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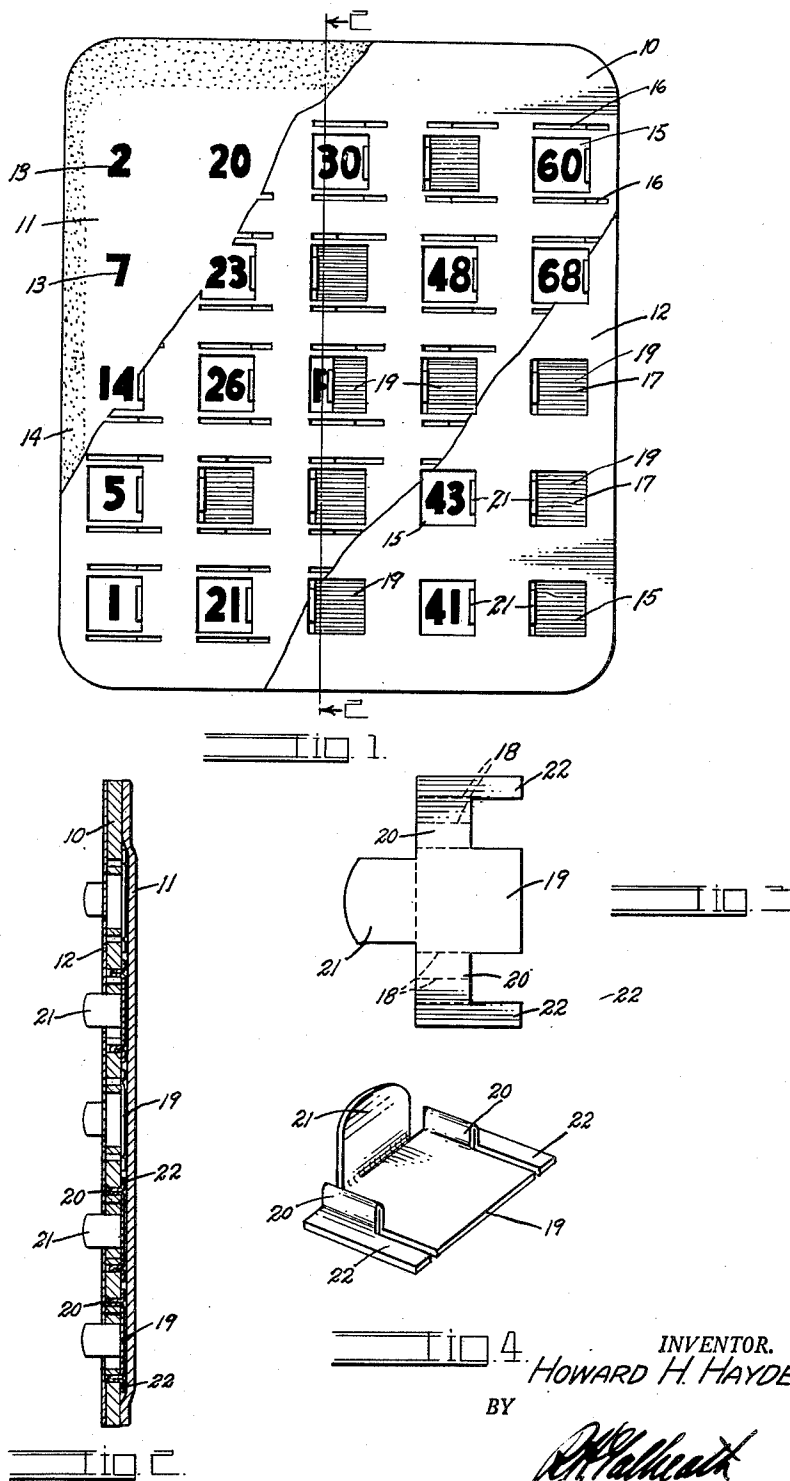
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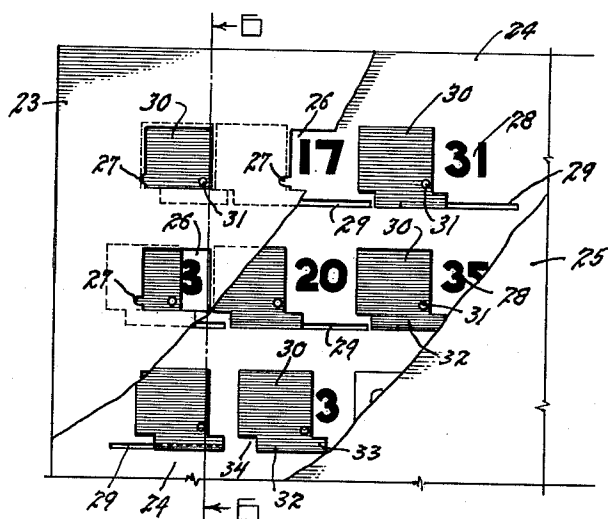
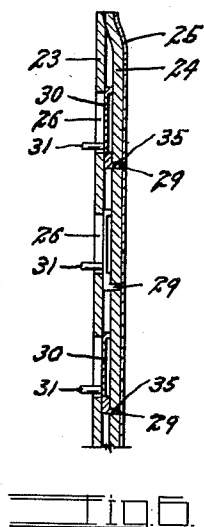
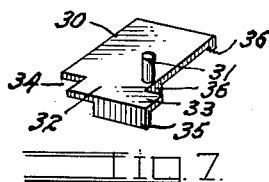
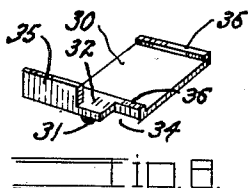
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This invention relates to a game board for the game known as "Bingo," and has for its principal object the provision of a simple and highly efficient board construction which will have self-contained slides for covering the numbers on the board.

