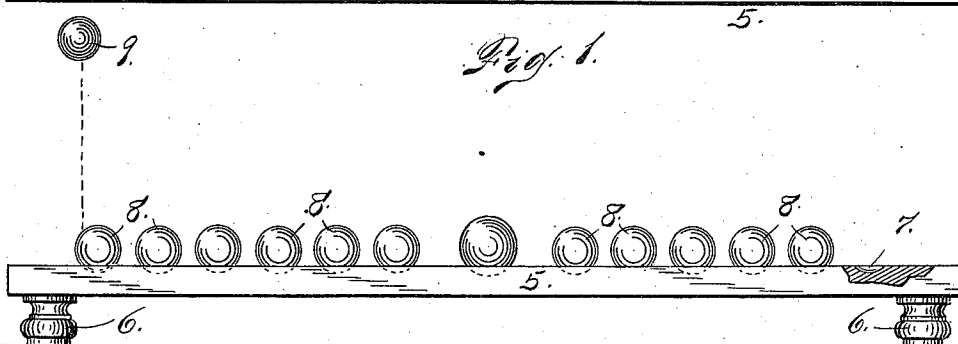
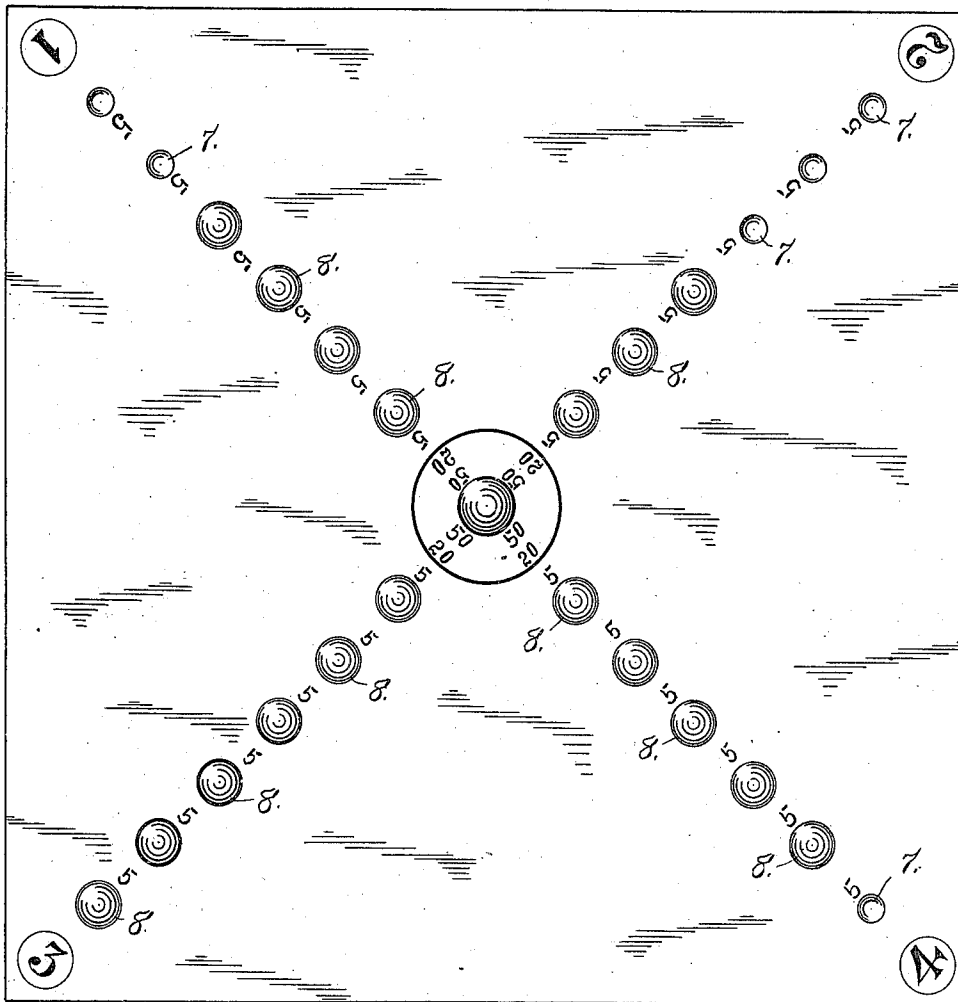


