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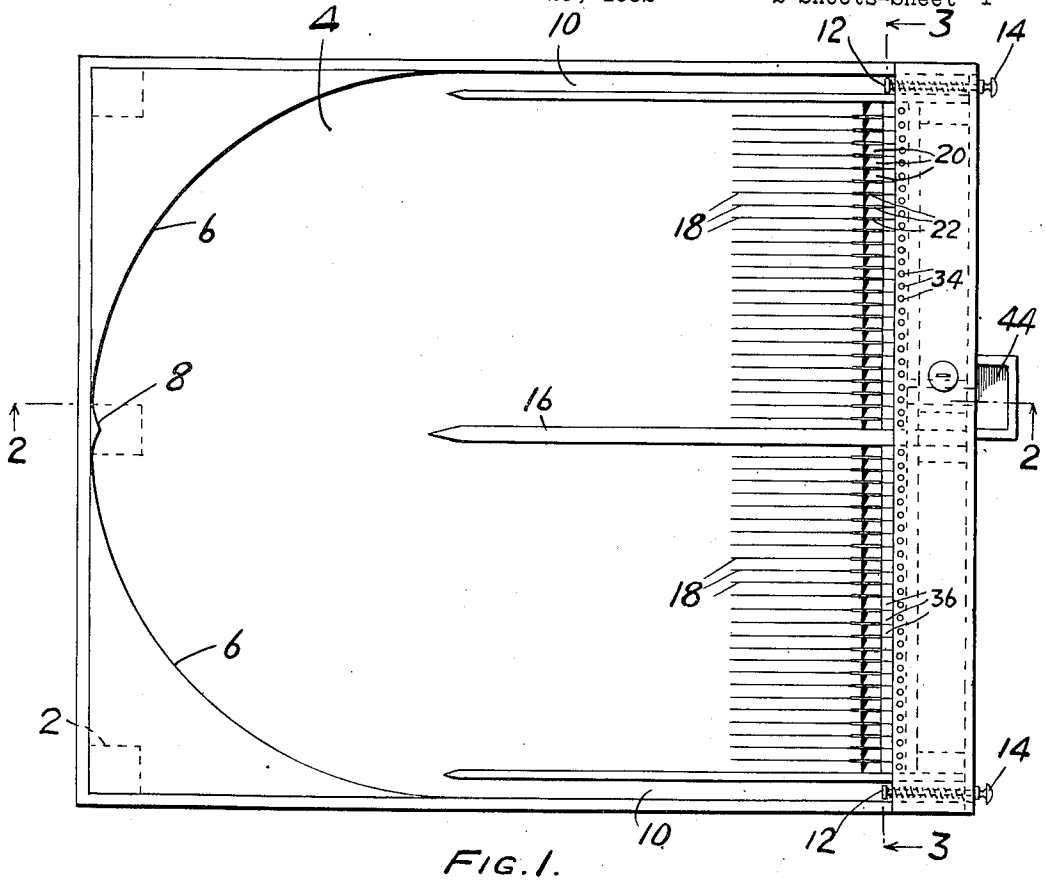


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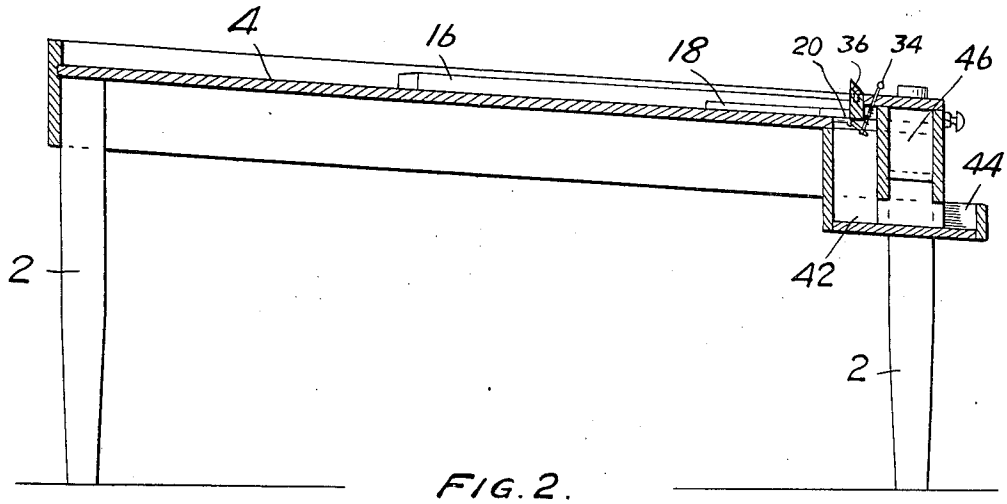


