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Fig. 1.

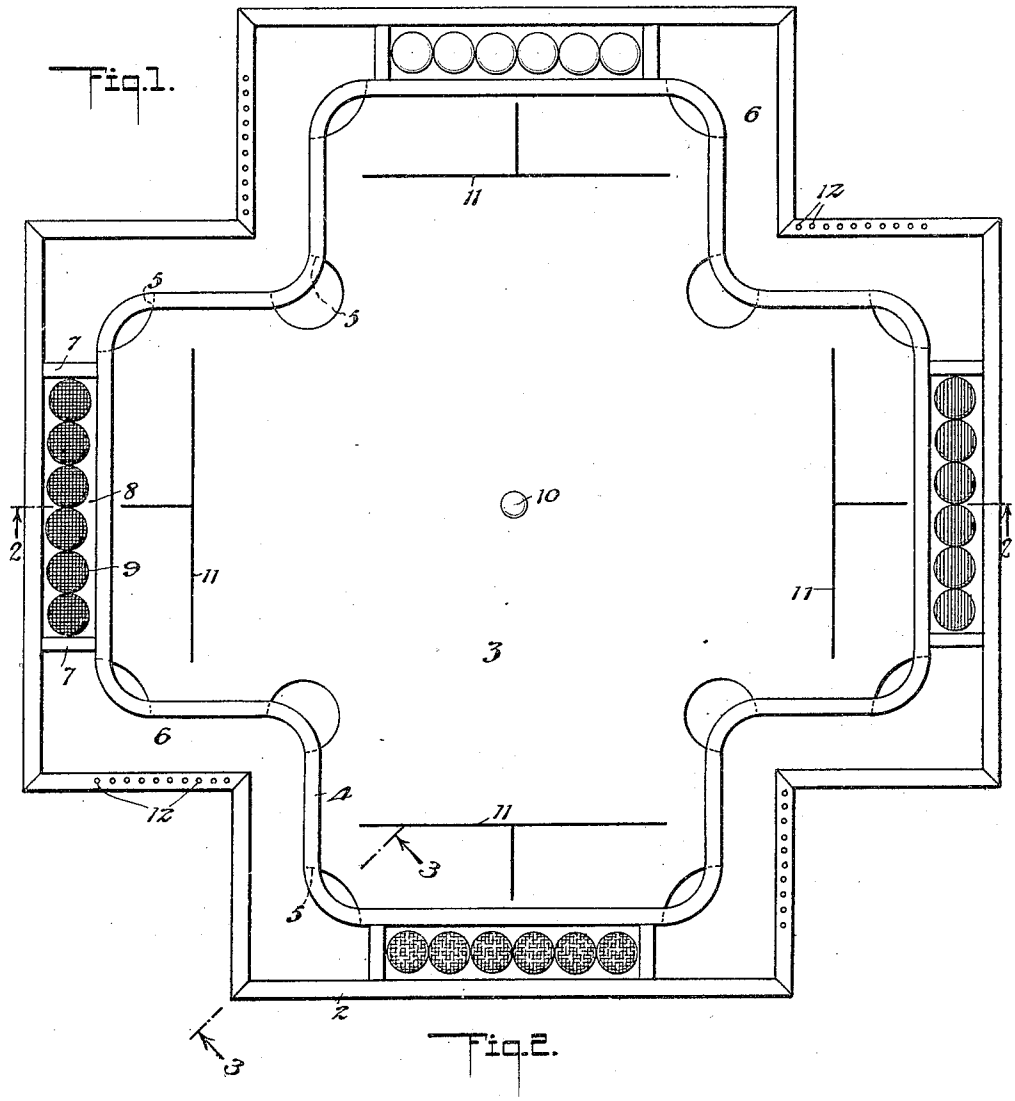


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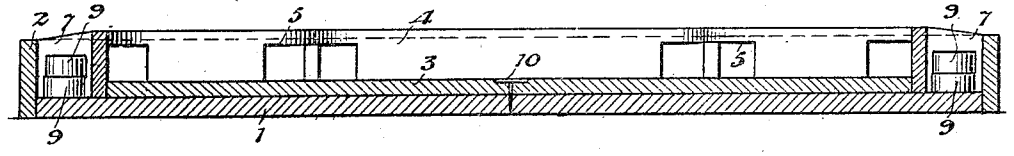
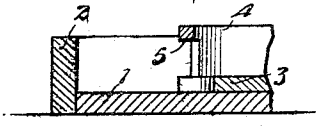


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Aurora, in the county of Adams and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in games, an object of the invention being to provide a game of skill which will prove interesting and amusing to old and young alike.

