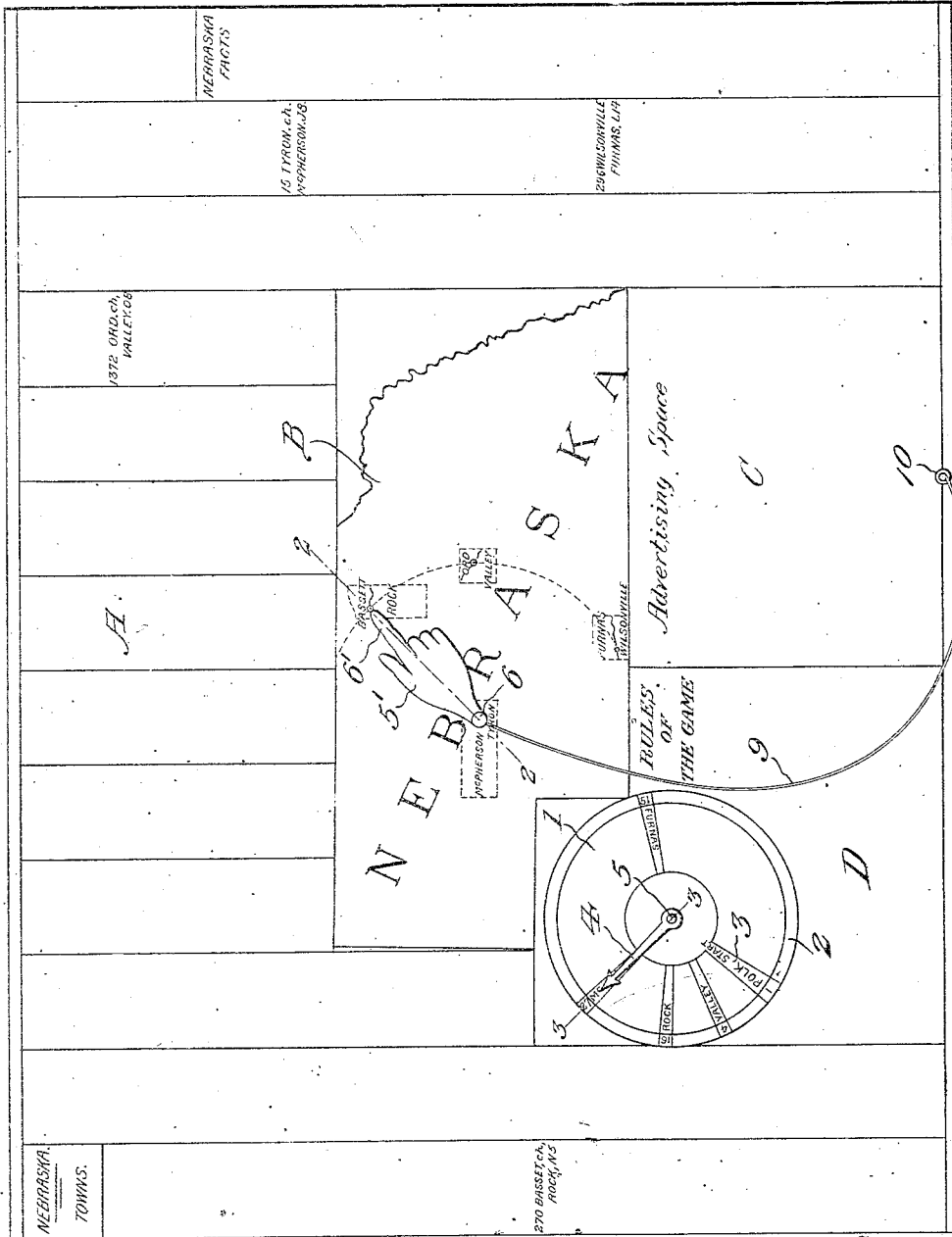


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6 Fig. 2.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROLAND A. MILLS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Osceola, in the county of Polk and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in games, and the object of my invention is to provide an entertaining instructive game, educational in character, and in the playing of which the
15 players will become familiar with the geography of the various States of the Union, as well as with the location and population of the various cities, and towns. The playing of the game is made further interesting, in
20 that each city and town has a numeral value, depending upon the number of its inhabitants, and these numerical values are added or subtracted during the play, and finally, the object of my invention is to provide a
25 instructive game of the general character outlined, which will be of a simple and inexpensive nature, and of a neat and durable construction.

30 With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and finally pointed out in the appended claims, it being
35 further understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like
40 numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views: Figure 1 shows a plan view of a game board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary section on
45 line 2, 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section on line 3, 3 of Fig. 1.

In my present invention, I provide a game board in the use of which the players will become familiar with the location of the
50 rivers, mountains, railroads, counties, cities and towns, of a certain State, as well as with the number of inhabitants of the cities and towns of the State.

