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GAME DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

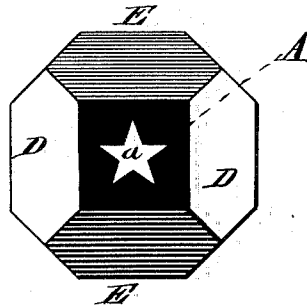


Fig. 2.

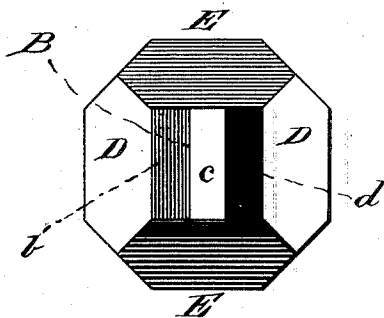
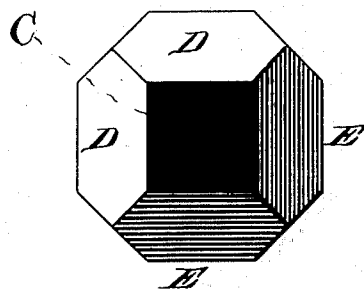


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. KEARNEY, of Gorham, in the county of Ontario and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Game Balls or Blocks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figures 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings are representations of different side views.

This invention consists in a ball or block having a number of sides, which are variously colored or otherwise distinguished for the purpose of enabling said ball to be used in playing "pool" and other games.

The annexed drawings show such a ball or block having eighteen sides or faces. Eight of these faces are square and arranged with respect to one another like the middle parts of the faces of a cubical block. These square faces are painted blue, as indicated by the black spaces in the several figures, except two opposite ones, which have, respectively, the appearances shown in Figs. 1 and 2—that is, one of said faces, A, has a white star, *a*, in its center, and the other of said faces, B, has three parallel stripes or bars, *b c d—b* being red, *c* white, and *d* blue. C, Fig. 3, designates one of the remaining six square faces which are painted entirely blue. The remaining ten faces are six-sided. Five of them are white and are designated in the drawings by D, while E designates the remaining five, which are painted red, as indicated by parallel lines. The arrangement of said red and white faces is as follows: Taking the square face A marked with star *a* for the top of the ball the first four horizontal six-sided faces are next below its four sides, and are painted alternately white and red. Next below these four faces comes the middle or equatorial belt of faces, consisting of four square blue faces,

already described, and four six-sided faces intervening between the same. These six-sided faces are vertical, and one-half of them are red and one-half of them are white, the white and red being arranged alternately, as before. Below this middle belt come four or more six-sided horizontal faces which are alternately red and white like the first four; but the faces in this set that are directly below the white faces of the first set are red, and vice versa. Below these faces, at the bottom of the ball, comes the striped face B.

I do not, however, confine myself to the precise shape, arrangement, number, or colors of the faces above described, as any of these particulars may be varied considerably without departing from the spirit of my invention.

To play five-pin pool with the above-described ball, place it on the middle of the table, spot the red ball, then play on either ball. If two balls are hit the carom counts two. If the above-described ball is hit so as to turn up a red face, it counts one; if a white face is turned up it counts two; if a blue face is turned up it counts three. In like manner the striped face counts four, and the face with the star on it counts five.

This many-faced ball or block may also be used in the American pool, three-square billiards, and other games.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A block for games, said block being provided with eight square faces and ten six-sided faces variously colored or otherwise adapted to be distinguished, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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