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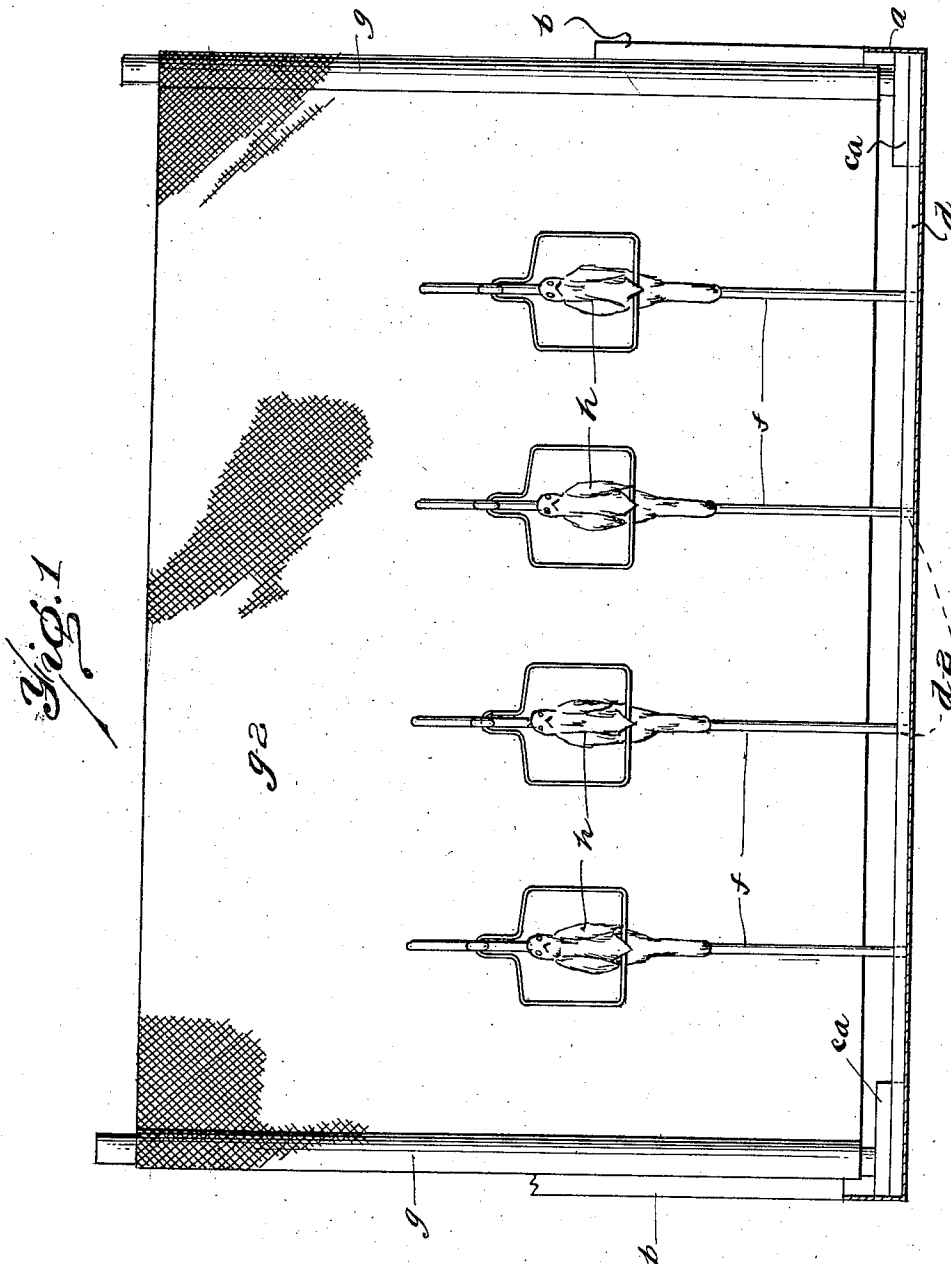
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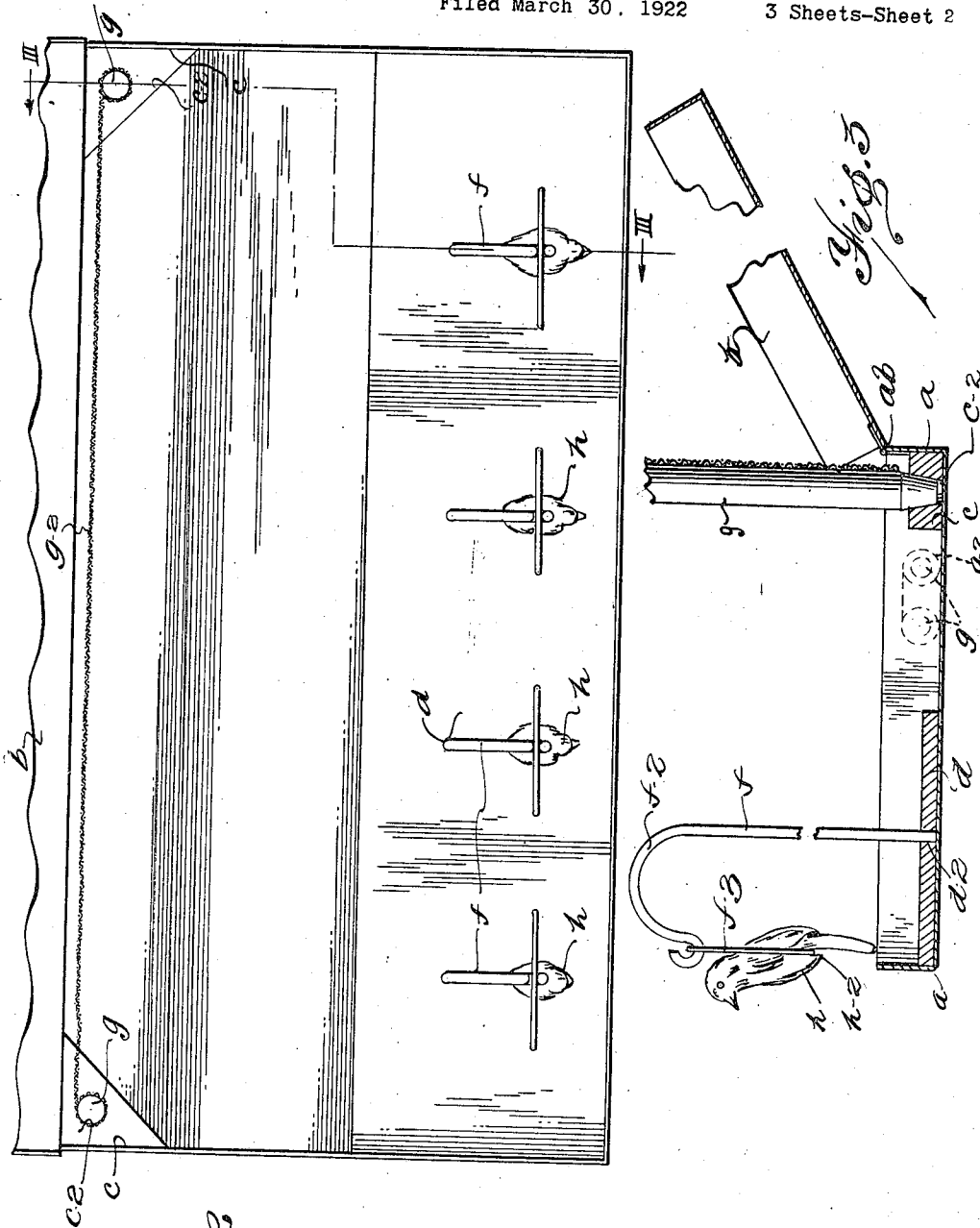