In carrying out the aim of my invention, I employ a game board disclosing a map of
55 one of the States of the Union. In the drawings, I have shown a game board dis-

closing a map of the State of Nebraska. This map is surrounded by a field divided into columns, within which are arranged the names of the various towns and cities, as
60 well as other information relative to the State shown. While I have shown the State of Nebraska, it is to be understood that any other State may be shown upon the game board. The map upon the game board is to
65 be provided with the usual key of location.

In the drawings, I show a game board A, having the map B, the space D, within which the rules of the game are to be printed, and the space C, reserved for suitable
70 advertising matter. As a matter of fact, the game board can be made of such a size that the same may be surrounded by a border reserved for advertising matter.

In the drawing, for the sake of convenience, but four counties are shown upon the
75 map, these being marked McPherson, Rock, Valley and Furnas. The county seat of McPherson is shown as Tryon, while the county seat of Rock county is Bassett, of
80 Valley county is Ord, and of Furnas county is Wilsonville. These four counties have been shown because they would illustrate the playing of the game.

At a suitable point, I provide the game
85 board with a dial 1, and this dial is divided into a plurality of radial extending spaces 3, within which are printed the names of the counties.

In the drawings, the dial 1 discloses the
90 names of Polk, Valley, Rock, McPherson and Furnas counties. The counties are numbered as shown, Polk county is numbered 1, Valley 4, Rock 16, McPherson 27 and Furnas 51. Held centrally within the
95 dial 1 is a pin 5 shown in detail in Fig. 3. and revolvably held upon this pin 5 is the pointer 4. This pointer may be made of celluloid, metal or any other suitable material.

At a suitable point, the game board A has
100 an opening, which is preferably reinforced by means of a metal gromet 10, and tied to the gromet is a cord or strand 9, which at its end is secured to the handle 6, which at
105 its lower end is provided with a pin 7. Interposed between the pin 7 and the handle 6 is the indicator 5', this indicator being in the form of a hand, with the index finger extended as clearly shown in Fig. 1. As dis-
110 closed in Fig. 2, the pin 7 is provided with the head 8, and the indicator 5' is clamped

between this head 8 and the bottom of the handle 6.

The board A may be of wood, straw-board, or any other suitable material, and if desired may be made in one or more sections hingedly connected so that when not in use, the game board can be folded up.

In the playing of the game, the player snaps the pointer 4 to revolve it upon its pivot 5. The pointer will then stop at a point registering with the name of a county. In the drawing, the pointer 4 is shown as registering with McPherson county. The operator then, according to the rules of the game, places the pin 7 at the point marking the county seat of the county indicated by the pointer, which as we know is Tryon. The operator then swings the indicator in a circular path. It should be understood for instance, that the distance from the pin 7 to the end of the pointer 6' could represent 80 miles. Now the operator swings the indicator and credits to himself the name of every town touched by the index 6' of the indicator. In the drawings, the path of the pointer leads through Bassett, Ord, and Wilsonville. The player then looks within the proper column and finds that the population of Bassett is 270, of Ord 1372, and of Wilsonville 296. The sum total of the number of the population would represent the amount of the applicant's first play. The second, and subsequent players would then swing the pointer and repeat the operation. In the course of time, the players would recall that one town is 80 miles from another. In having the map of the State continually before them, the players would become familiar with the principal rivers passing through the same, and would also have occasion to note the railroads and their connections, as well as other topographical features peculiar to that especial map.

It is of course understood that the rules could be changed to suit the players.

The game could be played in suspending the map or game board, or in placing the same upon a table, and can be participated in by any number of players. This game

can properly be called a State Game, as it is intended to manufacture the boards with different maps. It is of course also understood that the board could be provided with one map upon one side and another map upon the opposite side, and further the maps could represent foreign countries.

A game constructed according to my invention is simple and inexpensive, and both durable and efficient, and in form an educational as well as entertaining device.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A game board including a suitable map, a dial disclosing the names of the counties appearing upon said map, a pointer pivotally held within said dial to register with said names, and an index provided with a pin point having a handle arranged to be placed upon the points marking the towns upon said map.

2. The combination with a game board, disclosing a map, of a strand secured thereto, an indicator, a handle secured to said indicator and a pin extending from said handle, said strand being secured to said handle.

3. A game board provided with a map and data disclosing the names of the towns shown upon the map, together with the population of each town, a dial disclosing the counties appearing upon said map, a pointer pivotally held within said dial, and an index having an operating handle and a pointer, all arranged as and for the purpose set forth.

4. A game board showing a map, and an indicator including a pin and an operating handle, said pin being arranged to be driven into said map, permitting said indicator being rotated.

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

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