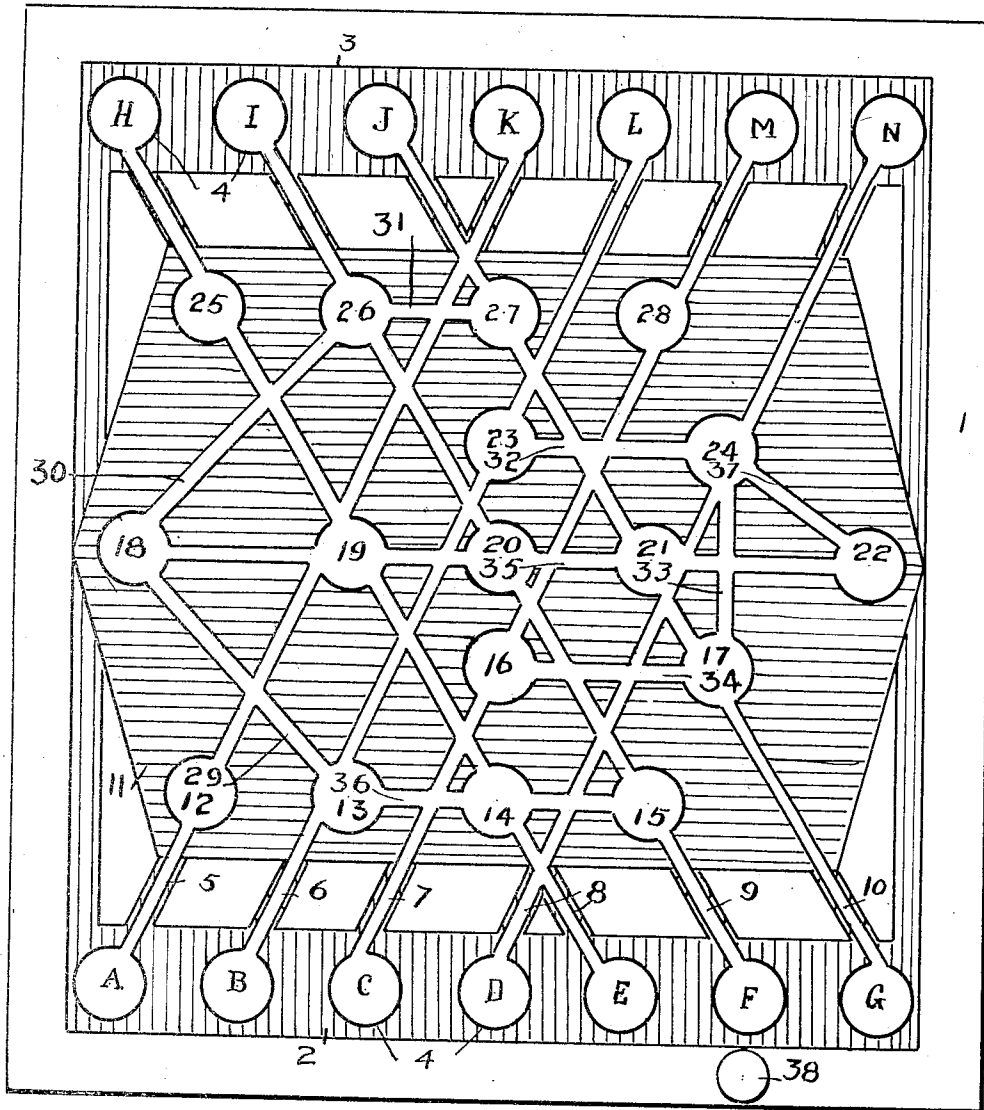


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. ROSENBERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, 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 to provide a board of such class, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, whereby amusing and instructive games can be played thereon, more particularly the game of "Ravolet."

Further objects of the invention are to provide a game board which is ornamental in appearance, durable, instructive and amusing and creating considerable interest when playing a game thereon, more particularly the game of "Ravolet", and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the game board comprises the novel arrangement of playing surface as herein- after more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

The drawing illustrates a top plan view of a game board in accordance with this invention.

The game board shown is designed primarily for the playing of the game of "Ravolet" but it is to be understood that the board can be employed for the playing of any games to which it is found applicable.

Referring to the drawing 1 denotes the body of the board having its upper face provided with conventional means to constitute a playing surface.

The playing surface comprises a pair of end portions 2, 3, each formed with means to constitute a series of terminal stations 4, as shown seven in number, but this number can be decreased or increased if desired. The terminal stations 4 are circular in form and are of a different color from the color of the end portions 2, 3. The terminal stations at one end portion are indicated at "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G", and the terminal stations of the other end portions are indicated at "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N". The terminal stations at one end por-

tion are connected together to the terminal stations at the other end portions by diagonally disposed tracks and in this connection the stations A, B, C, D, are connected by the tracks 5, 6, 7 and 8 to the stations K, L, M, N, respectively, and the stations E, F, G are connected by the tracks 8, 9 and 10 to the stations H, I, J respectively. The tracks 5, 6 and 7 extend in a direction different with respect to the direction in which the tracks 8, 9 and 10 extend, these latter tracks extending across the first mentioned tracks.

The playing surface further includes a playing field which is arranged between and spaced from the end portions 2, 3 and said playing field is indicated at 11, and is of a different color from that of the end portions 2, 3.

The tracks 5 to 10 extend over the playing field 11 and also over the spaces formed between the end portions and the playing field and the latter is provided with means to constitute stations 12 to 28 both inclusive. The stations 12 to 15 are positioned near one end of the field 11 and the stations 25 to 28 near the other end of the field 11. The stations 18 to 22 are positioned centrally of the field 11. The stations 16, 17 are arranged between the center and one end of the field and the stations 23 and 24 are positioned between the center and the other end of the field 11. The station 18 is arranged in proximity to one side and the station 22 in proximity to the other side of the field 11.

The playing field 11 is furthermore provided with conventional means to constitute tracks to form branch lines, as indicated at 29 to 35 inclusive, and also at 36, 37.

The track 36 connects the stations 13 to 15 together; track 29 stations 13 and 18; track 30 stations 18 and 26; track 31 stations 26 and 27; track 32 stations 23 and 24; track 33 stations 24 and 17; track 34 stations 16 and 17; track 35 stations 18 to 22, and track 37 stations 24 and 22.

Tracks 8, 9 and 10 intersect stations 25, 26, 27, 17, 19, 20, 21, 14 and 15; tracks 5, 6, 7 and 8 intersect stations 12, 13, 19, 21, 16, 23, 24, 28.

Circular disks, as indicated at 38 are used when playing a game on the board and when playing the game of "Ravolet" fourteen disks are used, seven to each player, that is to say if the board is provided with seven terminal stations at each end portion, the

number of disks employed to play the game depending on the number of terminal stations at an end portion.

What I claim is:—

- 5 A game board comprising a body portion having means to constitute a playing field consisting of a playing surface and a pair of end portions spaced therefrom, each end portion having means to provide a row of
10 terminal stations disconnected from each other, said playing field further having means to provide two sets of diagonally extending tracks bridging the spaces between the end portions and playing surface, the
15 tracks of each set arranged in parallelism throughout and extending from stations on

one end portion to stations on the other end portion and with the stations associated with the tracks of one set opposing the stations associated with the tracks of the other set, 20 the tracks of one set of greater number than the tracks of the other set and crossing this latter set, said playing surface further having means to provide stations associated with said tracks and further with means 25 to provide tracks connecting certain of said stations and crossing the diagonally disposed tracks, and movable elements to be shifted over the playing field.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. 30

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