Fig. 2

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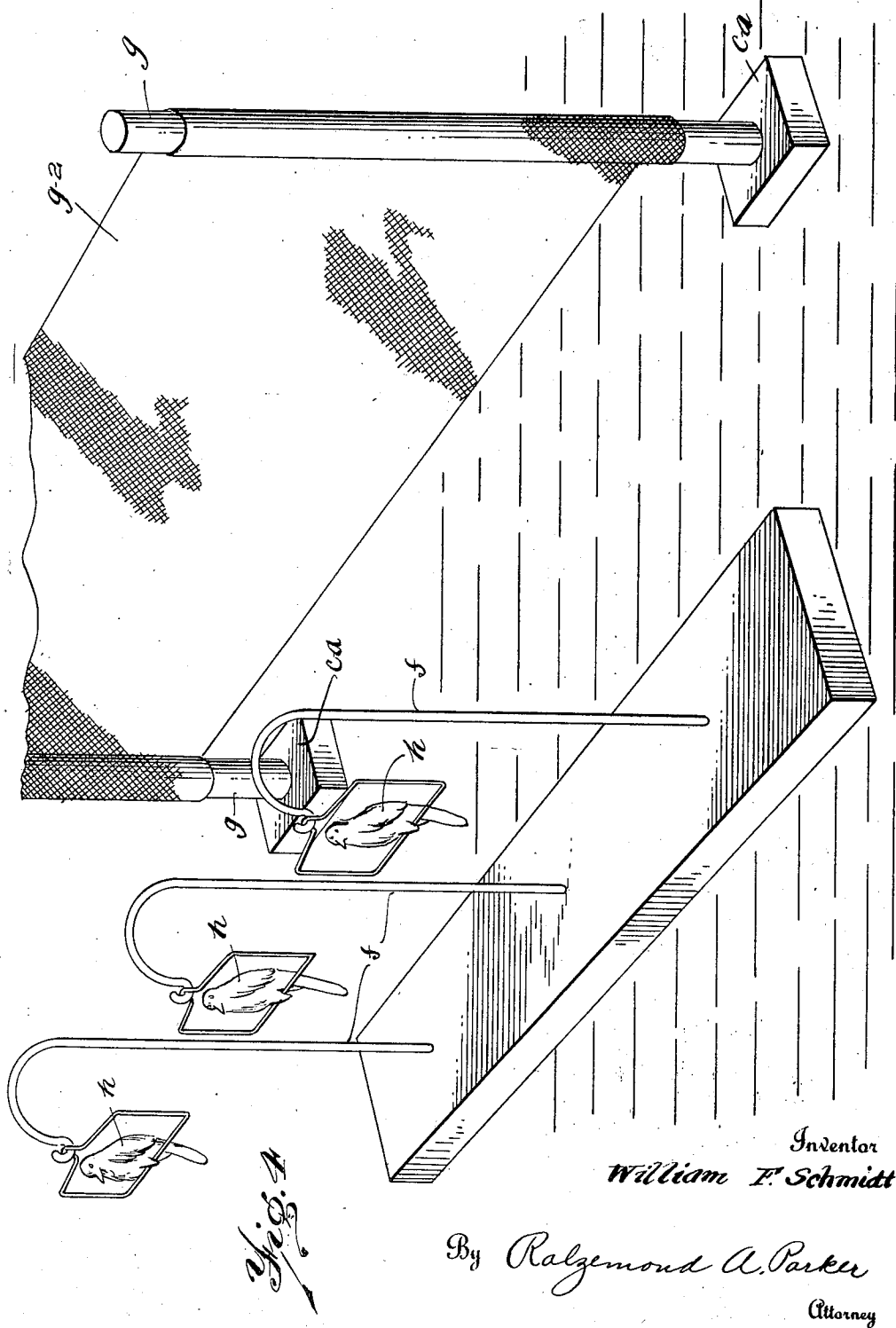
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT, citizen of the United States, residing at Wyandotte, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Games, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to games and objects of my improvements are to provide an improved game apparatus and means for packaging the same.