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. SNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in game apparatus, my object being to provide a board adapted for use in connection with marbles. As shown in the drawing the board is provided with a central recess adapted to hold a marble leaving the greater part of it exposed. This board is preferably square in plan view and from the center recess, in lines extending toward the corners of the board, are formed series of other recesses each of which is adapted to hold a marble. There are therefore four rows of recesses each row extending from a corner of the board toward the center. As shown in the drawing the four rows of recesses are located in lines drawn through the board between its opposite diagonal corners and intersecting in the center. The point of intersection in the center is the center of the central recess.

When the recesses are all provided with marbles including the central recess, the object to be accomplished in playing the game, is to dislodge the marbles from one row of recesses between the center and the corner and then dislodge the central or capital marble, by dropping another marble from an elevated position, against the marbles to be dislodged in such a manner as to accomplish the said purpose. The one who first accomplishes this wins the game. This game is adapted to be played by four persons each commencing at one corner, his object being to dislodge the marbles in succession between his corner and the center, and then dislodge the central marble. The one who accomplishes this first and in addition dislodges the central or capital marble wins the game as heretofore indicated.

Having briefly outlined my improved construction, and the manner in which it is used, I will proceed to describe the same in

detail reference being made to the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In this drawing, Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved game board. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same, the board being partly broken away to indicate the depth of one of the recesses.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in both the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate the board which may be mounted upon legs 6 which are preferably short, as the board when playing the game, is desirably located close to the floor or other accessible supporting surface therefor. The board may be of any desired thickness and composed of any desired material. While it will ordinarily be made of wood, it may of course be made of metal or other suitable or desirable material. In the upper surface of this board are formed four rows of recesses 7, each row as shown in the drawing, consisting of six recesses each of which is numbered 5. In the center of the board is formed an additional recess termed the capital recess which is numbered 50. This recess is surrounded by a circle and within the circle a number 20 is placed for each row of recesses. This 20 is a reward to which the player is entitled who dislodges the various marbles in succession from his row of recesses without an intervening missed shot. The sum represented by the numerals placed adjacent the recesses of any row of recesses, plus 20 the reward number, plus 50 the number of the capital recess, indicates the score of the person who wins the game. As the marbles are dislodged in succession from the recesses the player scores to the extent of the number dislodged.

It is evident that the game may be played by two or four persons. In case two are playing, in order to win the game, one of the players must dislodge the two rows of marbles leading from the two corners of the board corresponding with his position, and finally dislodge the central or capital marble. The game, however, is preferably played by four persons, each of whom takes one of the four positions at the corners of the board. These positions as shown in the drawing are for convenience numbered from 1 to 4 and by reason of this feature the players may be referred to by the numbers of their positions, if desired.

In order to dislodge the marbles from the

various recesses, it is necessary that the player hold another marble above the board a suitable distance, and drop this marble so that it shall strike the marble to be dis-
5 lodged on one side in which event it is evident the marble within the recess will be rolled out. These recesses are comparatively shallow, whereby only a small amount of lateral force is necessary in order to accom-
10 plish the dislodgment. The manner of handling the marble which is to serve to remove the other marbles is illustrated at the left of Fig. 2, the dotted line indicating the line of drop in order to dislodge the
15 marble 8 acted upon, the marble to be dropped being designated by the numeral 9.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

20 A game apparatus comprising a board having shallow cup-shaped recesses therein

adapted to receive marbles arranged in diagonal rows, each row extending from one corner of the board to the opposite corner, and intersecting at the center of the board, the recess at the center of the board and at
25 the point of intersection of the rows, being larger than the other recesses, said recess at the point of intersection having a concentric circular line around the same, indicating numerals of equal denomination for each of
30 the small recesses, and numerals of greater numerical value for the circle and the larger recess, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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