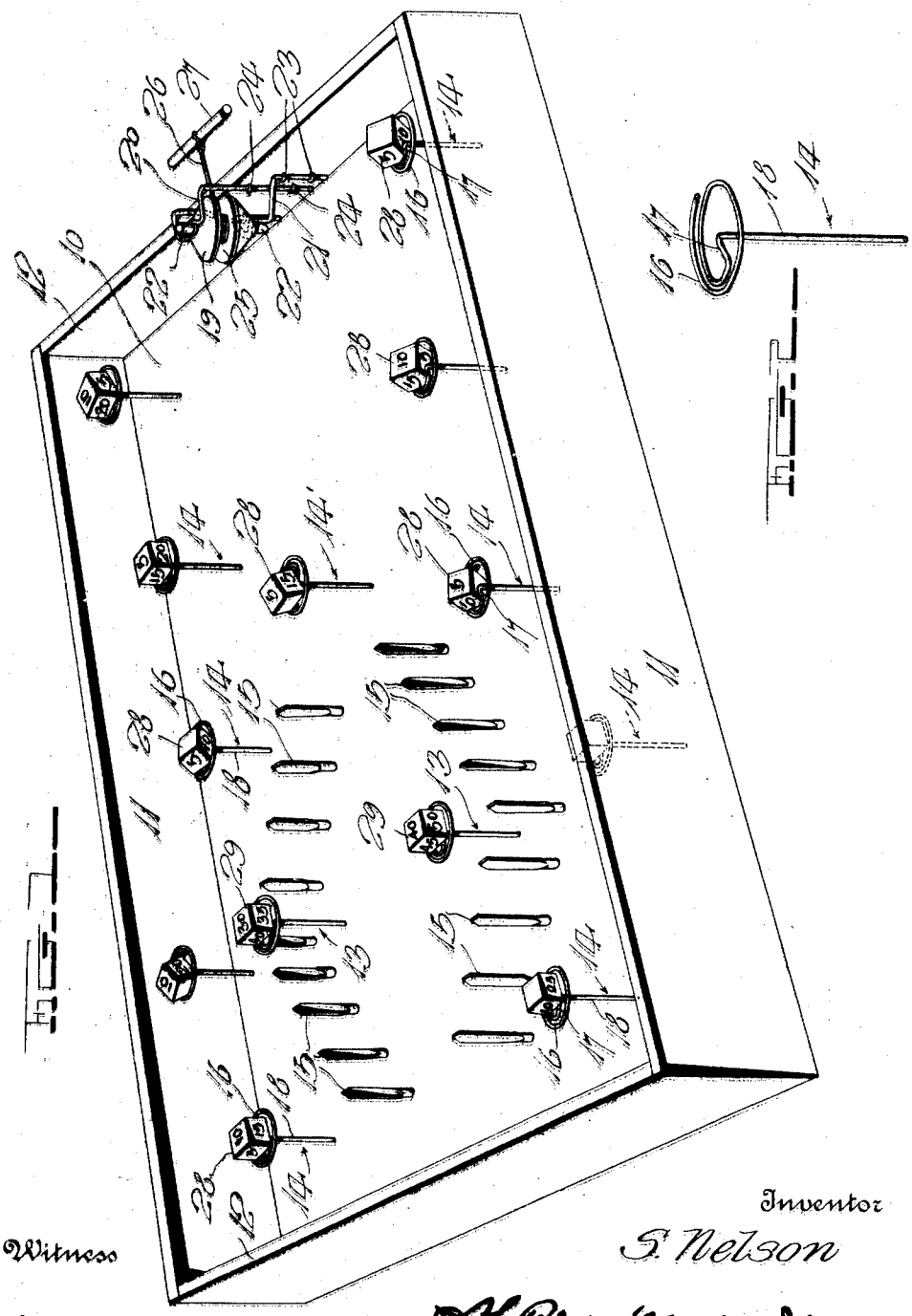
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SWAN NELSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Scanlon, in the county of Carlton and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved game and one object of the invention is to provide a game in which a number of counters resembling dice may be placed upon supports and struck from the supports by a projectile resembling a top and caused to spin across the playing-field.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this game that supports for certain of the counters which will have a greater value than the remaining counters may be inclosed in a barrier, thus making it more difficult to strike the counters of a higher value from their supports.

Another object of the invention is to so construct this game that one of the supports for a counter of a lesser value may be positioned in front of the entrance to the barrier and thus constitute a baffle which will tend to deflect the top or projectile and make it more difficult for the projectile to enter the inclosure.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved type of the support for the counters, the support being so constructed that it may be formed from a single strand of wire.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved type of bearing against which the top will be placed when it is to be spun.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the bearing for the top that the upper section thereof may be swung out of the way when placing the top in position and thus permit the top to be easily put in place with the spinning cord extending between the arms of the upper bearing section.

This invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved game-board.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the supports for the counters.

This board 10 constitutes a playing-field and is provided with side walls 11 and end walls 12 which extend upwardly a sufficient distance to prevent the top and counters from leaving the board. This board also forms the body of a box in which the game may be kept when not in use and may be provided with a suitable cover which will be removable from the box.