Another object of the invention is to provide a board of this type in which the number-covering means or slides will be entirely concealed except when in position to cover a number, and in which all slots will be eliminated from the exposed face of the board and yet efficient means will be provided for moving the individual number slides.

Other objects and advantages reside in the detail construction of the invention, which is designed for simplicity, economy, and efficiency. These will become more apparent from the following description.

In the following detailed description of the invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part hereof. Like numerals refer to like parts in all views of the drawing and throughout the description.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of one form of the improved board with the various component parts, broken away to illustrate the interior construction;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the board of Fig. 1, taken on the line 2-2, Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged view, illustrating a metal blank from which the number slides for the improved board are made;

Fig. 4 is a similarly enlarged view, illustrating the blank of Fig. 3 folded to form a number slide;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary, broken-away, front view of an alternate form of the invention;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary, vertical section through the alternate form of Fig. 5; and

Figs. 7 and 8 are top and bottom perspective views, respectively, of a number slide used in the alternate form of Fig. 5.

The first form of the improved board consists of three parts: a main board 10, a backing board 11, and a front cover sheet 12. The backing board 11 is imprinted with game numbers, such as indicated at 13, preferably spaced in vertical and horizontal rows. The main board 10 is cemented or otherwise secured to the backing board 11 around the peripheries of the two boards by means of glue or other adhesive material, as indicated at 14.

The main board 10 contains a plurality of openings 15 positioned over and about each of the

numbers 13. Horizontal, elongated slots 16 are formed above and below each of the openings 15. The cover sheet 12 is pasted or otherwise secured over the face of the main board 10. The cover sheet is provided with rectangular openings 17 which register with the openings 15 in the main board 10. The cover sheet is not slotted, however, so that it conceals the elongated slots 16 of the main board 10.

A number slide is provided for closing each of the openings 15 and covering the respective number therein. The slides may be formed from a relatively thin metallic blank, such as illustrated in Fig. 3, which is folded along fold lines, indicated in broken line at 18, to form the slides of Fig. 4. The slide could, if desired, be molded integrally from plastic or the like. Each slide consists of a number-covering portion 19, two guide ridges 20, and an upstanding finger tab 21. When the slides are positioned in the board, the guide ridges 20 project into the elongated slots 16 but do not project through to the front surface of the board 10. The finger tabs 21 extend upwardly from the number-covering portion 19 so as to project outwardly from the openings 15 beyond the front surface of the board 10.

Two side flanges 22 on the tabs bear and slide against the back of the board 10. The slides are held in place by means of the backing board 11 and the guide ridges 20 are concealed by the cover sheet 12. It is preferred to have the flanges 22 extend slightly rearward from the plane of the portion 19 so as to support the latter forwardly of the backing board 11 to prevent erasure of the numbers 13 on the latter as the slides are moved back and forth.

It can be readily seen that the finger tabs 21 can be pushed to the right or left to slide the number slides over or away from the numbers 13 as the game progresses.

In Figs. 5 to 8, inclusive, an alternate form of the improved board is illustrated. This form embodies the same structural features as the preceding form in a slightly different arrangement.

