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Fig. 1.

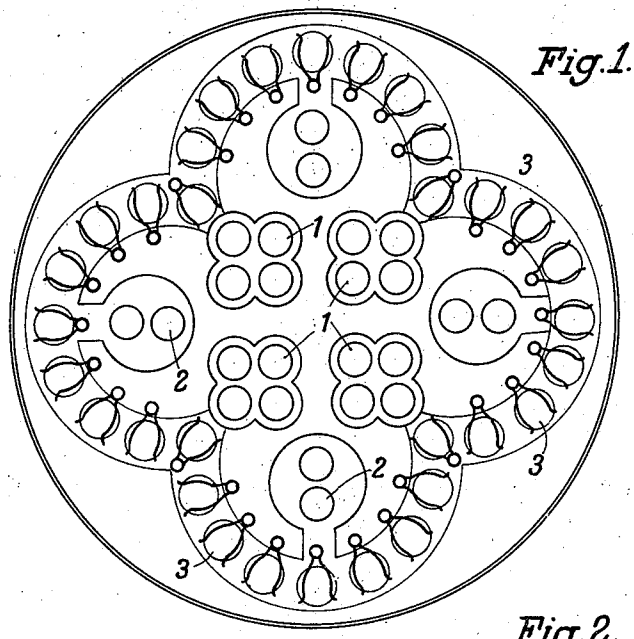


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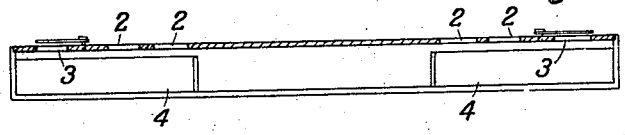


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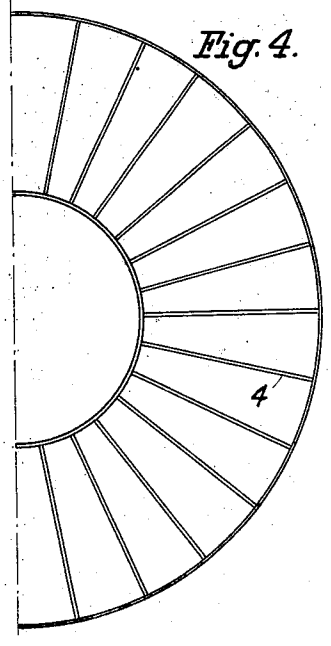
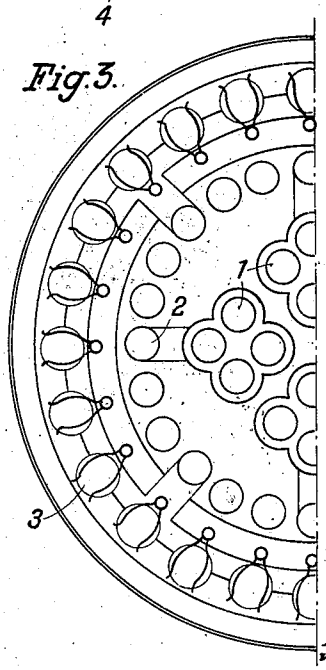


Fig. 3.



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The invention relates to a game for several persons. It comprises a field on which the players move balls according to certain rules. Each individual player has a definite starting point for his piece. The players cast dice in turn and can move their figures over the board the number of places indicated by the throw. If the pieces of two players thus arrive on the same place, the first must make way for the second and leaves the game.

The novelty of the invention consists in using balls as playing pieces, and a perforated plate serving as the playing board, which is fastened to a circular receptacle. The plate is furnished with large and small holes of such size that the small holes serve as rests for the balls while the balls can pass through the large holes. Over the larger holes are mounted springs which serve as rests for the balls. If the case above mentioned arises and the pieces of two players arrive at the same place the first has to remove his piece, and the ball is pressed through the spring and the hole, and falls into a compartment belonging to the particular hole. By arranging the various compartments to indicate various winning and losing values it is made possible to determine the amounts of winnings or losses after the game by removing the plate.

The arrangement of the individual smaller and larger holes on the board can be varied, for example with two concentric rows of holes, the smaller holes can be in the inner or outer circles, or small and large holes can alternate in one or two circles.

The accompanying drawings show by way of example embodiments for such a game.

Figure 1 shows the surface of a simple form of such a game plate.

Figure 2 is a section through such a plate with the lower part of the casing and a diagrammatic illustration of the container.

Figure 3 shows part of another embodiment of the plate, in which the holes are arranged in two concentric circles, the smaller holes being in the inner circle and the larger holes with the springs in the outer circle.

Figure 4 shows the arrangement of the compartments with the plate according to Figure 3.

The pieces of the players at first lie in the starting recesses 1. After the movement of a piece into the field of play is made possible by casting of dice in accordance with certain previously decided rules, the player places his ball at the place 2 set for him and thence moves his ball on in the manner described above. If two pieces arrive at the same place, say at 3, the ball already lying there is pressed through the hole against the resistance of the spring and falls into the corresponding compartment 4 in the lower part of the case. After the game is finished, it will be found in which compartments the balls of the various players lie by removing the plate, and the winnings or losses of each game determined.

Having now particularly described the nature of my invention and the manner in which the game is to be played, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A game consisting of a perforated plate, a scoring receptacle below the plate, and balls serving as playing pieces, holes in the plate of smaller diameter than the balls which serve as rests for the balls, large holes in the plate through which the balls may pass and over which are mounted springs having arms serving as rests for the balls during play and between which the balls may be forced, passing through said large holes into the scoring receptacle.

2. A game as claimed in claim 1, in which said holes are arranged in concentric circles on the plate, the large holes in the outer circle and the small holes in the inner circle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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