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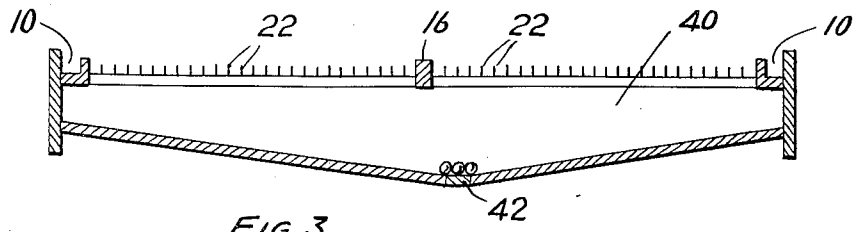


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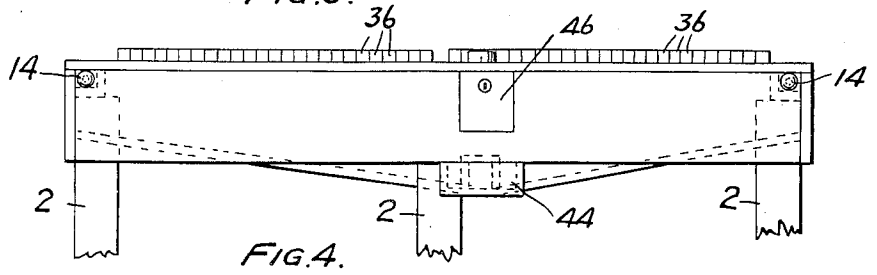


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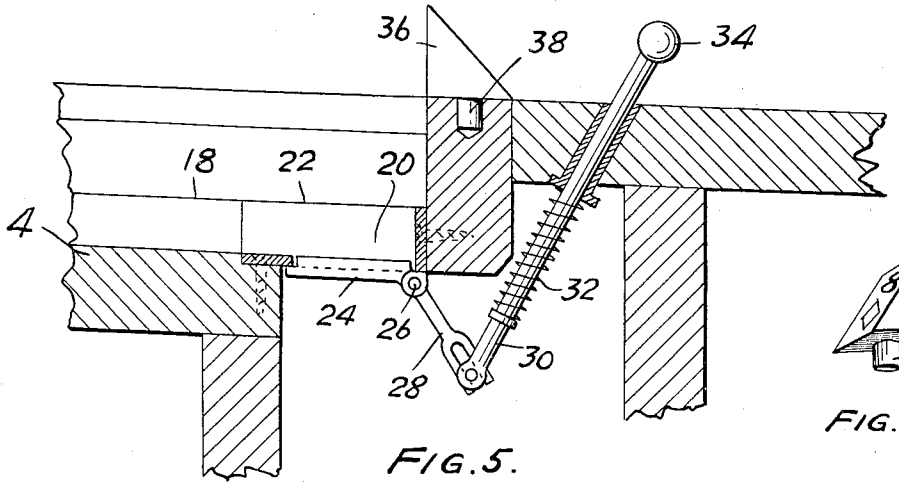


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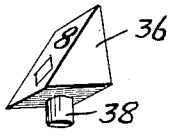


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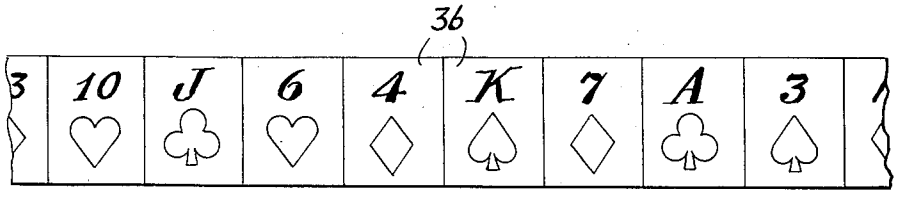


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This invention relates to a game and particularly to a game in which selection is made by manipulation of balls into designated compartments.

The game forming the subject of the present invention consists primarily of a sloping board upon which balls may be rolled to eventually settle in pockets which are individually designated to correspond to the cards of a deck. The game is primarily designed so that by shooting a suitable number of balls in various pockets a hand, as a poker hand, may be made up from which discards can be made and further draws by selecting other cards by causing balls to drop into other pockets. The board is so designed that the selection of the various pockets and the cards which they represent is not due to chance alone but involves to some degree the exercise of skill.

