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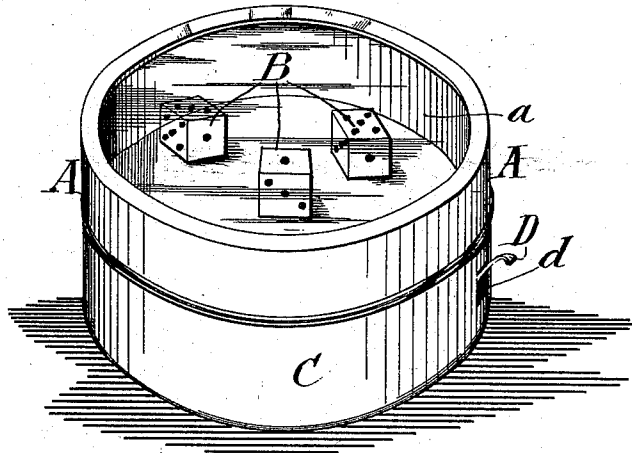


Fig:2.

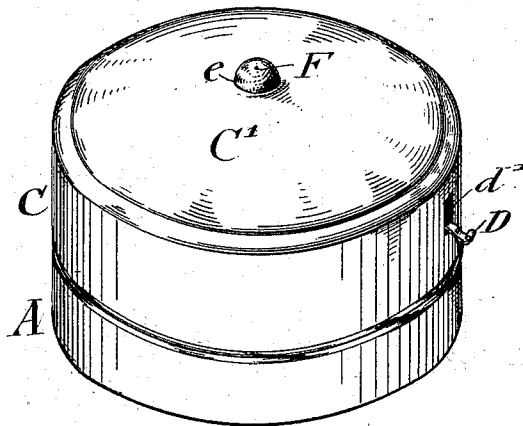
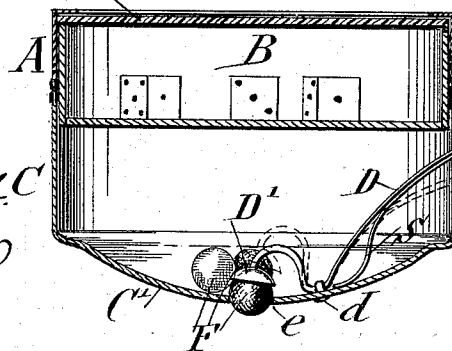


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## DICE-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIUS WALTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dice-Throwing Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to dice-throwing apparatus; and the object of the same is to provide an amusing, simple, and tasty device for the purpose of throwing dice, and for enhancing the interest in the game by furnishing an attachment which is adapted to indicate whose turn it is to shake the box.

The invention consists of a dice-box containing a number of dice and provided with a transparent top, and a separate receptacle containing a number of loose balls or other suitable objects, said receptacle having an observation-opening and being provided with a catch for holding one of the balls in register with the observation-opening, as will be hereinafter described, and then particularly claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a bottom perspective view of the device. Fig. 3 is a transverse diametrical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The dice-box A may be made of circular or other suitable form and is provided with a transparent top *a*, through which the set of dice B (three in number) contained in the box may be observed. There is nothing new in the dice-box by itself, the improvement relating to an attachment which imparts to the game a greater degree of chance. This attachment consists of a receptacle C in the form of a cap which fits onto the bottom of the box like a cover and within which is arranged a spring-actuated catch consisting of a lever D, pivoted at *d* to the bottom C' of the receptacle, and having at its inner end a cup-shaped holder D', arranged opposite the center of the bottom of the receptacle, at which point the same is provided with an observation-opening *e*, which may be glazed or entirely open. The outer end of the lever D extends through an aperture *d'* in the side

wall of the receptacle, so that it can be manipulated by hand for causing the holder D' of the catch to retain one of the balls or other suitable objects F in the receptacle in registry with the observation-opening *e*. The balls F are each of a different color—say one is red, one blue, and the other yellow—and in order that the tendency of the balls will be to roll or gravitate toward the observation-opening the bottom of the receptacle C is made concave at its inner side.

The apparatus is used as follows: Suppose two persons wish to throw the dice. Then each of them selects a ball. One of the persons now slightly shakes the box, and at the same time depresses the lever D by one finger, so as to raise the holder D' against the action of the spring S. One of the balls is now permitted to roll into the observation-opening *e*, whereupon the lever is released and the holder D' confines the ball in registry with the observation-opening. If the ball at the opening is the one previously selected by the player, he throws the dice in the usual manner with dice-boxes; but if the wrong ball appears the device is handed to the other player, who manipulates the apparatus to see if the ball selected by him appears, and so on.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A dice-box, containing a set of dice and provided with a separate receptacle containing a set of indicator-balls and having an observation-opening with which one of the set of balls at a time may register, substantially as set forth.

2. The dice-throwing apparatus herein described, consisting of a dice-box containing a set of dice, and a receptacle attached to the dice-box and having an observation-opening, and provided with a catch for holding one of a set of balls in the receptacle in register with said opening, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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