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GAME APPARATUS.

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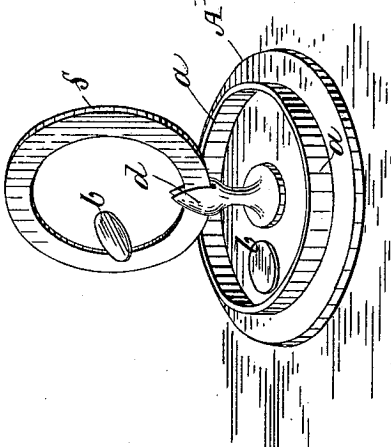


Fig. 3.

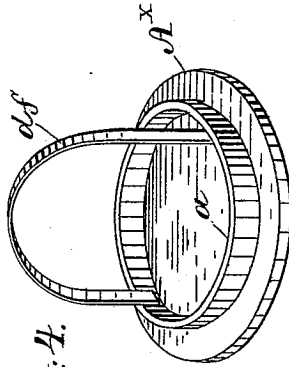


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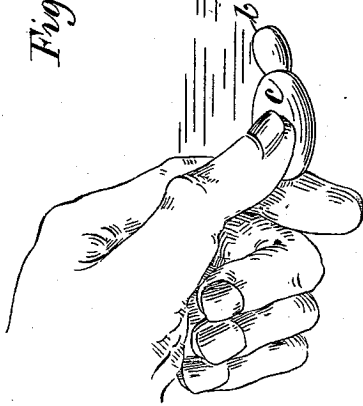


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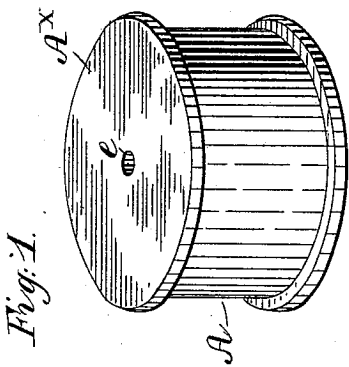
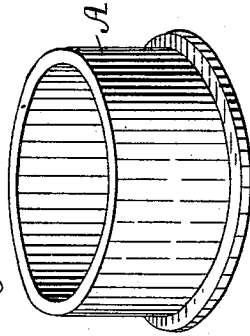


Fig. 1.

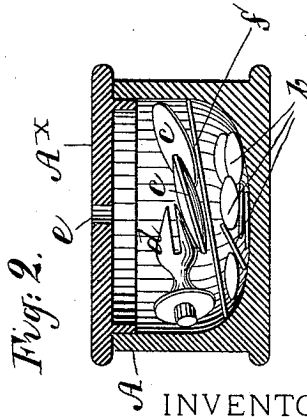


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. HOYT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented an Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that general class of game apparatuses wherein the pieces used by the players are small disks, usually of bone, which are snapped by a larger piece of the material called a "snapper" at a goal or target of some kind; and the object of my invention is to improve the device or part termed the "target," at which the pieces are snapped.

In carrying out my invention I provide a box to contain the pieces used in the game and forming when required a support for a ring-like or apertured target. I prefer to turn this box and its cover from wood in a well-known way and of such size that it may be carried in the pocket.

In the drawings serving to illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box containing the pieces with its cover on; and Fig. 2 is a vertical mid-section of said box, showing the inclosed pieces. Fig. 3 is a view showing the manner of playing the game when the cover of the box is employed to support the target. Fig. 4 illustrates a modification that will be hereinafter described. Fig. 5 shows the empty box with its cover removed, so that said box may serve, if required, as a target for the pieces.

A represents the box, turned from wood, and A^x its cover, also turned from wood. The cover has a flange *a* on it, which fits down into the top of the box.

b are the pieces, and *c* the snappers. These may be of the usual kind. The manner of snapping the pieces at the target is illustrated in Fig. 3. In this view the target shown consists of the inverted cover A^x of the box, a post or supporting-stem *d*, which is set in a hole *e* in the cover, and a hoop or ring *f*, which is set in a slit in the upper end of the stem *d*.

The purpose of the player is to snap the pieces through the hoop *f* or, failing in that, to lodge them in the cover A^x within the flange *a*. In the first instance the play counts, say, ten, and in the latter it counts, say, five;

but these regulations may be varied at will by the players.

In lieu of the ring *f* and its stem *d*, an arch *d f*, as seen in Fig. 4, may be employed, said arch being made of some thin elastic material, as metal or whalebone, and be held in place by the flange *a* on the box-cover. An arch made as above described may be coiled up and packed in the box A. Any similar apertured target mounted in or on the box-cover or box may be employed.

The box A may be employed either alone or in connection with the cover and apertured target as a target or goal for the players. If used in connection with the apertured target, it may be set back of or behind the latter, so as to catch the pieces that pass through.

One important advantage of my game apparatus is that it is compact, portable, and cheap, and the box and cover may be fully utilized, thus avoiding all extra parts.

The hoop or ring *f* is of such dimensions that it may be packed or inclosed in the box A.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A game apparatus consisting of a box to contain the pieces *b* and snapper *c*, the box-cover, and an apertured target adapted to be mounted on the cover, substantially as set forth.

2. A game apparatus consisting of a box A to contain the pieces, its cover A^x, having a raised flange *a*, an apertured or hoop-like target mounted on said cover, and the pieces *b* and snapper *c*, said target being of such size as to pack in said box, substantially as set forth.

3. A game apparatus consisting of a box to contain the pieces, its cover A^x, provided with a flange *a* and socket *e*, a supporting-stem *d*, that fits in said socket, a hoop *f*, adapted to be fixed on said stem, and the pieces *b* and snapper *c*, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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