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Fig. 1.

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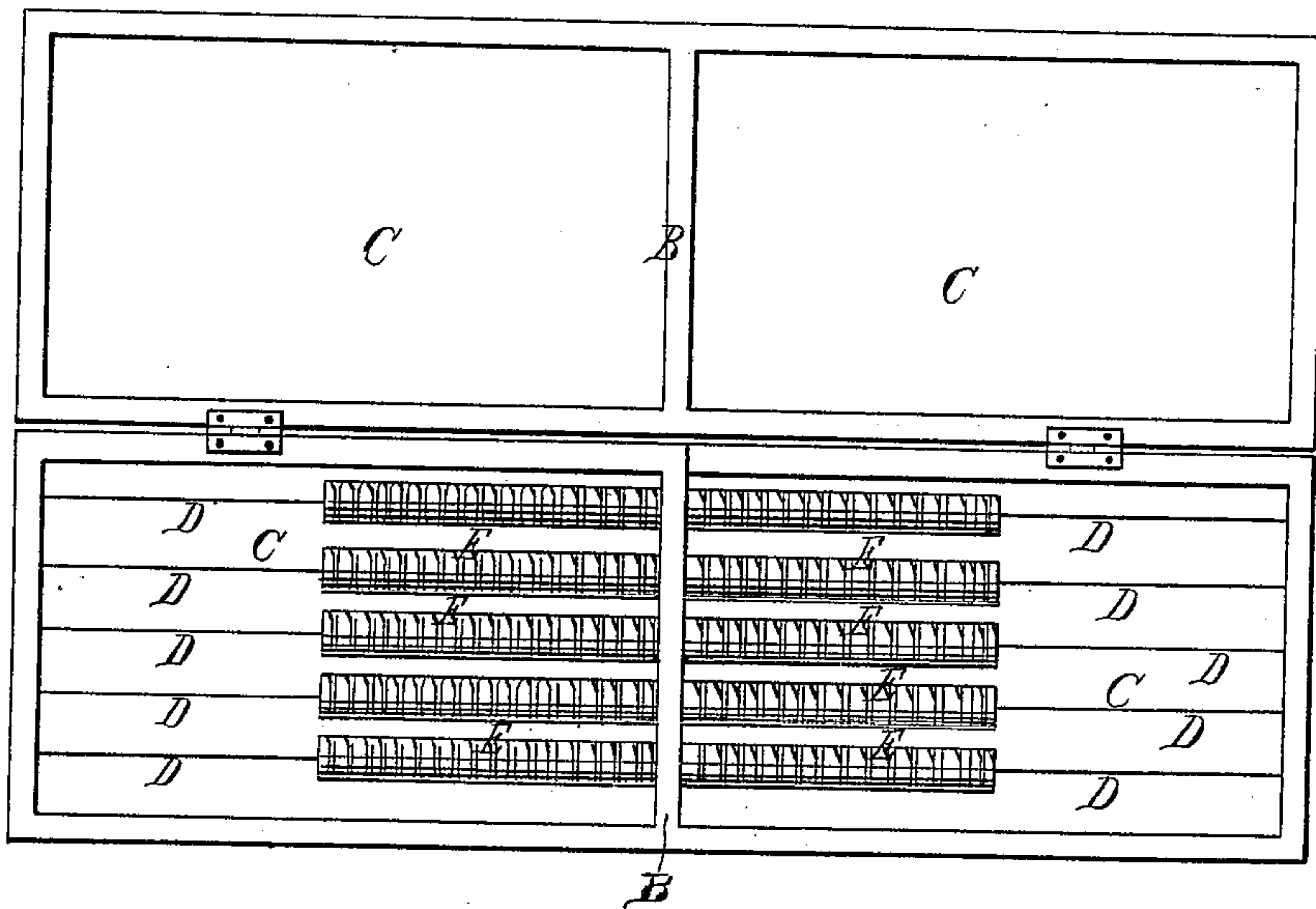
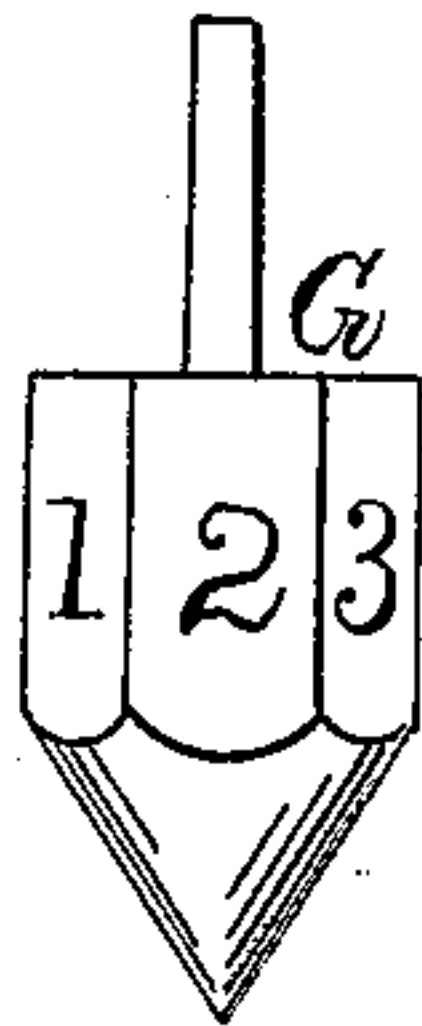


