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Fig. 1.

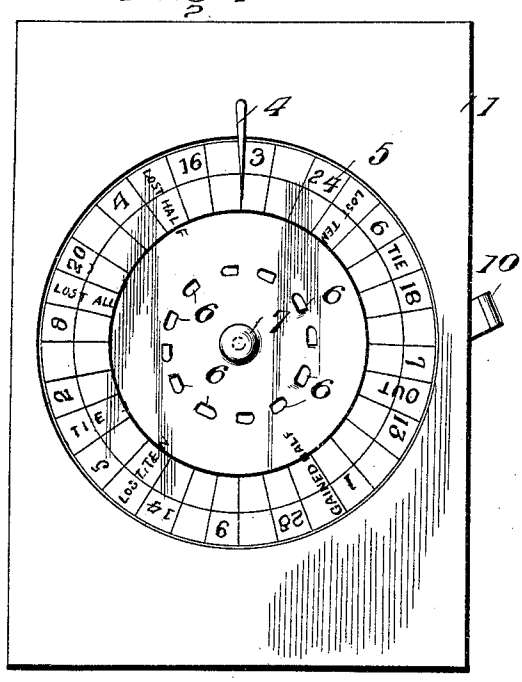


Fig. 2.

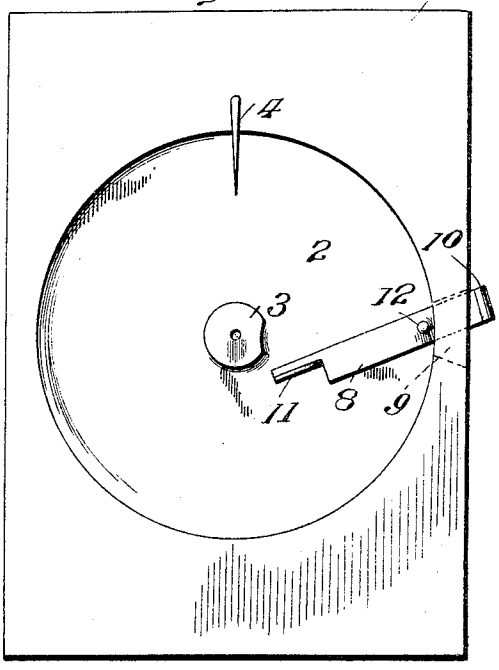


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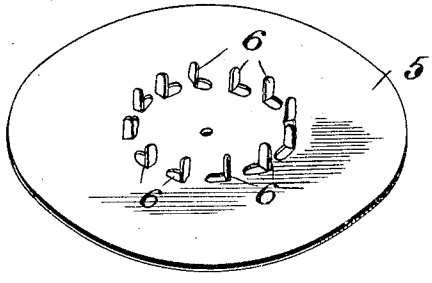
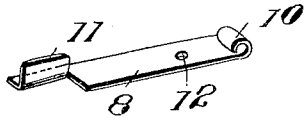


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chinagrove, in the county of Rowan and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus and Advertising Novelties, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to games, and more particularly to that class of chance devices in which a disk bearing various characters around its outer rim is caused to rotate under a pointer or indicator in order to see which character will come to rest under said pointer. In practice it is intended to call the game "Roulette race." It has for its object to produce a device of the character mentioned which shall be both interesting and instructive and which can at the same time be manufactured very cheaply and which will therefore be very desirable for advertising purposes.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the base with the disk removed. Fig. 3 is an inverted perspective view of the disk. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the operating-lever.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The numeral 1 indicates the base, which is formed with a circular recess 2 in its top. At the center of this recess 2 there is a raised seat 3, the top of which lies in a plane slightly lower than that of the top of the base. An indicating needle or pointer 4 is fastened to the base so that it projects out over the recess 2 for a short distance. A circular disk 5 is provided, the outer rim of which is marked off and subdivided into a number of spaces by radial lines. Various characters, as may be desired, are stamped in these spaces, as can best be understood by reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings. The under side of this disk 5 is provided with a concentric circle of spaced projections or lugs 6. These projections 6 may be formed in any suitable manner, but for the sake of cheapness of manufacture are preferably formed by stamping and bending tongues downward from the disk 5. The said disk 5 is pivoted at its center point to the raised seat 3 by a pin 7 and is of such a size that it will rotate freely in the recess 2.

An operating-lever 8 passes through an opening 9 in the side of the base 1. This lever 8, as best seen in Fig. 4, is formed out of a sheet-metal strip by bending one end around to form a handle 10 and by cutting and bending the other end in any suitable manner to form a flange 11 thereon at right angles to the plane of the sheet-metal strip and extending in a longitudinal direction. The lever 8 is pivoted at a point 12, so that when the handle 10 is pushed from one side to the other the flange 11 will come into engagement with one of the projections 6 and force the disk 5 to revolve and will then swing out of engagement with said projections. It is obvious that when the lever 8 is pushed in opposite directions the circular disk 5 will be caused to rotate in opposite directions. Any number of persons may participate in this game, and the object is to see who can get one hundred or any other predetermined number of points first, the players taking turns at causing the disk to revolve and abiding by the character which comes to rest under the pointer 4 and which may be for or against the player.

From the foregoing description it will be understood that this game will be very interesting to both young and old people and at the same time very instructive in that it gives them continual practice in the addition and subtraction of numbers.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. In a game apparatus, the combination of a base having a recess therein, a disk pivotally mounted within said recess, said disk being provided around its outer rim with reference characters and also having a concentric circle of spaced lugs projecting therefrom, and an operating-lever adapted to engage with said lugs to cause the disk to rotate, said lever then swinging out of engagement with the lugs.

2. In a game apparatus the combination of a base having a circular recess therein and a raised seat at the center of said recess, a disk pivoted upon said raised seat, said disk being provided around its outer rim with reference characters and also having a concentric circle of spaced lugs projecting from its bottom side, a pointer attached to said base and projecting

over the edge of said disk, and an operating-lever adapted to engage with said lugs to cause the disk to rotate, said lever then swinging out of engagement with said lugs.

3. In a game apparatus the combination of a base having a circular recess therein and a raised seat at the center of said recess, a disk pivoted upon said raised seat, said disk being provided around its outer rim with reference characters and also having a concentric circle of spaced lugs projecting from its bottom side, a pointer attached to said base and projecting over the edge of said disk, and an operating-lever passing through an opening in the side of said base and adapted to engage with said lugs to cause the disk to rotate and then to swing out of engagement with said lugs.

4. In a game apparatus the combination of a base having a circular recess therein and a raised seat at the center of said recess, a disk pivoted upon said raised seat, said disk being provided around its outer rim with reference characters and also having a concentric circle of spaced lugs projecting into said recess and encircling said raised seat, a pointer attached to said base and projecting over the edge of said disk, and an operating-lever adapted to engage with said lugs to cause the disk to rotate, said lever then swinging out of engagement with said lugs.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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