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Checker-men.

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Fig: 1.

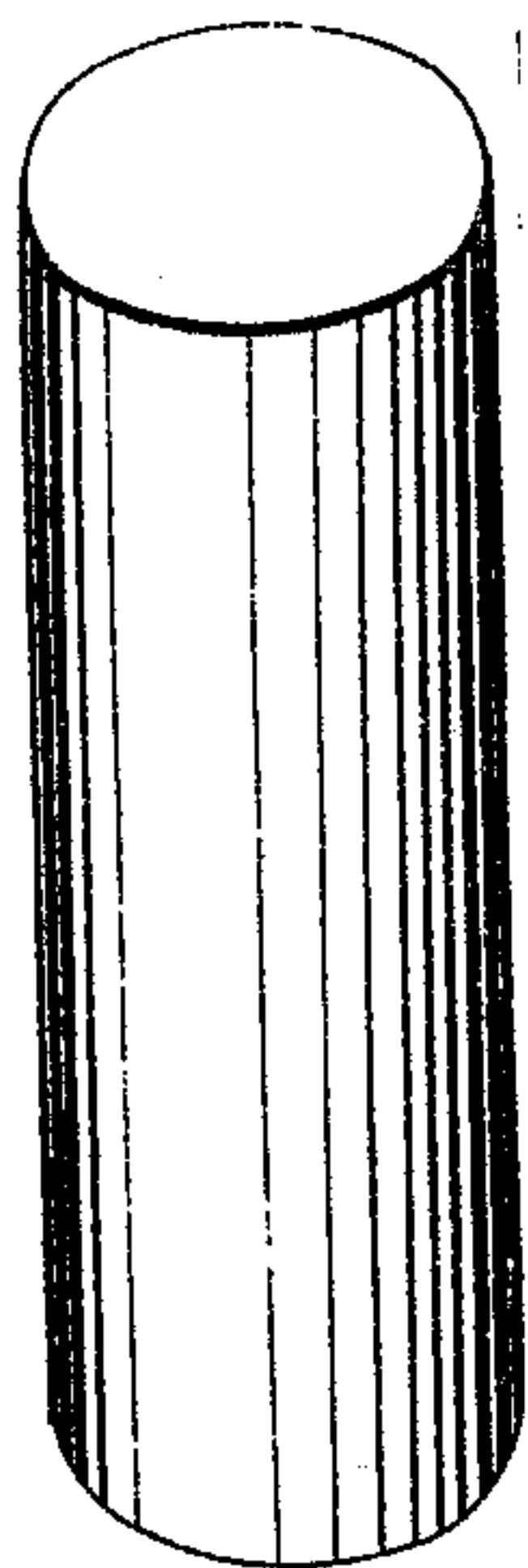


Fig: 2.

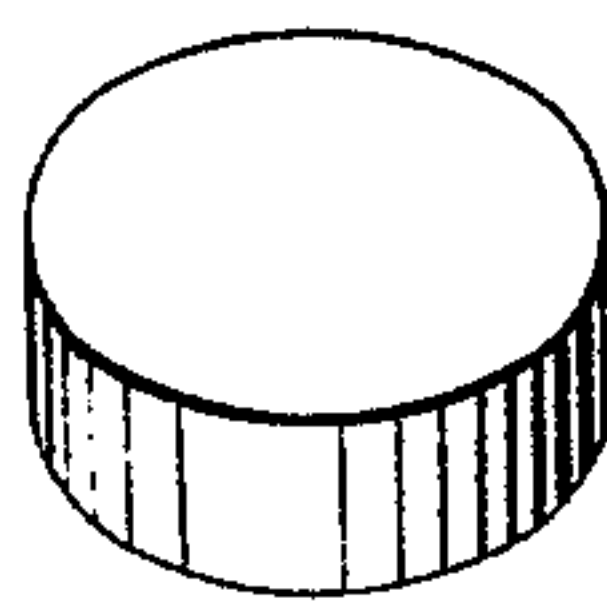


Fig: 3.

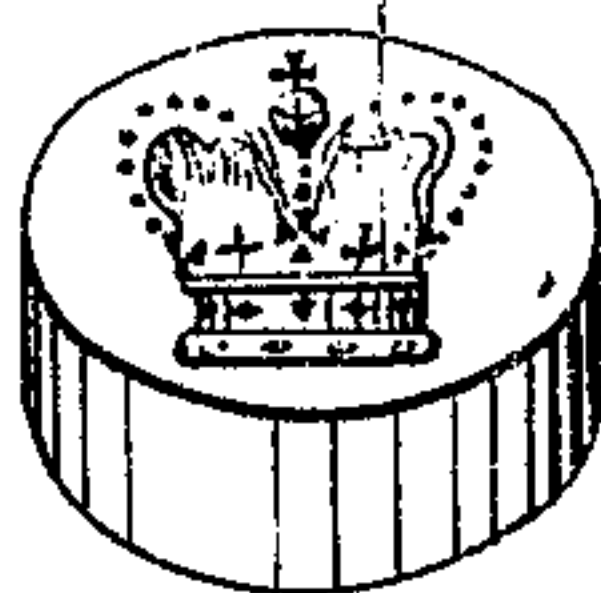


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHECKER-MEN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. HYATT, Jr., of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Manufacture of Checker-Men; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in a wooden checker-man, with a crown or other device made to represent a king in the game of checkers upon one side in relief, so that it may represent a man when the plain side is uppermost and a king when the medallion side is uppermost.

I am aware that such checker-men have been made of plastic compounds; but such men are much more expensive, and are liable to chip and break.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the process of making the article.

Figure 1 represents a stick of any suitable wood, hard wood being preferable, turned round and of a diameter slightly in excess of the proposed diameter of the checker-man. These sticks are sawed into sections, as in Fig. 2, so as to produce a round flat piece of wood with the grain running perpendicular to the

flat sides. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the checker stamped and finished. Fig. 4 represents a sectional view of the same with a king's head stamped thereon.

The pieces shown in Fig. 2 are forced into a mold or cylinder of a slightly less diameter, with a plunger in each end having the desired device or ornament engraved upon them. These plungers are forced upon the block, and press down the end grain of the wood so as to produce a perfect impression of the matrix. The checker may then be removed from the mold formed as in Fig. 3, and enameled or otherwise finished or colored. The crown or medallion may be gilt or colored to contrast with the rest of the checker, if desired.

These checker-men may be manufactured at a cost of less than one-half of that of any other medallion checker now known.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A wooden medallion checker as a new article of manufacture, produced substantially as described.

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