PEG-TYPE TARGET GAME
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE
A game apparatus including a trough disposed at the rear of a generally horizontal table surface, said trough including a plurality of upstanding pegs disposed in the bottom thereof, and annular game pieces to be thrown about the pegs.

This invention relates to game apparatus and has for an object to provide apparatus for a game of skill in which the players attempt to ring pegs from a position that necessitates tossing rings aimed at the pegs.

Another object of the invention is to provide apparatus of the character referred to above in which the pegs are located below the level from which the rings are tossed and those that fail to ring a peg are caught in a trough from the floor of which the pegs extend.

This invention also has for its objects to provide such means that are positive in operation, convenient in use, easily installed in a working position and easily disconnected therefrom, economical of manufacture, relatively simple, and of general superiority and serviceability.

The above objects are realized in game apparatus that comprises a table-like structure provided with a trough at the rear and a front plane top leading to the trough, a plurality of upright pegs in the trough bottom serving as marks or targets for rings tossed by players seated or otherwise disposed along the forward edge of the table top. The players, according to their skill, ring said pegs for premium cards, the table being provided with a card rack along the forward edge of the trough which is preferably offset rearwardly with a flatly sloped forward face and a more sharply sloped rearward face. The apparatus further includes thimble elements that may be slipped over the pegs to enlarge the targets, commensurately larger rings being used for such enlarged pegs.

The invention also comprises novel details of construction and novel combinations and arrangements of parts, which will more fully appear in the course of the following description, which is based on the accompanying drawings. However, said drawings merely shows and the following description merely describes one embodiment of the present invention, which is given by way of illustration or example only.

In the drawings, like reference characters designate similar parts in the several views.

FIG. 1 is a broken top plan view of a game apparatus according to the present invention.

FIG. 2 is an enlarged cross-sectional view as taken the line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a further enlarged view showing one form of target peg used in the apparatus, FIGS. 1 and 2 showing this form.

FIG. 4 is a similar view showing another form of target peg.

The present apparatus is shown as comprising support means 5, a forward flat table top portion 6 carried by said support means, a trough 7 extending rearwardly of said top portion 6 and also carried by the support means 5, a set or series of pegs 8 extending upwardly from the bottom of said trough, a set of thimbles 9 adapted to be removable fitted on the pegs, and rings 10 and 11 for ringing the pegs 8 and the thimble-provided pegs, respectively, and a card rack 12 which the top 6 and trough 7 are joined.

The support means 5 may be of any desired form providing the same does not interfere with the feet and legs of players seated at the forward edge 15 of the top 6 of the apparatus. Said top is preferably flat, although the same may be disposed at a slight downward and rearward angle, as shown in FIG. 2. The trough 7 extends rearwardly from the rear edge 16 of the top 6 and is of about the same or slightly lesser depth than the top 6.

The trough 7 comprises a flat horizontal bottom 17 that extends from side-to-side of the trough between end walls 18, a forward wall 19 that slopes rearwardly and downwardly, connecting the rear edge 16 of the top 6 with the forward edge of the bottom 17, and a rearward wall 20 that slopes forwardly downwardly at a steeper angle than wall 19 between the rear edge 21 of the trough and the rear edge of the bottom 17. Thus, the bottom is offset rearwardly, enabling a player seated or otherwise disposed at the front of the table to see said bottom. The above-described trough has an open top that continues the downward slope of the top 6.

The pegs 8 may be formed of lengths of dowel, each with a rounded upper end 22 and a lower end 23 that is reduced and fitted into a hole provided in the bottom 17. Said latter end may be threadedly connected with the bottom or tightly slid thereinto.

The rings 10, preferably wooden or plastic, are oversized of the pegs 8 so they will slide thereover when accurately tossed from the player's position. The ring sizes may vary and, desirably, are about one and one-half the size of pegs 8.

The thimbles 9 have a slip fit over the pegs 8 and increase the size to double the diameter or thereabouts. The same have rounded upper ends 24 that increase the height of the peg. The rings 11 may be proportionally larger than the thimbles, being one and one-half the size of the thimbles 9.

The card rack 12 may be metallic or plastic and may extend across the entire width of the edge 16.

The apparatus is shown with five pegs for five players. More or fewer may be provided and the device widened or narrowed accordingly. The same rules may vary as desired. In the main, the thimbles 9 make it more difficult for the larger rings to ring the same. The scoring is done by cards which are either purchased or given as premiums, depending on the skill of the player. The accumulation of cards on the rack before a player denominates his success.

Of course, announced prizes may be won according to the demonstrated skill of a player.

While the foregoing has illustrated and described what is now contemplated to be the best mode of carrying out the invention, the construction is, of course, subject to modification without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. Therefore, it is not desired to restrict the invention to the particular form of construction illustrated and described, but to cover all modifications that may fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. Game apparatus comprising:
   (a) a forward flat table top,
   (b) a transverse trough extending rearwardly from the rear edge of said table top and including a flat horizontal bottom, a front sloping wall and a rear sloping wall, said walls diverging upwardly from the opposite edges of the flat horizontal bottom with the upper edge of the front sloping wall connected to the rear edge of said table top,
   (c) a plurality of vertical pegs extending upwardly from the bottom of said trough,
3. A plurality of rings, larger than the pegs, to loosely slide thereover when tossed toward the pegs by players at positions along the front of said table top.

2. Game apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the pegs are provided with rounded upper end portions, a plurality of thimbles having similarly rounded upper end portions fitted over said pegs to enlarge the diameter and height thereof, and a plurality of rings larger than said thimbles and adapted to slide loosely thereover.

3. Game apparatus according to claim 1 wherein an upwardly extending card rack extends transversely along the rear edge of the table top at the junction of the table top and the front sloping wall of the trough.

4. Game apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the rear sloping wall of the trough is positioned at a steeper angle than the front sloping wall.