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Fig. 1.

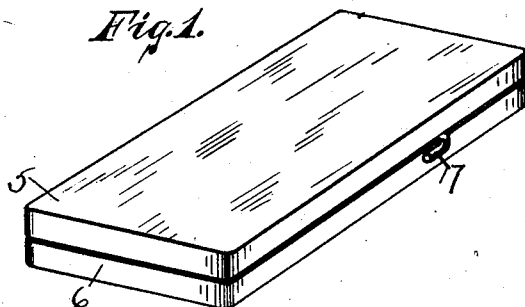


Fig. 2.

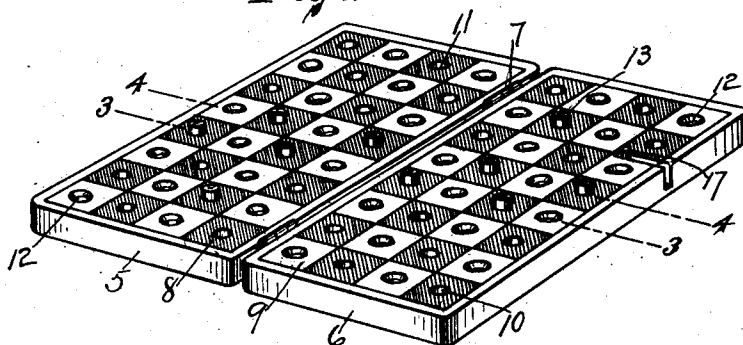


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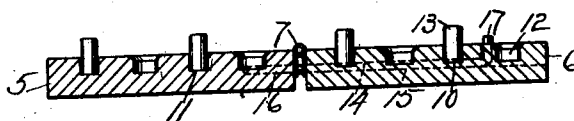
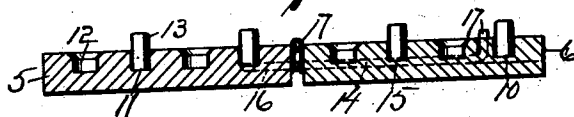


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates more especially to that class of games commonly known as "checkers", "chess" and the like, and an object of my invention, among others, is the production of means whereby a board and the devices commonly known as "men" may be of a diminutive character, suitable to be readily placed in the pocket; and a further object of the invention is the production of means whereby the board may be closed without disturbing the positions of the men at any stage in the game.

One form of game embodying my invention and in the construction and use of which the objects herein set out, as well as others, may be attained, is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometric view of a game board embodying my invention shown in its closed condition.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the board in its open condition.

Figure 3 is a view in cross section on a plane denoted by the dotted line 3—3 of Figure 2, the board being shown as fully open.

Figure 4 is a similar view on a plane denoted by the dotted line 4—4 of Figure 2.

It is quite common as a pastime, at present, for persons to individually play certain games, and especially the game known as checkers, such practice providing an interesting form of diversity when traveling upon railroad trains and the like, and it is a purpose of the present invention to provide means whereby such a game may be continued after an interruption as by a brief discontinuance of a journey, or an interruption from other causes, the men employed in the game retaining the positions occupied at the time of its interruption. The device illustrated in the accompanying drawings provides such advantages, in such drawings the numerals 5 and 6 indicating two members of a game board, as a checker board, both of similar construction and united as by means of hinges 7, the members being marked off into squares or fields of contrasting colors, in the usual manner, such squares or fields 8 of one color on one of said members being located opposite squares or fields 9 of another color on the other member.

Each of the squares of one set, as those colored black, upon one of the board mem-

bers is provided with a retaining recess 10, and each of the squares of the same set and color on the other board member is provided with a similar retaining recess 11. Each of the squares of another set of squares located upon both of the board members and that may have a different color, as white, is provided with a housing recess 12, that is, for each square having a housing recess on one board member there is an oppositely arranged differently colored square having a retaining recess on the opposite board member.

The "men" 13, as checkers, are formed of a size to be received in the retaining recesses 10 and 11, such men being contrastingly colored as is usual. These men are so formed as to project a sufficient distance above the face of the board to enable them to be readily grasped by the fingers and removed from one of the retaining recesses, and placed in another retaining recess, and it will be noted that whenever a man is located in a retaining recess in one board member there is an oppositely located housing recess to receive such man in the other board member when such board members are closed together, the retaining recesses being preferably of a size to hold the men with a little frictional resistance but not, however, sufficient to prevent the ready removal thereof, and the housing recesses being of a size to freely receive the men and thereby enable their removal from the housing recesses without obstruction when the board members are open, said housing recesses preferably having beveled mouths.

This arrangement enables the board members to be closed at any time, at any stage of a game, without disturbing the positions of the men on the board members, and the game may, therefore, be continued at any time at the convenience of the players. Further than this the arrangement embodying the housing recesses enables the men to be stored, whether a game is in progress or not, within the space occupied by the playing surface of the board, and the latter need, therefore, be of a size substantially larger than such playing surface, consequently permitting the board to be constructed of a minimum size such as to enable it to be placed in the pocket and conveniently accessible at any time, and this feature of size applies to the thickness of the board mem-

bers as well as to surface area, as a minimum thickness of board sufficient to provide the requisite strength and rigidity will likewise be sufficient for the recesses to house the men when the board members are closed.

In order to hold the board members in their opened condition I provide a lock comprising a bolt 14 located in a hole 15 in one of the board members and adapted to be moved so that its end will engage a locking recess 16 in the other board member, such bolt having a bent end constituting a finger piece 17 by means of which the bolt may be operated for locking and unlocking purposes.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statutes I have described the principles of operation of my invention, together with the device which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof; but I desire to have it understood that the device shown is only illustrative and that the invention may be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set out.

I claim—

1. A game board comprising two cooperating members each having facing surfaces adapted to lie substantially in contact when the board is closed and possessing active fields permanently positioned opposite to inactive fields on the other member when said members are placed face to face, housing recesses in said inactive fields, each recess being adapted to individually receive and house a device positioned upon an active field and means for retaining said devices on the active fields in position for reception in said recesses when the board is closed.

2. A game board comprising two cooperating members each having facing surfaces adapted to lie substantially in contact when the board is closed and possessing a set of active fields permanently positioned opposite a set of inactive fields on the other member when said members are placed face to face, retaining recesses located in one of said sets of fields, a housing recess located in

each field of the other set of fields to individually receive devices upon the active fields and means for retaining said devices on the active fields in position for reception in said recesses when the board is closed.

3. A game board comprising two cooperating members each having facing surfaces adapted to lie substantially in contact when the board is closed and possessing active fields with retaining recesses arranged to fit and frictionally retain men therein, and each member having a set of inactive fields each permanently located opposite an active field on the opposite board member, said inactive fields each having a housing recess to individually overlie and receive said men, retained upon the active fields, and means for pivotally connecting said board members.

4. A game board comprising two cooperating members pivotally united, each member having a playing surface extending in continuation of the playing surface on the other board member, means for pivotally uniting said board members, and a locking bolt slidably mounted in a hole extending edgewise through one of said members and movable into a locking recess in the other board member to hold said members in their open positions, the outer end of said bolt being accessible at the outer edge of said member for operation of said bolt.

5. A game comprising two cooperating members each having meeting surfaces adapted to lie substantially in contact throughout said meeting surfaces when the board is closed, each of said members having active fields permanently positioned opposite inactive fields on the other member when said members are closed face to face, retaining recesses located in each field of one of said sets of fields, and housing recesses located in each field of the other set of fields and positioned to receive the end of a playing device projecting from either of said other sets of fields said retaining recesses being adapted to hold said devices for reception in the housing recesses when the board is closed.

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