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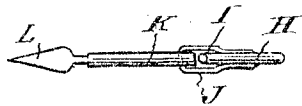
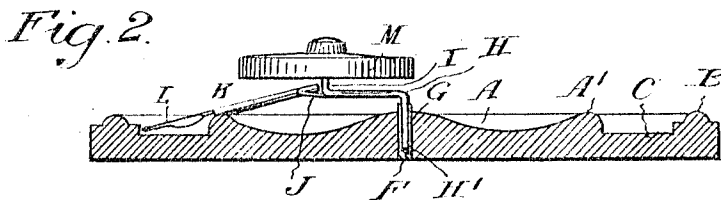
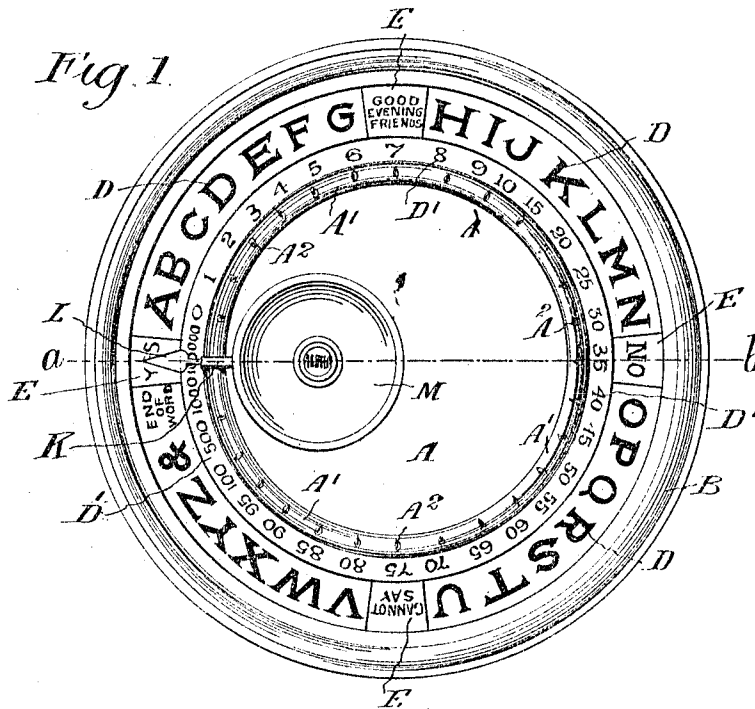


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID BLAIKLEY, of 96 Dumbarton road, Partick, Glasgow, Scotland, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Planchette Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games of the planchette class and its object is to provide an improved apparatus of this class.

In order that my invention may be properly understood and readily carried into effect, I have hereunto appended one sheet of drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a plan of the apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on line *a, b*. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the crank or arm detached.

The invention consists of a board or disk proper preferably formed of wood with its lower surface smooth and plain in order that it may lie flat upon a table or like support. The upper surface is formed of two raised portions an inner approximating to a disk A with an annular bead A¹ having notches A², and an outer provided with a circumferential bead B. Between the aforesaid two raised portions A and B a depressed annular recess C is formed having a flat or level surface. The flat or level surface constituting the depressed recess C is inscribed with alphabetical letters D conveniently disposed therearound. At regular intervals or spaces intervening said letters D, words or phrases E are inserted as seen. Within an inner circle or frontier, contiguous to the annular bead A¹ is inscribed a scale of numbers D¹ regularly or irregularly divided from 0 up to and inclusive of 1,000,000. The inner portion or disk A has a central hole F, provided with a tubular liner or socket G. A crank or radial arm H is carried by the stem or spindle H¹ in this central hole F. The crank or arm H is mounted at or near the center of its length, at which point the crank or arm is bent up so as to form a pivot or vertical support I, and a link J connects the arm proper to a rod extension K which terminates with a pointer L. Rotatably carried upon the pivot or vertical support I is a disk M.

Under my invention the pointer or indicator L which is arranged to work through an arc of a circle, can, without the player or players requiring to move around

the apparatus, be moved over notches or indentations A² on the outer edge or bead A¹ of the raised disk or circle A, the indentations or notches being at or adjacent to the letters D or numerals D¹ or words or phrases E and the pointer or indicator L pivotally carried on one end of said crank arm end and also revolubly carrying the disk or other support M for the player or players hand or hands while the other end is revolubly carried in the hole F at the center of the apparatus, as already described, so that on the player or players placing his or their hand or hands on the disk or support M on the end of the crank arm aforesaid, the pointer may, at will, be moved over the indentations or notches A² and stopped at any desired letter D or numeral D¹, or word or phrase E without, as before stated, the player or players requiring to move around the apparatus.

If desired balls or rollers may be provided on the underside of the disk or support for the player or players hand or hands so as to reduce the effort required to move the same around the circle, and, if desired, the disk or support for the hand or hands, instead of being attached to a crank may be supported on wheels, balls, or rollers or projections traveling in a groove or grooves or on rails provided in or on the floor of the apparatus.

The crank or arm in some cases may be made for cheapness of one rigid piece of metal.

The apparatus may be constructed of a more or less plain disks of wood without moldings or beadings.

According to certain religious beliefs communication with the dead can be established by physical contact of living persons with movable parts of a planchette game apparatus or the like. According to some beliefs the occult forces energize or propel the movable parts of planchette game apparatus when such movable parts are touched by the fingers of living persons and that the propulsion of such movable parts abreast of characters, such as numbers and letters, is such as to formulate words and communicate intelligent responses from the dead.

Claims:

1. A planchette apparatus comprising in combination, a base provided with annular concentrically disposed elevated ridges, the space between said ridges being provided

with designating characters, a crank revolubly mounted centrally with respect to said ridges, a disk member carried by said crank, and a pointer projecting from said crank and movable abreast of said characters.

2. A planchette apparatus comprising in combination, a base provided with an annular elevated ridge, said base being provided with designating characters disposed concentrically with respect to and adjacent said ridges, a crank revolubly mounted centrally with respect to said ridge, a disk member carried by said crank, and a pointer projecting from said crank and movable abreast of said characters.

3. A planchette apparatus comprising in combination, a base provided with an annular elevated ridge, said base being provided with designating characters disposed around said ridge, a crank revolubly mounted centrally with respect to said ridge, a disk member revolubly mounted on said crank, and a pointer projecting from said crank and movable abreast of said characters.

4. A planchette apparatus comprising in

combination, a base provided with an annular elevated ridge, said base being provided with designating characters arranged abreast of said ridge, a crank revolubly mounted centrally with respect to said ridge, a disk member revolubly mounted on said crank, and a pointer pivotally connected with said crank and projecting therefrom and movable therewith abreast of said characters.

5. A planchette apparatus comprising in combination, a base provided with an annular elevated ridge, said base being provided with designating characters arranged around said ridge, said ridge being provided with notches, a crank revolubly mounted centrally with respect to said ridge, a disk member carried by said crank, and a pointer pivotally mounted on said crank and projecting therefrom abreast of said characters and arranged to cooperate with said notches.

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

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