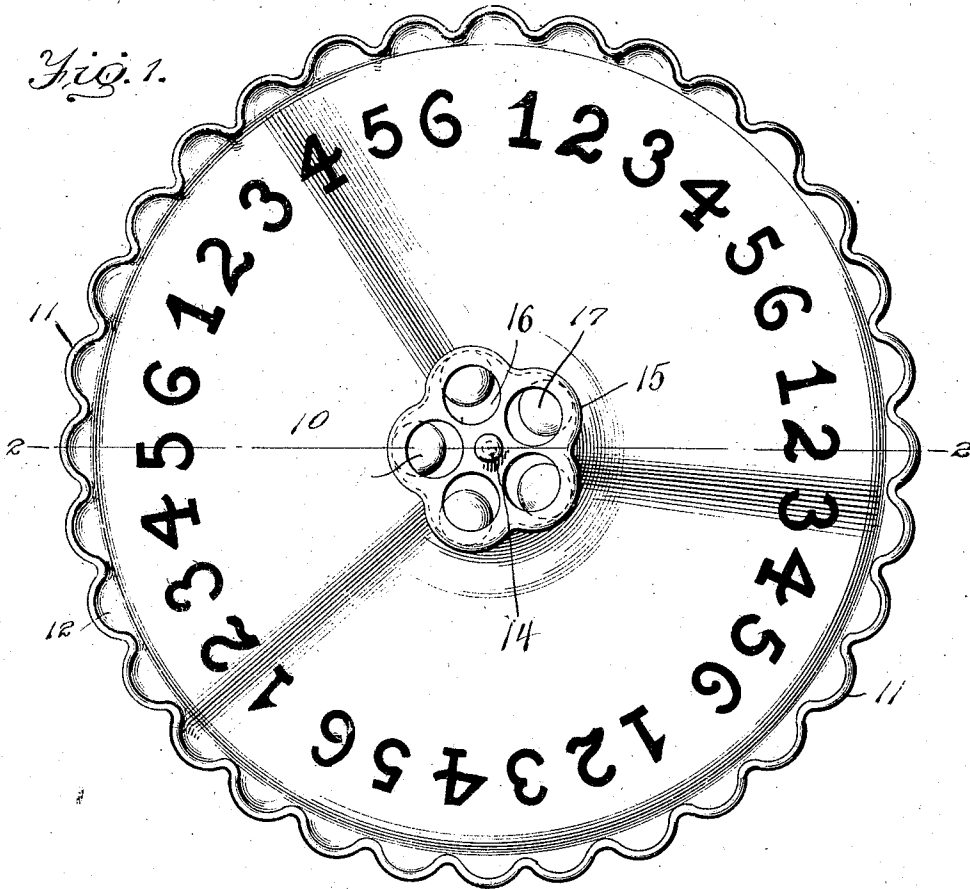
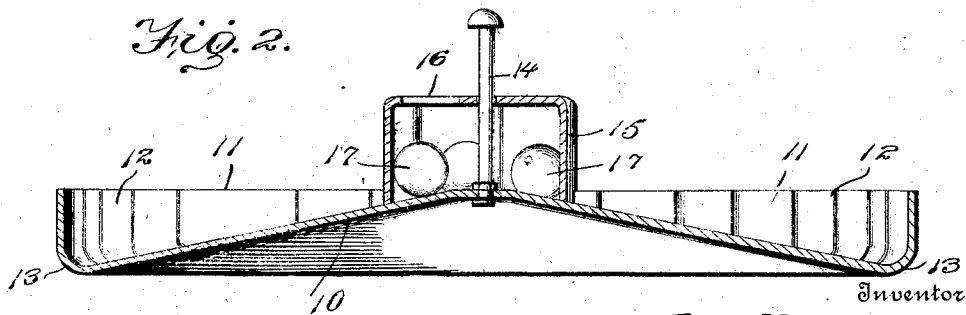


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT M. HALLIDAY, citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Gilead, in the county of Morrow and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in game apparatus of the class wherein balls are employed to roll over an inclined surface and receivable in pockets having designating characters or numerals, and has for one of its objects to provide a simply constructed device which will amuse and instruct, and by means of which various games may be played.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described, and then specifically pointed out in the claims, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention: Figure 1 is a plan view of the improved device; Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved device comprises a base or platform 10 having a relatively flat conical upper face and with an upturned rim 11, the rim being formed with a plurality of inwardly directed pockets 12. The platform together with its rim and encircling pockets, is preferably struck up from a single sheet of metal with the material rounded at the juncture of the rim and the body of the platform as represented at 13. Rising from the apex of the platform is a standard or guide pin 14, and slidably and rotatably disposed upon the pin is a ball holder formed of an encircling shell having vertical side walls 15 formed into a plurality of recesses or hollows, and with a plurality of apertures 16 in its upper end corresponding to the hollows or pockets of the holder, each pocket being thus provided with one of the apertures 16, as shown. The holder 15 is open at the bottom, and is slidable and rotatable upon the pin. A plurality of balls also constitutes a part of the device, and are represented at 17, and correspond in number to the pockets of the holder. The apertures 16 of the ball holder are sufficiently large to permit one of the balls to be passed there-

through to supply the holder with the balls. By this means when the holder is in its downward position, and the balls inserted through the apertures, they will roll into the pockets of the holder and be supported therein, and then when the holder is elevated, the balls are released and automatically roll down into the pockets 12.

The platform 10 is provided with numerals or other designating characters opposite the pockets 12. Any system of numerals or other characters may be employed, but generally the pockets will be arranged in series and each series provided with its own designating numerals or other characters. For the purpose of illustration five series of the pockets are shown, each containing six pockets, and numbered from one to six, as shown. It will be understood that any system or arrangement of the numerals may be employed, and it is not desired therefore to limit the invention to any specific arrangement of the numerals or other designating characters.

In operating the device the holder is preferably whirled about and elevated to cause the balls to be thrown over the entire surface of the base and thus prevent them from rolling into any predetermined pocket. The balls may be released by simply elevating the holder without rotating it, but rotating the balls increases the interest and lessens the chances for predetermined arrangement of the balls.

By arranging the pockets 12 in series of six and providing them with numerals as shown, the improved device may be employed in the same manner as dice are used, and with the same results. For instance one or two pair can be played, three of a kind, a "full house," fours, five of a kind, high or low, odd or even, or any game of addition. In playing for pairs when a player manipulates the holder to release the balls and the rolling balls scores one pair, the player picks up the remaining three balls and places them back in the holder and manipulates it again, and if he secures one or more like the first, he leaves them with the first pair and tries once more with the remaining balls, three times in all, finishing the play. It will be obvious therefore that any game may be played which is possible to be played with ordinary dice.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured and

of any required size or capacity, and any required number of the balls and pockets employed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a conical platform having a rim divided into a plurality of inwardly opening pockets, a rod extending from the apex of said platform, a holder for balls, slidable on said rod and with vertical sides formed into a plurality of inwardly opening recesses, and a plurality of balls in said holder and bearing in the recesses thereof and releasable and set into rotary movement by rotating and elevating the holder upon the rod.

2. A game apparatus comprising a conical

platform having a rim divided into a plurality of inwardly opening pockets, a holder for balls open at the top and bottom with vertical sides formed into a plurality of inwardly opening recesses and bearing upon the apex of said conical platform and rotatable and vertically movable relative thereto, and a plurality of balls in said holder and engaging in the recesses thereof and set into rotary movement and releasable therefrom by elevating and rotating the holder.

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

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