I secure these objects in the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of the apparatus embodying my invention adjusted for use in playing the game.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, the cover being partly broken away to economize space.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line III—III, III—III, Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the apparatus being adjusted upon a table or other plane support independent of the containing box.

a , a is the body of a rectangular box which may be of thin card-board. b is the cover adapted to close the upper open end of the box a , a and having its edge hinged to the back edge of the body a , as shown most distinctly in Fig. 3.

c , c are reinforcing triangular blocks fitting into the rear corners of the body a , a and secured to the bottom and sides of said body. The blocks c , c are provided with vertical apertures c^2 , c^2 . d is a reinforcing strip of wood of some thickness extending along the forward edge of the body a , a and across the bottom of the same, having its ends engaging against the ends of the body a , a . The strip d is removably placed within the box and preferably fitting against but not secured to the sides and ends of the body a . d^2 indicates apertures in the strip d extending vertically through said strip.

f indicates wires or rods of small diameter. These wires are bent at their upper ends as shown at f^2 and to each of said wires

is pivotally secured a wire yoke f^3 which forms a perch or support as hereinafter described.

h are figures, in this case representing birds provided with notches h^2 suitably located and so weighted that when they are placed upon the supports f^3 with their notches engaging the cross-pieces of said supports, they will automatically remain in position until forcibly displaced as hereafter described.

g , g are two uprights fitting into the apertures c^2 , c^2 , in the reinforcing block c , c and extending vertically upward. g^2 is a net adapted to be wound around the supports g , g when stored and to extend between said supports when the latter are fixed in position in the apertures c^2 as hereinbefore described and as illustrated in Fig. 1.

When packed for transportation or storage, the uprights g , g are removed from the apertures c^2 , the net wound upon them and the net and uprights are laid within the body a , a of the box. The wire f is also withdrawn from the apertures in the strip d and laid within the box, as are also the figures h , as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The cover may be then shut down, closing the box, and the entire apparatus is packed in a small compass convenient for storage or transportation.

When it is desired to use apparatus, the cover b is thrown backward as indicated in Fig. 3. The wires f are engaged in the various apertures d^2 , the uprights g , g are engaged in the apertures c^2 , c^2 , with the net g^2 extending between said uprights. The figures h are then placed upon the supports f^2 .

The game consists in displacing the figures h by means of a projectile from a toy gun, the net g^2 serving as a back-stop receiving the projectile and allowing it to fall back into the body a where it may be readily recovered.

The body a may be cheaply made and when reinforced by the blocks c , c and strip d^2 will be quite rigid and durable.

If desired, the strip d may be removed and placed upon a table and separate supporting blocks c , a may be provided for the net. It is necessary to provide such supports for the figures that shall yield sufficiently to the actual impact of a projectile to certainly

displace the figure and which shall yet nevertheless support the figure in such a way that it shall not be displaced by the wind or jar from a projectile that does not actually
5 hit the mark aimed at. This result is attained by the swinging yokes.

What I claim is:

1. The combination of the body *a* with a reinforcing strip *d* therein, said reinforcing
10 strip being provided with vertical apertures, rods adapted to removably engage in said apertures and being bent over at their upper ends, supports pivotally engaging the over-
turned ends of said rods and depending

therefrom, and displaceable figures upon 15 said supports.

2. In an apparatus of the kind described, a plurality of supports *f* bent over at their upper ends and provided with bent portion forming a supporting hook, a yoke *f*³ pivot- 20 ally engaging said hook and depending therefrom, and a displaceable figure *h* balanced in said yoke, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof, I sign this speci- 25 fication.

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