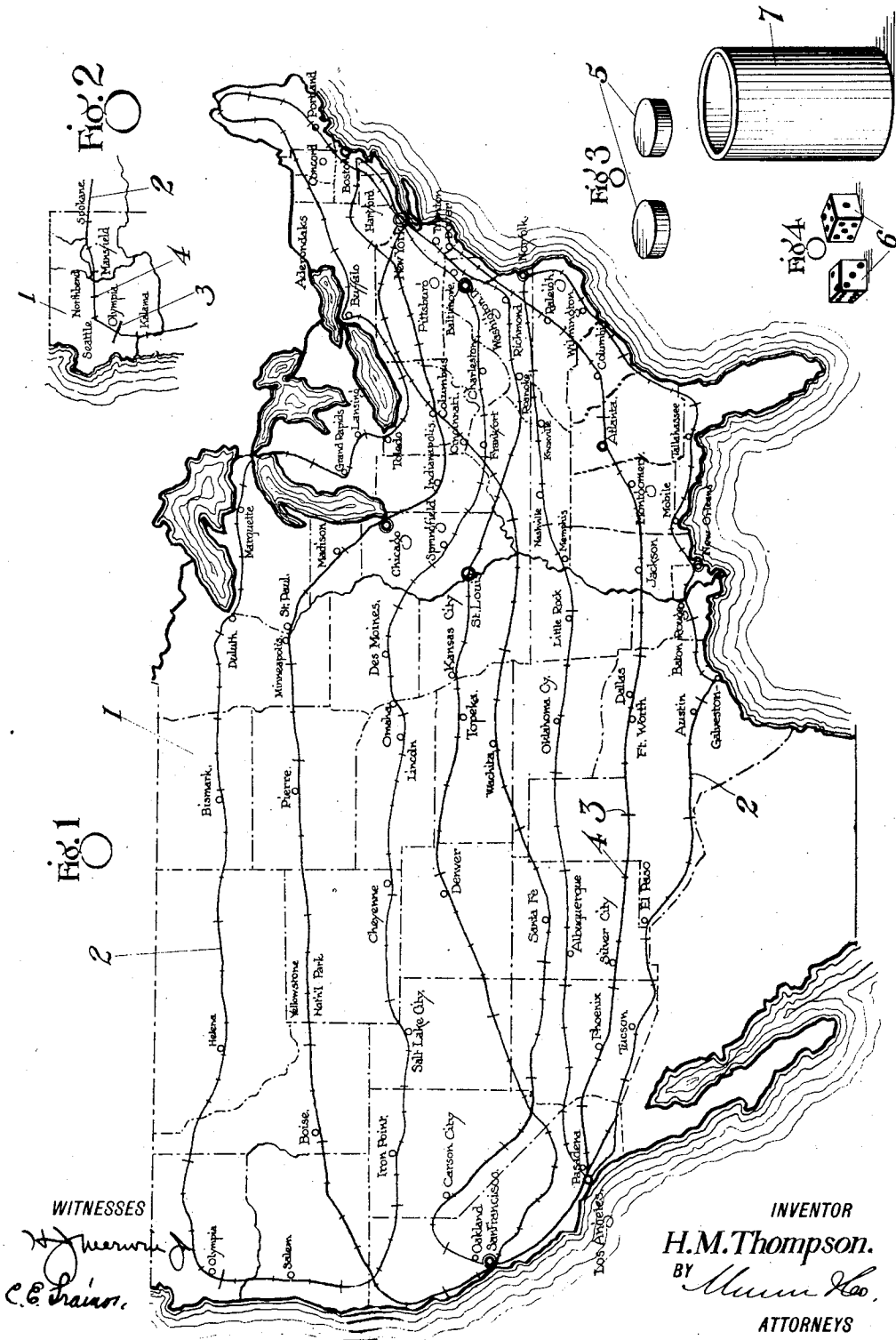


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT MILES THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Foxcroft, in the county of Piscataquis and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in games, and the invention has for its object to provide a device of the character specified having a game board in the form of a map of some specified country, provided with route lines and with stops indicated on the said lines, together with markers for indicating progress along such route lines, the progress of the counters being determined by game pieces, as, for instance, dice.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character specified by means of which the study of geography may be facilitated.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game board;

Fig. 2 is a detail of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the markers;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the game pieces and their container.

