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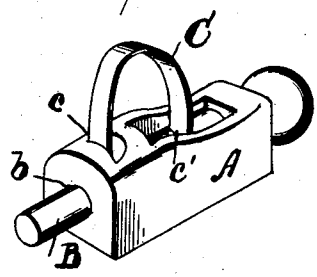
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Fig. 1.



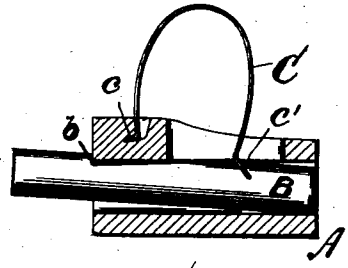


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY A. STEWART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dundee, county of Monroe, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Game Devices; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in game devices; and its object is to provide simple and effective means for shooting balls in the game of carom and like games.

My invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, and Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the device, and B a reciprocating plunger. This plunger is mounted freely in the body and is of greater length than the body to adapt it to extend out in either direction, according to its position of adjustment. This plunger is provided with a shoulder *b*, arranged to engage with the end of the body.

C represents a spring engaged with the body at *c* and with the plunger at *c'*. The spring C is so formed that it has a double action on the plunger. It serves, first, to throw the plunger forward when the plunger is released from engagement with the end of the body at *c*, and, second, it serves to lift upward on the plunger, so that when the plunger is drawn backward it will automatically lift itself upward when the shoulder *b* passes out of the body. This provides means for lifting the plunger into engagement with the body to hold the device in what may be called its "loaded" position. To operate the device, it is placed upon the table adjacent to the ball, as shown in Fig. 1, and held down firmly by the fingers of one hand and then is discharged by pushing downward on the rear extension of the plunger until it disengages from the body.

While I show a particular form of spring, any other form may be employed so long as it engages the plunger, so as to throw the plunger forward and also lift it. A coil-spring can be used, if desired, located in the body and around the plunger. The spring may also be arranged to move the plunger downward or to one side.

What I claim is—

1. In a game device of the class described, a body portion, a plunger projecting beyond the body portion when released, said plunger provided with a shoulder to engage the body portion when forced back to load, and a spring one end of same being engaged with the plunger at its forward end and the other end of the spring engaged with the body portion, the action of the spring driving the plunger forward when released by the operator and lifting it into locking engagement with the body portion by means of the shoulder when pushed back for loading, substantially as described.

2. In a game device of the class described, a body portion, flat on its under side, a plunger projecting beyond the body portion when released, said plunger provided with a shoulder to engage the body portion when forced back to load, and a spring one end of same being engaged with the plunger at its forward end and the other end of the spring engaged with the body portion, the action of the spring driving the plunger forward when released by the operator and lifting it into locking engagement with the body portion by means of the shoulder when pushed back for loading, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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