The supports 13 which are to carry the counters having the greatest value will be placed in the central portion of the rear section of the playing-field and the supports 14 will be placed adjacent the sides of the field as shown in Fig. 1, one support 14′ being positioned in the center of the playing-field and positioned in front of the entrance to the inclosure built about the supports 13. This inclosure or barrier is formed of stakes 15 and tapers toward its forward and rear ends with the forward and rear ends left open to provide an entrance and an exit for the top. It will thus be seen that since the supports 13 are inclosed by the barrier and a support 14′ positioned in front of the entrance to the barrier it will be difficult for the top to enter the inclosure and strike the counters from the supports 13.

Each of these supports is formed as shown in Fig. 2 and is constructed from a strand of wire which will be coiled to form a head 16 upon which the counter will rest. After forming the head 16 the strand will be bent to extend radially inwardly thus providing an arm 17 leading to the upper end of a standard 18 which will be formed by bending the wire to extend downwardly. Therefore the standard will be positioned in the center of the head. These standards fit into openings or sockets formed in the playing-field and they may be left in place when the board is not in use or may be removed as desired.

In order to provide a bearing for the top or projectile 19 there have been provided upper and lower bearing brackets 20 and 21

which are positioned against the end wall 12 at the forward end of the board and are mounted in superposed relation so that the end pins 22 of the top may fit into the bearing recesses of these brackets. The lower bearing bracket has its arms passing through eyes 23 carried by the end wall and the upper bearing bracket has one arm extending through eyes 24 and a second arm left free but of sufficient length to engage the wall. It will thus be seen that the upper bracket may be swung with the longer arm serving as a pivot and thus moved out of the way when desired. The top which is to be used in connection with this game engages the upper and lower bearings as shown in Fig. 1 and is reduced at a point intermediate its height to provide an annular seat 25 to receive the spinning-cord 26 which will be wound upon the top. After the cord has been wound upon the top the upper bearing bracket will be swung to one side and with the top held in one hand and the pulling head or bar 27 in the other hand the cord will be passed under the shorter arm of this bracket and the upper and lower pins of the top then brought into engagement with the seats as shown. It will thus be seen that when in position the cord will extend between the arms of the upper bracket.

When in use the counters 28 which have the smaller value will be placed upon the supports 14 and 14′ and the counters 29 which have a larger value will be placed upon the supports 13. These counters have values marked upon them as shown and in the preferred form the counters 26 will each have one side left blank so that in case a counter 28 is struck from its support and lands with the blank side showing it will have no value. After the counters have been put in place the top will be put in place as shown and the bar 27 will be grasped and the cord quickly withdrawn. This will cause the top to spin rapidly and as soon as the cord has left the top, the top will leave the bearings and drop to the playing-field. When the top lands upon the playing-field it will spin and will move about the field. If it strikes a support the counter resting upon the support will be struck from the support and will drop upon the playing-field. The top will then be deflected and as it moves about the field will strike other supports, thus causing additional counters to be displaced. Of course if the top passes through the entrance to the barrier it will very likely strike one of the supports 13 and thus cause the counter carried thereby to be displaced, but this does not very often happen as it is difficult for the top to pass into the entrance with the support 14′ in the way. After the top has stopped spinning the numbers shown upon the upper faces of the counters which have been struck from the supports will be added and this amount placed to the credit of the player who spun the top. Any number may be selected as the amount which must be gained in order to win the game. It will thus be seen that any number of players may play this game, each player taking a turn at spinning the top and striking the counters from the supports. When it is no longer desired to play the game the upper bearing bracket will be removed from the eye 24 and will be placed in the bottom of the box and the cover may then be put in place and the box put away. As previously stated the supports may be left in place or they may be removed from the sockets and dropped into the box along with the bracket 20 and top and spinning-cord.

What is claimed is:

1. A game of the character described including a playing field, counter-supports positioned adjacent the sides of the field in lines extending longitudinally thereof, counter-supports in the interior of the field, a barrier positioned about the last mentioned supports and open at its forward and rear ends, and a counter support positioned in front of the open forward end of the barrier.

2. A game of the character described including a playing-field, supports for counters of minor value positioned adjacent the sides of the field at points throughout its length, supports for counters of a major value positioned in the interior of the rear portion of the field, a barrier positioned about the last mentioned supports, and open at its forward end, and a support for a counter of a minor value positioned in front of the open forward end of the barrier.

3. A game of the character described including a playing field, and counter supports positioned upon the field, each support being formed of a strand of wire coiled to form a flat head and having a standard extending from its central portion.

4. A game of the character described including a playing-field, supports positioned upon the field, removable counters resting upon the supports, and an abutment for a rotatable projectile comprising upper and lower bearing brackets each having an extended head terminating in an open bearing, the upper bracket being rotatably mounted for swinging into and out of position above the lower bracket.

5. A game of the character described including a playing-field having upstanding walls, supports for removable counters positioned upon the field, and an abutment for a rotatble projectile comprising a lower open bearing secured against the forward wall of the field, and an upper bearing positioned about the lower bearing and rotatably

connected with the forward wall for movement into and out of an operative position above the lower bearing.

6. A game of the character described including a playing-field, counters of a major value removably supported upon the field, a barrier positioned about the counters and having an entrance, counters of a minor value removably supported upon the field with one positioned in front of the entrance to the barrier and constituting a baffle, and a projectile for removing the counters in their supports.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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