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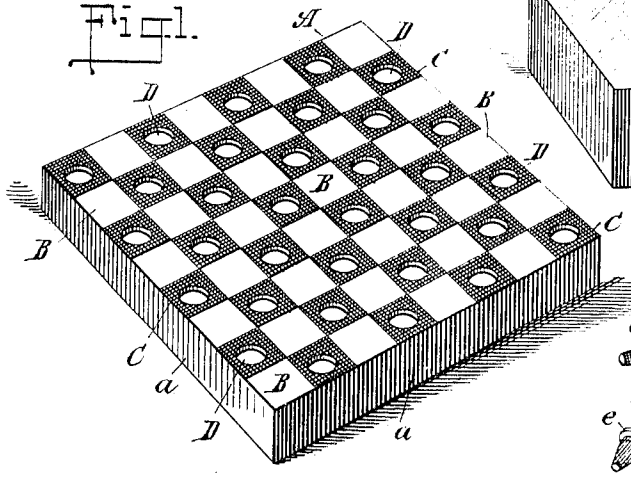


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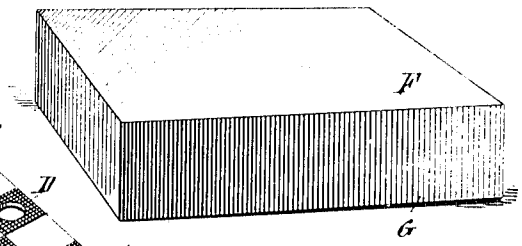


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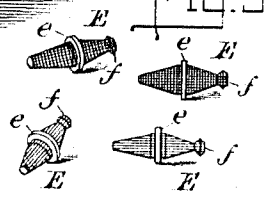


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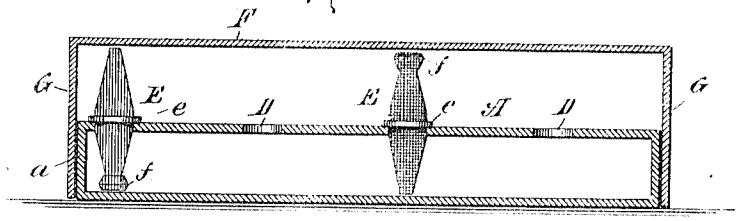
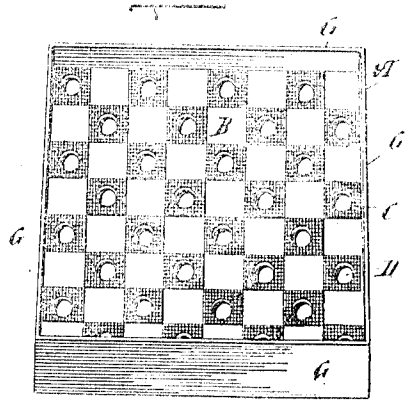


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. PETTIT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved game board, particularly adapted for use in playing the game of checkers, and such as may be conveniently carried in the pocket, the object of the same being to provide a board which will be simple and cheap to manufacture, so constructed and arranged that the "pieces" or "men" will be prevented from rolling off the board when the latter is in use, and which "pieces" or "men" may be reversed to represent "kings," etc.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the "pieces" or "men" may be inclosed with the board within a cover to avoid danger of the same becoming lost when the board is not in use, and with these and other ends in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the board constructed in accordance with my improvement and illustrating the same provided with squares, each of which has formed therein an opening or receptacle to receive the "piece" or "man;" Fig. 2 is a view of a receptacle adapted for use in connection with the board either as a cover or for use as a guard to prevent the "men" from falling off of the board when the latter is in use; Fig. 3 is a view showing several of the "men" or "pieces" for use in playing the game of checkers; Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing the board containing several "pieces" and the receptacle placed thereon to serve as a cover when the board is not in use; Fig. 5 is a view in perspective showing the board arranged within the receptacle when ready for use.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a board rectangular in form and of a size to adapt it to be conveniently carried in the pocket, in order that it may be used at all times desired, as, for instance, during traveling, the board being made of any desired material, such as metal, wood, fiber, hard rubber, etc., and it may be made solid, or if desired, made hollow, as illustrated in Fig. 4. As the board is particularly adapted for playing the game of checkers, it is marked off into a number of light and dark squares, B, C, respectively, one series or set of the squares being provided with holes or openings D whereby to receive the "men" or "pieces" E with which the game is to be played. These "pieces," as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, are of such form that they fit within the openings D, and are reversible therein end for end, each of the "pieces" about midway its length being provided with a shoulder or flange *e* to prevent the "piece" from being inserted into the board or block A too far. These "pieces" E have the ends formed of cone-shape in order to facilitate the entrance of the same into the openings D, those portions immediately adjacent the flange *e* being preferably made straight in order to fit tightly in said openings D to prevent the accidental disengagement thereof from the board. To distinguish the two sets of "pieces" I prefer to have one set painted or stained of a light color, and the other set painted or stained of a dark or contrasting color. Furthermore, each of the "pieces" at one end is provided with a ball or knob *f*, but of a size or diameter sufficiently small to allow that respective end of the "piece" to be inserted in the opening D, the end of the "piece" provided with a knob or ball being intended to represent a "king."

From the foregoing it will be understood that when the "pieces" are arranged in the openings D to represent "men", the end provided with the ball or knob will be inserted within the block as illustrated in Fig. 4, at the left thereof, and when the "piece" is intended to represent a "king" it will be inserted in the opening as illustrated at the right in Fig. 4, that is, with the end of the "piece" uppermost which has the ball or knob formed thereon.

When the board is not in use the parts will be arranged as illustrated in Fig. 4, that is, with the "pieces" E inserted in the openings D and the receptacle F illustrated in perspective in Fig. 2 used as a cover, thereby retaining the "pieces" E in engagement with the board A. This receptacle F is preferably made of pasteboard and of a shape corresponding to that of the

board A, the sides G being of sufficient height to inclose the edges *a* of the board A. When the board A is in use the receptacle F will be reversed, and the board A placed therein as illustrated in Fig. 5, the sides G of the receptacle F extending somewhat above those of the board A and acting as a flange or guard for the latter to prevent the "men" from rolling off of said board should they become disengaged therefrom.

From the above description it will be seen that the device is exceedingly simple and can be manufactured at a small cost; that the construction of the "pieces" is such that they may be assembled with the board, either end uppermost, to represent "men" or "kings", and that the receptacle F may be employed either as a cover when the board is not in use, or as a part of said board when the latter is in use.

I am aware that it is not new to construct a board marked off into a series or several series of squares and provided with openings to receive the "men" or "pieces", and hence I make no claim to such; but

What I claim is:—

1. A game board of the character described comprising a board proper provided with openings, game pieces reversible in said openings and projecting above and beneath the surface of the board, the length of the projecting portions of said pieces corresponding approximately with the thickness of the board; and a receptacle adapted to contain said board and thereby serve as a cover therefor when the same is not in use, and as a guard when the board is in use, the depth of said cover corresponding approximately with the thickness of the board plus the length of the portions of said end pieces which project above the surface of the board.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an integral game piece having two oppositely extending conical portions and a projecting flange extending about the piece at its middle portion and adjacent the bases of said conical portions, the free ends of said piece being shaped dissimilarly.

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