A further object is to provide a novel form of game board over which men or tokens are adapted to be manually slidden, the sliding movement of said tokens being controlled by the skill of the players.

A still further object is to provide a game which can be made in a variety of sizes in accordance with the use for which it is intended, and a game board which will be simple and practical in construction, neat and attractive in use, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved game board;

Figure 2 is a view in section therethrough on the line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, I have used the reference numeral 1 to indicate the bottom of a shallow receptacle provided with defining side walls 2. As seen most clearly in Figure 1, this receptacle is preferably in the shape of a Greek cross having relatively short arms, but the shape of the box or receptacle might be considerably varied without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the particular embodiment of the invention shown, the game apparatus is designed for the use of four players and a board 3 of substantially the same shape as the box is superimposed upon the bottom of the box and forms the field or playing surface.

The board 3 is likewise provided with an upstanding defining side wall 4. The board and the wall 4 are preferably curved at the corners rather than angular like the box. At each corner of the inner wall 4 there is provided an opening 5 providing communication between the game board 3 and the relatively narrow court or compartment 6, defined by the two walls 2 and 4.

A pair of partitions 7 connect the ends of the arms of the inner cross to the outer wall 2, said partitions defining compartments 8, in which the tokens or men 9 are adapted to be stored. The compartments 8 are preferably of a convenient size to accommodate twelve tokens each. Each set of tokens is of course differently colored or marked and the tokens are in the form of flat disks adapted to be manually slidden over the face of the game board 3.

At the exact center of the game board, I provide a spot 10, and in each arm of the cross directly in front of the compartments 8, the board is ruled to provide starting lines or foul lines 11, from behind which the tokens are initially shot or projected.

In playing the game, the first player places his token on the foul line 11 and shoots the same with the thumb and forefinger endeavoring to cover the central spot 10 of the board with the token. The next player in turn shoots one of his tokens endeavoring to knock the other player's token from the board through one of the openings 5 in the wall 4. Each player in turn shoots one token endeavoring to drive the other player's token from the board and to cover the central spot with his own tokens. When a player accidentally shoots his own token from the board, he is compelled to "spot" the same upon the board, or if he knocks both his own token and another player's token simultaneously through one of the openings 5, he is compelled to "spot" both tokens. Of course the manner in which the points are scored forms no part of this invention, but I prefer to count ten, every time the spot is covered by a token, and one, every time an opponent's token is driven out of the field and into the court. For the purpose of keeping score, a plurality of perforations 12 may be arranged adjacent each compartment and the score may be kept by successively moving pegs from one of these perforations or recesses to the next.

I have shown a board in the form of a cross upon which four people are adapted to play. It will be obvious that I need not

limit myself to the exact shape of the board, or to the number who are adapted to play a game. The board may either be held upon the knees of the players, or may be made in a large size to rest upon the table, in which case, cues instead of the fingers are used for sliding or projecting the tokens.

The game which I have described above, I prefer to call Kort, but many other games might be played with the board and various methods of scoring might be resorted to.

Although I have illustrated one of the preferred embodiments of my invention, it will be apparent that various slight changes and alterations might be made in the general form and arrangement of the parts described without departing from the invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the precise details set forth, but shall consider myself at liberty to make such slight changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A game board including a playing field, spaced outer and inner walls surrounding said field, the inner wall having a plurality of corners each of which is provided with an opening, and transverse partitions extending between said outer and inner walls and defining a plurality of compartments certain of which are segregated from the playing field for receiving tokens not in play, the other compartments each communicating with said playing field through one of said openings to receive a token from said field which has been put in play.

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