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Fig. 1.

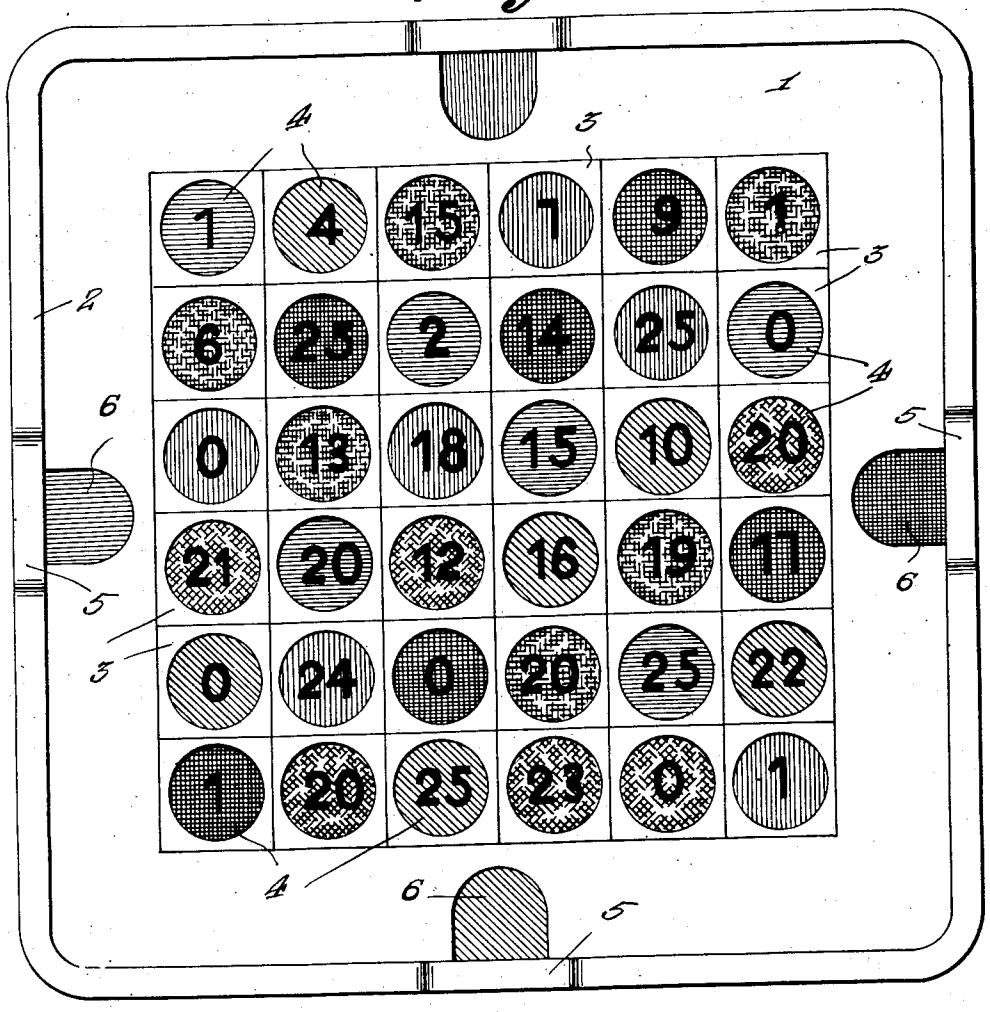


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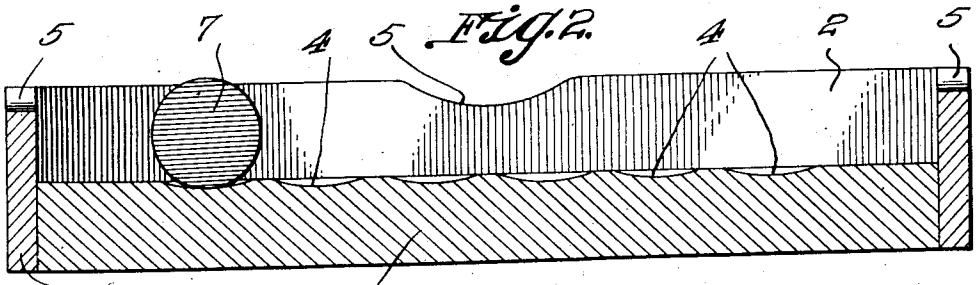
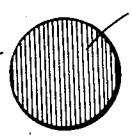


Fig. 3.



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The object is the provision of a game apparatus which affords both amusement and instructions to the players thereof.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement as hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a game apparatus in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is an approximately transverse sectional view therethrough.

Figure 3 is a view of one of the elastic spherical playing members employed.

As disclosed by the drawings the game apparatus includes a base 1 whose corners are rounded. Arising from the base there is a continuous flange 2. The center of the base is divided into squares by longitudinal and transverse lines and the central portion of each of the squares 3 is formed with a saucer-like depression 4. In the majority of the depressions 4 there are imprinted numerals but in certain of the depressions there are imprinted characters representing naughts.

The flange 2, at the center of each of its sides or ends, is formed with concaved depressions 5, and the base 1, inward of the depressions, has imprinted thereon stations 6 in which rest the elastic spheres 7, one of which being employed by each of the players of the game. The spheres are differently colored as may be the saucer-like depressions 4 and likewise the stations 6. The game starts by one player thumping his sphere with his finger to impart sufficient momentum to the sphere to cause the latter to contact with the rail provided by the flange 2, opposite his base or station, and from thence rebound onto the field and rests in one of the depressions or pockets 4. The number in the said depression or pocket is scored by the player. The player then returns his ball to his starting station and continues to play as before until he has scored one-hundred (100) points or any other number of points decided upon in the playing of the game. If the player's ball rests in the pocket with the naught or zero mark therein he loses his play, the ball resting in the said pocket, and the second player takes his turn in the same manner as above described. Any player whose play is terminated by his ball resting in the zero pocket loses five points. Should the ball of a player strike that of another player whose ball rests on his station 6 and knocks the ball into a numbered pocket or a zero pocket the player discontinues playing and the number on which the rested ball was knocked counts to the credit of the player of the rested ball. But if the rested ball is knocked onto a zero pocket then the player of the rested ball loses five points. For example, if number 2 ball, while at play strikes number 1 ball and knocks it onto a numbered pocket and the number 2 ball also stops on a numbered pocket, the second player (not the one who has projected the ball) will have no credit and must discontinue playing, but number 1 will count to his credit the number on which his ball is knocked. But if number 1 ball has been knocked on zero the number 1 player loses five points and number 2 player loses his "go" so that player number 3 will have the next chance of projecting his ball or sphere. All the players begin from the stations and if any player's ball be at rest on the board when his time for play comes he takes it from the pocket and projects it from his starting station.

Having described the invention, I claim:—

A game apparatus comprising a base having rounded corners and formed at its edges with an upstanding continuous flange, said base being centrally divided into a field by intersecting longitudinal transverse lines, the squares thus provided in the field being formed with saucer-like depressions, the majority of which being numbered, but certain of which having zero marks, the flange of the base having right angular centrally disposed concaved depressions and the said base having marks thereon indicating stations directly in a line with the said depressions and differently colored elastic spheres employed in the playing of the game, as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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