Fig. 2.



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TOP-GAME BOARD.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, DAVID WIGHT, of New London, New London county, Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Top-Box or Board; 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 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a new and improved box or board, to be used for the playing of a game, which I denominate "a top-game," which game consists in and is played by spinning a top that is made of an octagonal or other polygonal shape, in cross-sections, and numbered on each of such sides from 1 to 8 inclusive, according to the number of its sides, and counting and adding by means of suitable counters, the number that, each time the top is spun, is represented or marked upon that face or side of the top which is uppermost when the top comes to a rest or stop.

And for the purpose of more conveniently and readily playing the aforesaid game, as well as to render the game the more interesting to the persons engaged, I have constructed a box, which is embraced by this invention, and which will be now described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of the box or board, when opened, and

Figure 2 a side view of the top used.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents a box or board for the playing of the top-game to which this invention refers.

This box or board in the present instance is made in two parts or sections of equal size and similar shape, and of any desired material which may be suitable, such as, for instance, wood, metal, India rubber, composition, &c.

Each section of this box A, by a transverse partition, B, fixed in position, is divided into two compartments or spaces, C.

In the two compartments, to one section of the box or board A, is arranged and fastened a series of parallel wires, D, that extends from end to end of such section, being fastened to the cross-partition B.

On these wires is hung a series of disks, E, suitable for counting, ten disks being arranged upon each of the several rods, with five rods to each compartment C, making a total of fifty disks or counters to the same, that, for convenience of enumerating, have every fifth counter colored in an opposite color, as, for instance, white, to the others, which are black.

In fig. 2, a top, G, is shown.

This top is made of an octagonal or other polygonal shape, in cross-section, and upon its several sides is to be numbered from 1 to 8 inclusive, if octagonal, as shown in the said fig. 2, or from 1 to any other number inclusive, which represents the number of sides to the top.

In the use of the board or box A, the persons, which, as the box is constructed, is adapted more particularly for two, are to spin a top, such as shown in fig. 2, in either one or the other of the two compartments, the one after the other in regular turn, and according to the number which is upon the side of the top that is uppermost, are to count upon the counters of the rods from the ends towards the centre partition of the box, the one with one set of counters, and the other with the other set, when the person who thus first completes the whole number of counters is the winner of the game, and, the game being consequently ended, if it is to be again played, the counters are placed back against the ends of the box, and the spinning of the top proceeded with as before.

In order to decide which one of the two or more persons playing is to lead, and the order in which they are to follow each other in play, the top may be spun for such purpose, whereby, according as may be agreed, the lead may be determined.

In conclusion, it may be here remarked, that by my improved board or box, with a top of the form described,

very interesting, amusing, and instructive game is produced, and one of much advantage and importance to children, as a means of acquiring the power to add numbers with facility.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A board or box, constructed with compartments, and provided with counters arranged to slide upon wires or rods, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 4th day of April, 1867.

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