The alternate form employs a front board 23, a back board 24, and, if desired, a back cover sheet 25. The top board 23 and the back board 24 are cemented, stapled, stitched, or otherwise secured together adjacent their peripheral edges, as in the preceding form. The back cover sheet, if used, is pasted over the entire back surface of the back board 24.

The front board 23 contains a plurality of spaced-apart, rectangularly-arranged, square number openings 26 having receiving notches 27

formed at their lower left-hand corners. The back board 24 carries a plurality of game numbers 28 similar to the numbers 13 of the previous form. A relatively narrow, horizontal guide slot 29 is formed in the back board below each of the numbers thereon.

A number slide member 30 is positioned between the front and back boards for each of the number openings. The number slide members 30 are illustrated more in detail in Figs. 7 and 8, and each is provided with a forwardly-projecting finger post 31 adjacent the lower right-hand corner thereof. A lower offset portion 32 is formed on the lower edge of each slide member which projects outwardly from the right edge and inwardly from the left edge to form a projecting tab 33 and a notch 34, respectively.

A guide flange 35 extends along the back of the tab 33 and along the back of the offset portion 32 to a point approximately in alignment with the vertical center line of the slide 30. The height of the guide flanges is less than the thickness of the back board so that they will not project from the back of the latter.

When the slides 30 are in position in the improved board, the guide flanges 35 will extend rearwardly into the guide slots 29 in the back board, and when the slides are moved to the left, the finger posts will enter the notches 27 in the front board. The backs of the number slides are provided with two parallel spacing ridges 36 which act to space the slides above the surface of the back board so as to prevent frictional engagement with and damage to the numbers 28.

The back cover sheet 25 is not a necessary element. It does, however, conceal the slots in the back board and dresses up the appearance of the entire board.

The offset portion 32 with its tab 33 and the notch 34 are so arranged that its adjacent slide members 30 may be brought together at the edge of each opening, as shown in the upper left of Fig. 5, the tab 33 entering the notch 34 of the adjacent slide member. This enables the openings 26 to be placed relatively close together so as to minimize the total width of the board.

While a specific form of the improvement has been described and illustrated herein, it is to be understood that the same may be varied, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed and desired secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A game board comprising: a main board having rows of rectangular number openings; a backing board secured to the back of said main board about the peripheries of both; horizontally extending slots formed in said main board, there being a slot above and below each number opening; a slide for each number opening; outwardly projecting guide ridges on said slides slidably engaged in said slots; finger tabs formed on said slides and projecting outwardly through the number openings in the main board, the height of said guide ridges being less than the thickness of the main board so that they will not project through the latter; and a front cover sheet having openings registering with the openings in said main board and secured over the latter, said cover sheet covering and concealing said slots and said guide ridges.

2. A number slide for game boards of the "Bingo" type comprising: a flat, rectangular, number-covering portion; upwardly extending ridges formed on and extending lengthwise of and along the opposite sides of said number-covering portion in parallel relation; and a finger tab projecting upwardly from one end of said number-covering portion in a plane at right angles to the plane of said number-covering portion.

3. A number slide for game boards of the "Bingo" type comprising: a flat, rectangular, number-covering portion; upwardly extending ridges formed on and extending lengthwise of and along the opposite sides of said number-covering portion in parallel relation; a finger tab projecting upwardly from one end of said number-covering portion; and a side flange projecting outwardly from the base of each of said ridges in a plane parallel to the plane of said number-covering portion.

4. A number slide for game boards as described in claim 3 in which the ridges are of less length than said number-covering portion and extend from the end of said number-covering portion adjacent said finger tab toward the opposite end of said portion and terminate intermediate the extremities of said portion, and having slots formed in said number-covering portion in alignment with, and extending from, said ridges to said opposite end.

5. A number slide for game boards as described in claim 3 in which the plane of the side flanges is positioned downwardly of the plane of the number-covering portion.

6. A game board comprising: a front sheet having rows of rectangular openings; a main board having corresponding rectangular openings; a backing board mounted over the back of said front board and having numbers registering with the openings in said main board; a guide slot in said main board above and below each number; a slide member slidably positioned between said main and back boards adjacent each number and positioned to be slid across the openings in the main board; a guide ridge projecting from each slide member into one of the slots in said back board; and means projecting from each slide through the openings in said front sheet and said main board to be engaged by the finger of the user for actuating said slide, said front sheet covering and concealing said guide ridges and said slots.

7. A game board as described in claim 6 having side flanges formed on and projecting from each slide member into engagement with said back board and acting to hold the latter out of contact with said slide member.

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