As shown in Fig. 1, the game board has upon one face thereof a map 1, as, for instance, a map of the United States, having outlined thereon the States, and having for each State the capital and largest cities, if desired. The rivers and lakes are also indicated, and there is also provided a series of route lines 2, connecting the several cities, and each of the route lines has in connection therewith a series of indication or scale lines 3 and 4 of unequal length, the scale lines 3 being of greatest length, the said scale lines dividing the route lines into equal divisions.

As shown in Fig. 3, markers 5 are provided for indicating the progress of the several players, and game pieces, as for instance, the dice shown at 6 in Fig. 4, are provided for determining the extent of the move of each counter, and the dice are thrown from the usual box 7.

When playing the improved game the players are supposed to be making a tour of the country shown upon the map by automobile, and four different routes are

provided, which are preferably marked in ink of different colors. The game can be played by two, three, four or more players at the same time, and each player has two or four of the markers shown in Fig. 3, the said markers representing automobiles of the same make.

Preferably, each player starts from the right of the game board, from the Atlantic coast in the present instance, with two markers or vehicles, and travels toward the west or toward the left of the board. The routes in the present instance start from St. Francis, Maine, near the Canadian border, from Boston, Massachusetts, from New York city, and from Norfolk, Virginia, touching at the capital of each State, and, in practice, also at the National Parks and principal cities, returning by another route to the starting point, and each returns through another part of the country from that through which the cross journey is made.

Each of the players is supposed to be running cars of different make from those used by all the others, and the markers are colored differently, each set being of one color.

The markers are started from the starting point and the distance each will travel at each movement is determined by the dice. The first player must throw an ace to start one of his cars on the route chosen. The spots on the other die thrown determine the distance the car will travel. If, for instance, the player throws a "six" the car will be moved six graduations on the adjacent route line. The players throw in turn, all following the route taken by the first player. In determining the start all throw the dice and the one throwing the largest number starts the game. When all are started, if either player overtakes a player ahead of him and stops on the same space, he can put the marker so overtaken and displaced off the board, and such marker must again commence at the first.

Certain of the lines or graduations, namely, those indicated at 3, are distinguished from the others by being of greater length and these graduations are safety rests, from which a player cannot be displaced by an overtaking opposition marker that falls upon the same graduation. Instead, he blockades the line, so that no other player can pass as long as two of his markers remain on the same safety rest, and the

player or players so blockaded cannot use the moves they throw except on the other marker.

- Each marker must be moved the number of
 5 graduations corresponding to the marking of the face thrown, that is, a number cannot be split up and a part of it used. The entire number must be used by the same marker. When the first marker to return
 10 nears the starting point, the player must stop one move from home until an ace is turned to provide the one move. He must also throw the right number to stop one move from home. The player or players
 15 behind him stop on the same stop and if the second or third player turns his ace first he will reach home first, but no marker can be displaced from the board while awaiting the one move for home.
 20 Should one player throw his dice and turn up two like numbers, for instance, a "six" on each dice, they are called doubles, and

said player is entitled to another shake. Also, he can use the number of spots on the opposite ends of the dice.

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I claim:

Amusement apparatus comprising a game board having on one face thereof a map and having route lines indicated thereon leading from one side edge of the board to
 30 near the other side edge and traversing the principal points between said side edges and returning to the starting point over a different portion of the map, a series of continuous route lines being provided, the differ-
 35 ent route lines being of contrasting colors, and each line having at suitable intervals indicating marks dividing the route into equal divisions, sundry of the marks being of greater size than the others for the pur-
 40 pose of defining safety points, and sets of counters of different color for cooperating with the board.

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