The broad object of the invention having been indicated other more specific objects relating particularly to details of construction will become apparent from the following description read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the game board;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the plane indicated by the line 2—2 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on the plane indicated by the line 3—3 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the same;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical section showing details;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a pocket marker; and

Fig. 7 is an elevation showing the appearance of the series of pocket markers.

The game table is supported on legs 2 and consists of a sloping plane surface 4 having bounding walls which at the rear take the form of arcs 6 between which is a forward projection 8 which is designed to prevent a ball from following centrifugally a continuous arcuate wall from one side of the board to the other. The projection 8 not only prevents a ball from following the arcuate wall, but prevents balls to be shot from opposite sides of the table simultaneously in that it will differently divert the balls respectively and prevent them from interfering with one another.

At the sides of the table are ball guiding passages 10 formed between the side walls of the board and suitable rearwardly extending vertical partitions. At the forward end of these guiding passages are plungers 12 spring-pressed inwardly but adapted to be pulled outwardly by manipulation of handles 14. If one or more balls rest against the plunger and it is pulled forwardly and then released, they will be projected from the guiding passage into the rear portion of the table from whence they will roll forwardly on either side of the central vertical partition 16 and eventually drop between short vertical partitions 18 which may, if desired, be omitted or alternatively extended rearwardly as far as the partition 16.

The passages defined by the partitions 18 communicate at their forward ends with pockets 20 defined by side walls 22 and provided with movable bottoms 24 pivoted at 26. Each of the boards 24 is formed with an integral arm 28 having a pivoted slot connection with an individual plunger 30 which is pressed by a spring 32 to normally close the bottom, the plunger at its upper end being provided with a knob 34 whereby it may be lifted to discharge a ball from a pocket.

The individual pocket markers may take the form indicated at 36 being provided with faces on which are the markings of cards. These cards may form a full deck or any of the usual types of decks having repeated or omitted cards. The markers 36 are provided with pins 38 adapted to fit within openings corresponding to the pockets. By making the markers removable in this fashion the various pockets may be selectively designated as may be desired. For example, it may be found that certain of the pockets will not receive the balls as readily as others. These may then be marked with the cards of highest values. Any other suitable selection may of course be used.

Below the pockets there is located a chamber 40 having a bottom the sides of which converge down to a lowermost portion 42 which communicates with a trough 44, where the discarded balls will become available to the player or players.

If a charge is to be made to play the game a suitable cash box may be provided as at 46.

In the form illustrated the game is adapted for use by two players who may project the balls alternately by the use of the two plungers 12. The game is primarily designed to be used as in poker in which certain cards are here drawn by the selective action of the ball. Obviously by the exercise of skill in the manipulation of the plungers the balls may be to some extent guided towards certain of the pockets and caused to avoid others.

It will be obvious that numerous variations in details may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, as defined in the following claims.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A game comprising a table, a plurality of pockets into which balls may selectively roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means corresponding to each pocket for selectively opening the bottom thereof to produce a selective discharge of a ball therefrom, and means marking the pockets to correspond with playing cards.

2. A game comprising a table, a plurality of pockets into which balls may selectively roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means corresponding to each pocket for selectively opening the bottom thereof to produce a selective discharge of a ball therefrom and removable means marking the pockets to correspond with playing cards.

3. A game comprising a table, a plurality of pockets into which balls may selectively roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means corresponding to each pocket for selectively opening the bottom thereof to produce a selective discharge of a ball therefrom, means marking the pockets to correspond with playing cards, and means for projecting balls upon the table.

4. A game comprising a table, an arcuate wall at one end of the table, a projection from the arcuate wall, a plurality of pockets into which balls may roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means for selectively opening the bottoms of the pockets to produce selective discharge of balls therefrom, and means for projecting balls upon the table against said arcuate wall.

5. A game comprising a table, an arcuate wall at one end of the table, a projection from the arcuate wall, a plurality of pockets into which balls may roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means for selectively opening the bottoms of the pockets to produce selective discharge of balls therefrom, and a plurality of means for projecting balls upon the table located opposite the arcuate wall.

6. A game comprising a table, an arcuate wall at one end of the table, a projection from the arcuate wall, a plurality of pockets into which balls may roll from the table, independent bottoms for the pockets, means for selectively opening the bottoms of the pockets to produce selective discharge of balls therefrom, and a plurality of means for projecting balls upon the table located opposite the arcuate wall and at opposite sides of the table.

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