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GAME APPARATUS.

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Fig. 2.

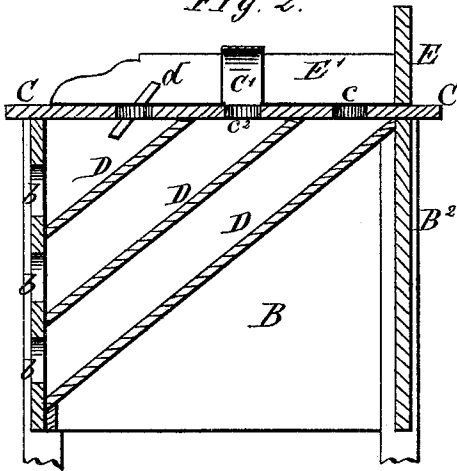
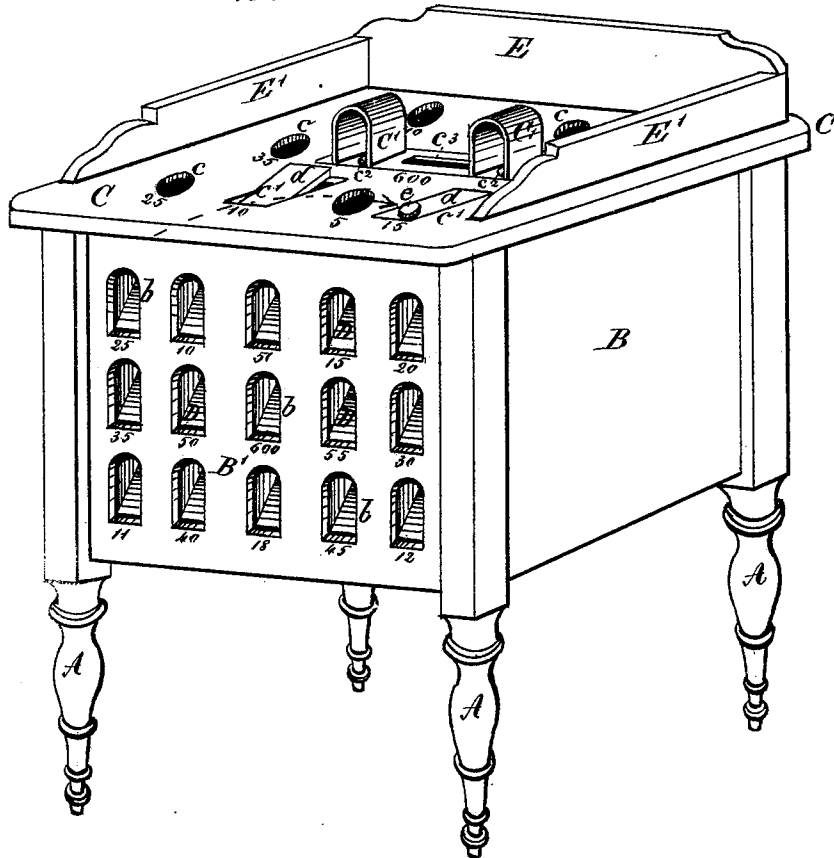


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN OBERLY, of Canton, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Tables; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, a portion of the front being broken away to show the chutes; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line *x y*, Fig. 1.

A A A A are the supporting posts or legs. B B are the sides. B¹ is the front; B², the back, and C the top. In the top are a number of openings, *c c¹ c² c³*. D D D are inclined chutes, extending from the openings in the top C to a series of outlets, *b*, in the front B¹. The openings *c¹* are rectangular in form, and are each provided with a weighted trap, *d*, pivoted in the top C in such manner that, if the front end of said trap be pressed down into the chute below it, as indicated in Fig. 2, it (the trap) will resume its horizontal position as soon as the pressure is removed or released. Other of the openings, *c²*, have arches or guards C¹ placed above them, and another, *c³*, (one or more,) is long and narrow—a mere slit in fact. *e* is a small quoit, preferably round and flat, and of such size as will readily pass through the opening *c³* when it (the quoit) is turned up edgewise, and of such weight as will tilt the trap *d* whenever the quoit shall rest upon the front end of the trap.

The game is played by any number of persons, who, in their turn, pitch the quoit *e* from any desired distance upon the top C of the table. When the quoit falls through one of the openings it enters the corresponding chute, and passes out through one of the outlets *b* in the front B¹, as will be readily understood. These outlets are numbered, and the number

of the chute through which the quoit passes is added to the score of the player who pitched the quoit. By an examination of these numbers it will be seen that the chutes which are more difficult of access through the top C bear higher numbers than those into which the quoit can be readily pitched. Thus it will be found that the chute the outlet of which is marked 600 can only be reached through the narrow throat *c³*, into which the quoit must pass edgewise.

E E' E' is a fender, erected around the top of the table to prevent such quoits as do not fall into the chutes from sliding off onto the floor, where they would be liable to be lost.

Other devices might be added to increase the difficulty with which the quoit can be pitched into and through the openings in the top C.

One of the distinguishing features of my invention is long, narrow opening *c³*, the form of which necessitates the turning of the quoit into a vertical or nearly vertical position before it (the quoit) can pass through said opening, another peculiarity being the weighted trap *d*, both of these features adapting the table for use in connection with a flat-sided quoit, instead of a ball, which would not pass through opening *c³*, and would be less likely to stop upon the trap long enough to overcome the inertia of said trap.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described game-table, provided with the openings *c¹ c³* and trap *d* in the top, the numbered outlets *b*, and chutes D, whereby said table is adapted for use in combination with the quoit *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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