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GAME BOARD

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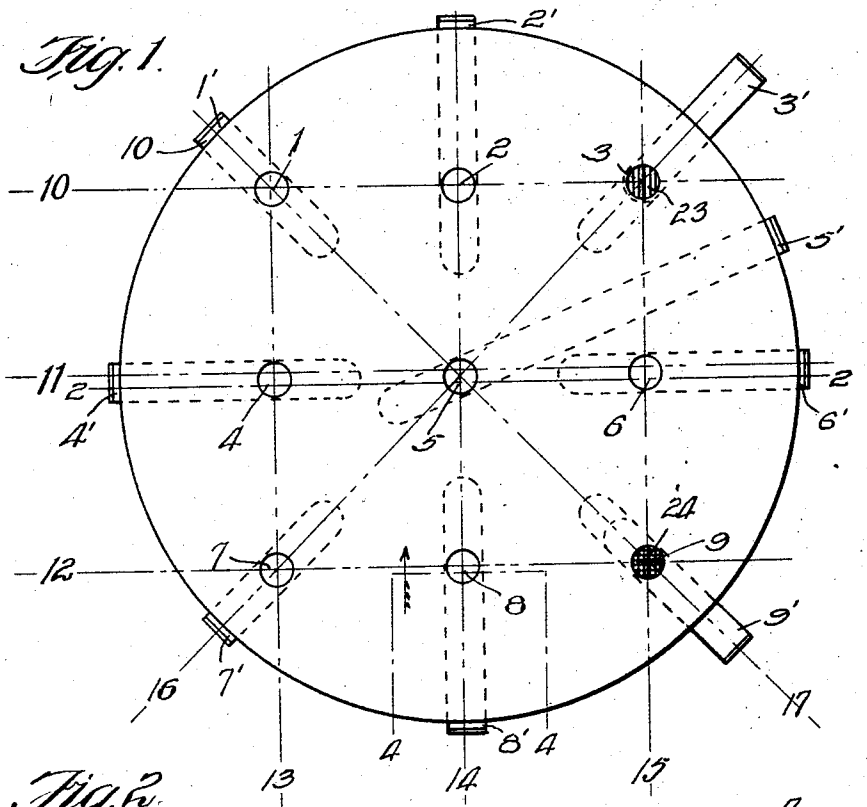


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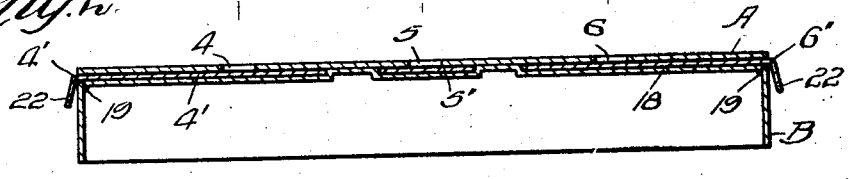


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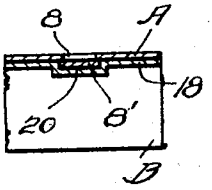


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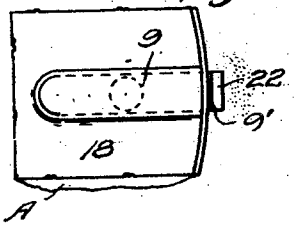
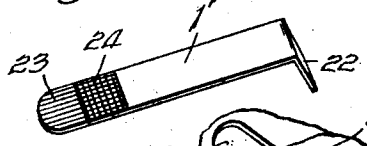


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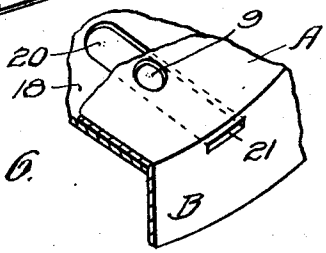


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR PETROV, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game boards and has for its object the provision of a game board having three equally spaced parallel lines of sight openings therein and each line consisting of three sight openings, and the provision of a member for each sight opening provided with two contrasting colors and slidably mounted below the openings so that the colors of said slidable members will be visible through their respective sight openings for determining which of the two players to the game have first accomplished the task of getting three like colors in a row, whether straight across the board in either direction, or diagonally across the board, thus denoting the winner of the game.

A further object of the invention is to provide a game board which will be simple and cheap in construction, adapted for the use by two players only, and, which will furnish amusement to the players by seeing who can first get a straight row of three like colors displayed through a plurality of equally spaced rows of sight openings in the top of the game board.

With the above and similar objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and finally pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein like characters of reference denote similar parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1, is a top plan view of a game board embodying the features of my invention.

Fig. 2, is a sectional elevation of the game board, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3, is a view in perspective of one of the slidable members of which there are eight of various lengths.

Fig. 4, is a detail in sectional elevation of a portion of the game board and one of its slidable members taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5, is a bottom plan view of a section of the game board disclosing one of the slidable members.

Fig. 6, is a detail in perspective of a portion of the game board with portions thereof broken away to show the slide receiving pocket which may be of any color not the same as the score colors.

