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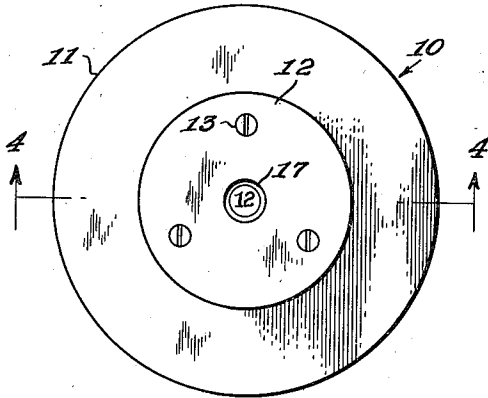


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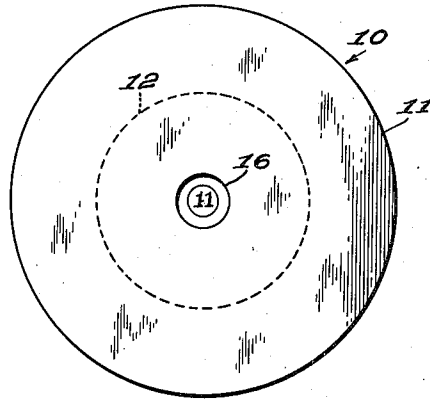


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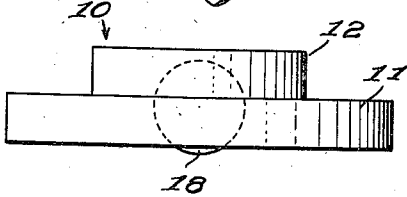


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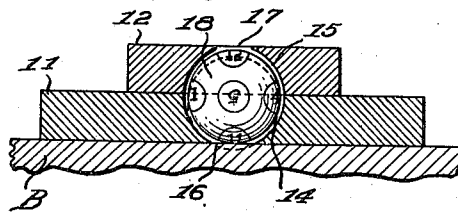


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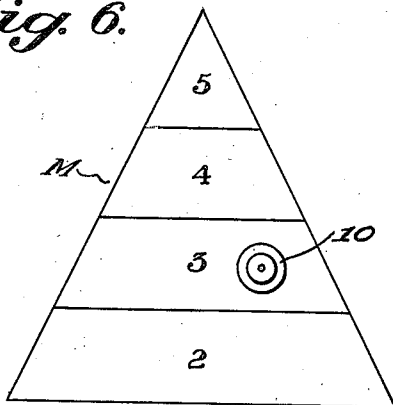
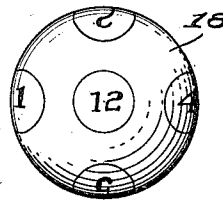


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This invention relates to a game piece.

The invention is more particularly concerned with an improved game piece or disc for use in shuffle board games.

Shuffle board games at present are played by pushing a disc by means of a cue toward a design or marking on a board and which marking is usually in the form of a triangle divided into spaces by spaced lines parallel with the base of the triangle, and the spaces are provided with numerals of successively greater value toward the apex of the triangle.

The disc is pushed by a player toward and into the triangular marking and the count in the game is established by the numeral on the particular space into which the player may have pushed the disc.

Due to the triangular form of the marking on the board and wherein the spaces are of successively less area toward the apex of the triangle and wherein the successively smaller areas have successively larger counts, the game is mainly one of skill.

A primary object of this invention is the provision of a game piece or disc for use in playing a shuffle board game substantially as it is now played, but wherein the game will be a combination of skill and chance thereby being more enhancing than at the present time.

A further and more specific object of the invention is the provision of a playing piece for use with a shuffle board or the like having a spherical member supported therein for universal rotation and which is provided with a plurality of numbers on its surface, the spherical member being engageable with the board for rotation thereof upon sliding movement of the playing piece and the playing piece having an opening for visualizing a number on the member and which number is added to that on the space into which the piece may have been moved by the player.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a playing piece of the above noted character which is simple in construction, durable, dependable in operation, and which is capable of manufacture at relatively low cost.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent in the course of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of the improved playing piece in accordance with a preferred structural embodiment thereof.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the playing piece.

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Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the playing piece.

Fig. 4 is a vertical axial section in the plane of line 4—4 Fig. 1, together with a portion of a supporting shuffle board.

Fig. 5 is a view of a ball employed in the playing piece, on a substantially enlarged scale.

Fig. 6 is a diagrammatic view of a marking as commonly used on shuffle boards.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates the improved playing piece in its entirety. The piece 10 comprises a pair of superposed discs 11 and 12, the latter preferably being substantially smaller than the former but axially aligned therewith.

The discs 11 and 12 may be of any desired diameter and thickness and while they are preferably constructed of wood, they may be of any other desired material.

The discs are removably secured together, preferably by screws 13, and such discs are provided with substantially semi-spherical pockets 14 and 15, the pocket 14 opening through the bottom face of disc 11 in the provision of a relatively small opening 16 and the pocket 15 opening through the top face of disc 12 in the provision of a relatively small opening 17.

The pockets 14 and 15 jointly provide a substantially spherically walled chamber in which is floatingly supported a ball 18 having a plurality of numbers on its face as is clearly shown in Fig. 5.

The diameter of the ball is somewhat less than that of the chamber for limited movement of the ball therein. The opening 16 provides for engagement of a limited surface area of the ball with the board B as indicated in Fig. 4, and such opening allows the ball to project slightly below the bottom face of disc 11 when the piece is free of the board as is indicated in Fig. 3 and in dotted lines in Fig. 4.

The ball 18 is preferably hollow and substantially light in weight, but such weight is sufficient to cause rotation of the ball upon sliding the piece 10 along the board B, such rotation being caused by engagement of the ball with the board through the opening 16.

The opening 17 provides for visualizing a number on the ball 18 as can be seen upon inspection of Fig. 1, and while a number may not always be completely visible through the opening 17, it may be considered the chance count if ascertainable at all.

In playing a game with the improved playing piece, it is as in usual practice pushed as by a

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cue toward the marking M (Fig. 6). Thus, if the piece 10 has been moved into the area numbered "3" and the number "12" appears through opening 17, as in Fig. 1, the player gets a combined count of 15.

Thus it will be seen that the game is substantially more enhancing in that the element of chance is combined with that of skill. With the improved playing piece, it is quite possible to get a higher count when the piece 10 rests in area "2" than when it rests in area "5," depending of course on what number on ball 18 is visible through the opening 17.

While I have disclosed the improved playing piece for use with a shuffle board, it may be used in any game having a count determined by any position of the playing piece. In fact, the playing piece may be used alone on any plane surface and the game will be one wholly of chance.

While I have disclosed my invention in accordance with a single specific embodiment thereof, such is to be considered as illustrative only, and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being defined in the sub-joined claim.

What I claim and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:

A game piece comprising a slidable body member including a lower disc and an upper disc removably secured to the lower disc, said discs being

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substantially of the same thickness and said upper disc being of substantially less diameter than the lower disc and being disposed axially thereof, aligned substantially semispherical pockets in said discs and opening through the upper end lower walls thereof in the provision of opening of substantially less diameter than the pockets, said pockets defining a substantially spherically walled chamber within the discs, and a ball loosely supported in said chamber for projection through the opening in said lower disc and having numbers thereon observable through the opening in the upper disc.

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