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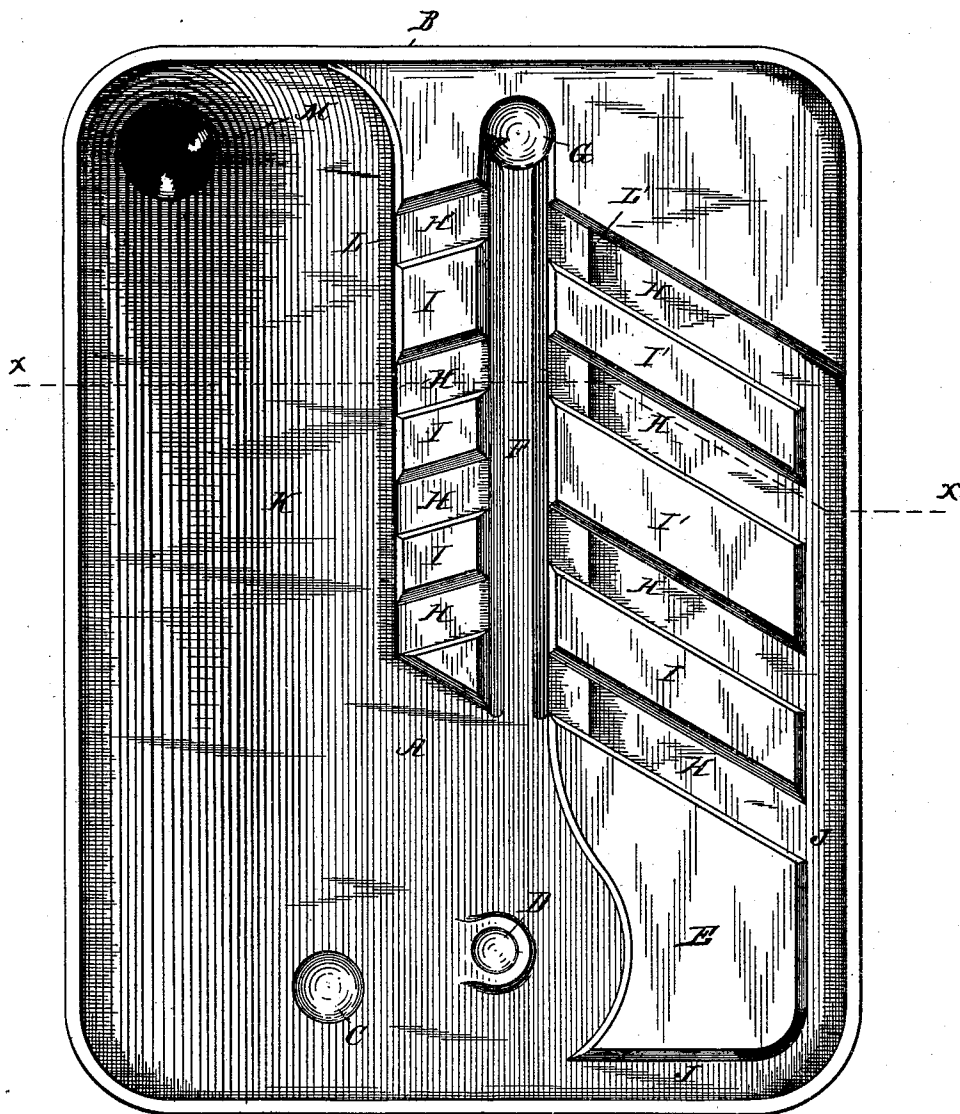


Fig. 1.

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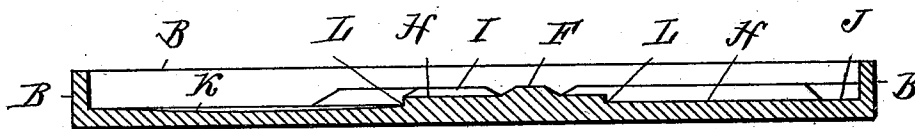
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Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES EDWARD ORLOFF HAGER, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Hagersville, in the county of Haldimand and Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games or Puzzles, called "The Pilgrim's Progress," of which the following is a full clear, and exact specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a game to be played by one or more persons, in which a certain amount of practice and skill is required to cause the ball or marble employed (representing the Pilgrim) to roll into the desired goal, (representing Heaven.)

In the drawings accompanying this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view showing my invention; and Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same, taken on the line X X of Fig. 1.

A represents the board upon which the game is played, this board having a raised ledge B all around it to prevent the ball from running off.

C is a slight cavity (Repentance) in the board, from which the ball starts on its pilgrimage.

D is another cavity slightly raised and called "the Rock," into which cavity the ball should run from C.

E is a raised portion called "the Bank of Faith," having a curved edge on the side nearest the Rock. The ball, after leaving the Rock, strikes against this Bank E, and the object of the player is then to cause the ball to travel down the Straight and Narrow Path F to the goal G. This Path F is made slightly raised and rounded, forming the segment of a circle in vertical cross-section, so as to enhance the difficulty of rolling the ball in a straight line along its surface. It will be seen that this rounded surface gives the ball a tendency to roll off at the sides into the "Byways of Sin," which are here represented by passages H, formed between the raised portions I and I'. These passages H are formed on both sides of the Narrow Path F and run into a passage-way called "the Road to Repentance," designated by the letter J, on the one side, and into the "Broad Road of Sin" K on the other side. The Byways H descend slightly away

from the Narrow Path F and are provided with sharp declivities L L', rendering it impracticable for the ball to return to the Narrow Path after passing over these declivities. The goal G (Heaven) is reached by traveling down the Narrow Path F and is the ultimatum of the game. This goal consists of a slightly-raised cavity.

The Road to Repentance J, which is entered from the Byways of Sin H on one side of the Narrow Path F, is formed between raised portions I' and the raised ledge B. This Road J leads round the back of the Bank of Faith E, and the ball should roll in this direction and return to cavity C, (Repentance,) from whence a fresh start can be made.

The Broad Road K is hollowed out through its entire length, being deeper at one end than at the other. The deepest end is provided with a sunken cavity M, representing "Death in Sin." The ball, passing over the declivities L' into the Broad Road K, will naturally tend to roll right down into the cavity M, and some skill is required to prevent it from rolling in that direction.

The object of the game is to prevent the ball from rolling into cavity M, and instead to cause it to roll back into cavity C, from whence a fresh start can be made.

Two or more balls should be used in this game, and when a ball falls into the cavity M it is considered to be out of the game.

The winning ball is the one which is successful in getting into the cavity G first.

Having now described my invention, I declare that what I claim is—

In a game-board, the cavities C, D, G, and M, raised portions E, I, and I', rounded Narrow Pathway F, sunken Broad Road K, side passages H, with declivities L and L', passage-way J, and raised ledge B, as described and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July, 1891.

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