In carrying out the aim of my present invention, I employ a game which can be made from metal, wood or equivalent material and which can be round, square, oblong, or any desired shape in plan view, but for convenience of illustration, I have shown same as consisting of the metallic disk like board A provided with the downwardly directed peripheral flange B so the board will resemble in appearance, a can cover. The board A is provided with a plurality of rows of sight openings consisting of nine openings in all, suitably spaced apart and designated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. With the openings arranged in three straight rows, as shown in Fig. 1, it will be observed it is possible to establish eight straight lines of sight openings which are represented by broken lines designated 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

A plate 18 is disposed within the board A and engages the inner face thereof. The plate 18 is suitably fixed to the flange B by soldering, as at 19 in a plurality of places, or in any other suitable manner and the plate 18 is provided with a plurality of radially disposed depressions or channels 20 registering from below with the openings 1 to 9, inclusive, of the board A so that each opening will associate with a channel, or pocket 20. Each channel or pocket 20 is open at its outer end and registers with an opening 21 in the flange B of the board A, as clearly shown in Fig. 6.

Slidably mounted in the channels or pockets 20 by passing through the side opening 21, are a plurality of slidable members designated 1′, 2′, 3′, 4′, 5′, 6′, 7′, 8′ and 9′ to co-

operate with the board openings 1 to 9, respectively, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. Each slidable member is provided with an angular outer end 22 for manipulating the slide by means of the fingers of the players. Each slidable member, as shown in Fig. 3, is provided upon its upper face and at its inner end with two score sections designated 23 and 24, or contrasting colors, such for instance as red and black, or other suitable contrasting colors. The remaining upper surface of the slidable members may be of any suitable color, but preferably of the same color as the top surface of the board A.

The game is played as follows:

The game is played by two persons and initially either player can select any slidable member as he is not restricted to the slides upon his side of the board. However, after a slide has once been selected by one player, the other player cannot move such selected slide when it is his turn to play.

In starting the game, the first player, we will say selects red as his color and he moves any one of the slidable members so that the red score section thereof will be visible through the sight opening closed by that slide. After the first player has moved a slide, the second player, who has chosen black as his score color, plays by moving, or withdrawing a selected slidable member. The second player plays with the object in view, of course, of blocking the red player from scoring a straight row of red sections. After the second player has moved, the first player again plays by selecting any one of the slides excepting the one the black player has moved. The first, or red player then moves a selected slide for the third time and the second or black player then also moves a slide for the third time, which moves, of course are to block the other player from getting a straight line of score sections visible through the sight openings. After each player has moved three times, it will be understood that there are three blank or neutral sight openings upon the board. Now, the red player, in making the next move must first move one of his slidable members back to neutral position, which leaves the sight opening the same color as the top of the board, and, after this move, the red player then makes another move by selecting any one of the slidable members excepting the one he has just moved into neutral position, or the black player's slides, which are in scoring position.

The black player then moves next by moving one of his slidable members into neutral position and then moving any selected slide excepting the one he has just moved into neutral position, or the red player's slides for the sole purpose of blocking the red player from scoring a straight line of red score sections. The game proceeds in this manner until one or the other of the players has won the game by establishing a straight line of score sections of a like color. It will be observed from Fig. 1, of the drawing, that a straight line of like color score sections may be established in eight different ways, designated by broken lines 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

It is evident from the foregoing description that the game is simple in construction, comparatively inexpensive in manufacture and is both attractive and entertaining.

I do not wish to be understood as having limited myself to the details of construction shown and described, but desire to have it understood that the invention I have shown in the drawings is merely illustrative as it is manifest that various minor changes may be made in the exact construction and particular arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, hence I reserve the right to make any such changes, or modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims when fairly construed.

What I claim is:

1. In a game board structure, a board member having a plurality of straight rows of openings therein, and a slidable member mounted below each opening in the board and having sections of contrasting colors adapted to be brought into register with their respective opening.

2. In a game board structure, a board member having a plurality of straight rows of openings equally spaced apart in all directions, and a slidable member mounted below each opening in the board and having sections of contrasting colors adapted to be brought into register with the opening co-operating therewith.

3. A game board comprising a plate like member having sight openings therein, sockets formed in said board, slidable members receivable in said sockets for closing said sight openings and said slidable members each having contrasting color sections adapted to be brought to register with the sight openings of the game board.

4. In a game board structure, a metallic plate like member having a peripheral flange, said plate like member being provided with a plurality of sight openings and said flange being provided with an opening for each sight opening, a plate like member engaging the lower face of the plate like member and having a depressed section for each sight opening to provide a plurality of sockets, a slidable member receivable in each socket for closing the sight openings and said slidable members each having contrasting color sections adapted to be brought into register with their respective sight opening.

5. A game board comprising a plate like

member having sight openings therein, sockets formed in said board, slidable members receivable in said sockets for closing said sight openings and contrasting color sections upon the upper face of said slidable members adapted to be moved into a visible position below the sight openings by players of the game for the purpose of establishing a straight line of three openings displaying the same color section.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to the specification.

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