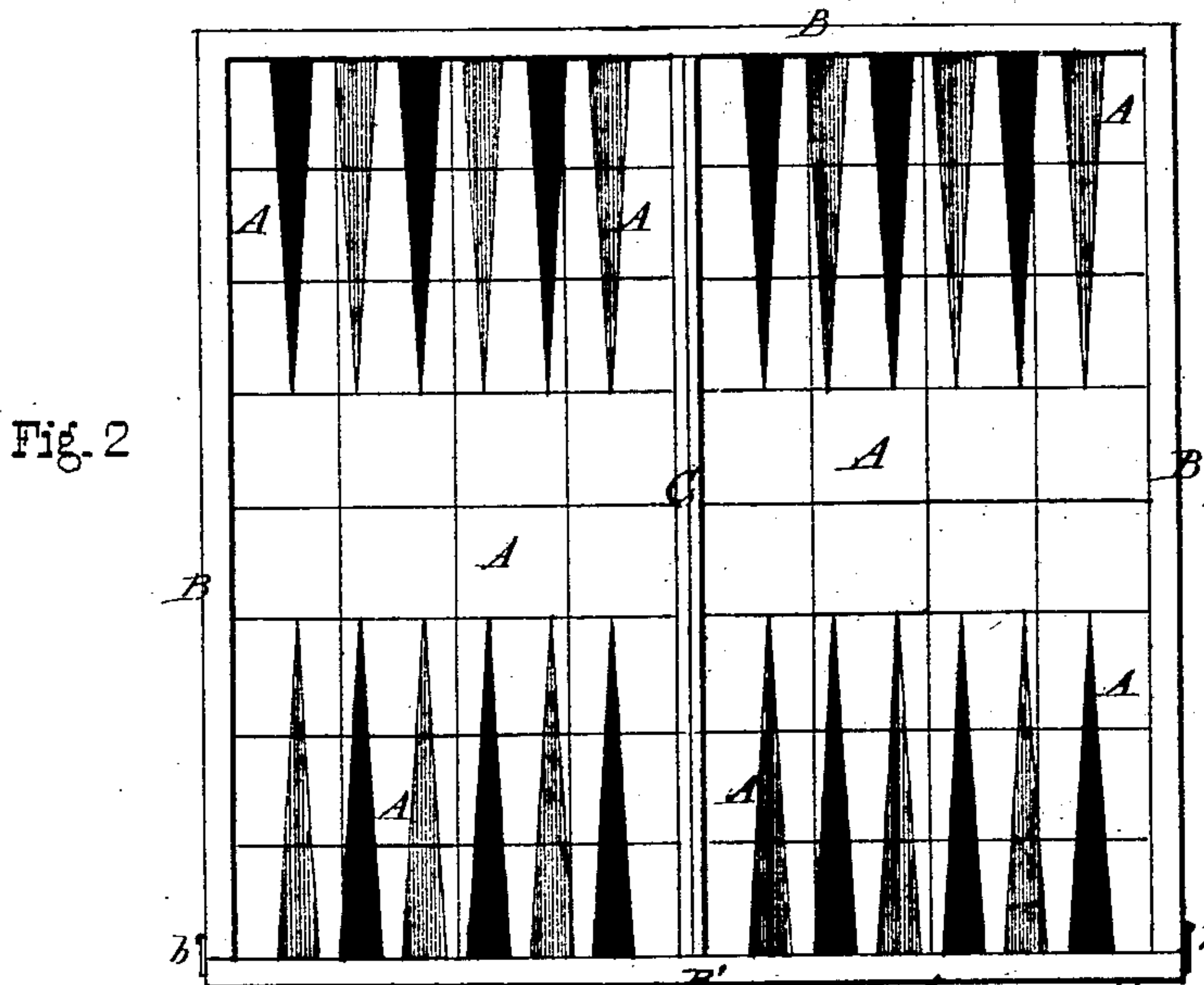
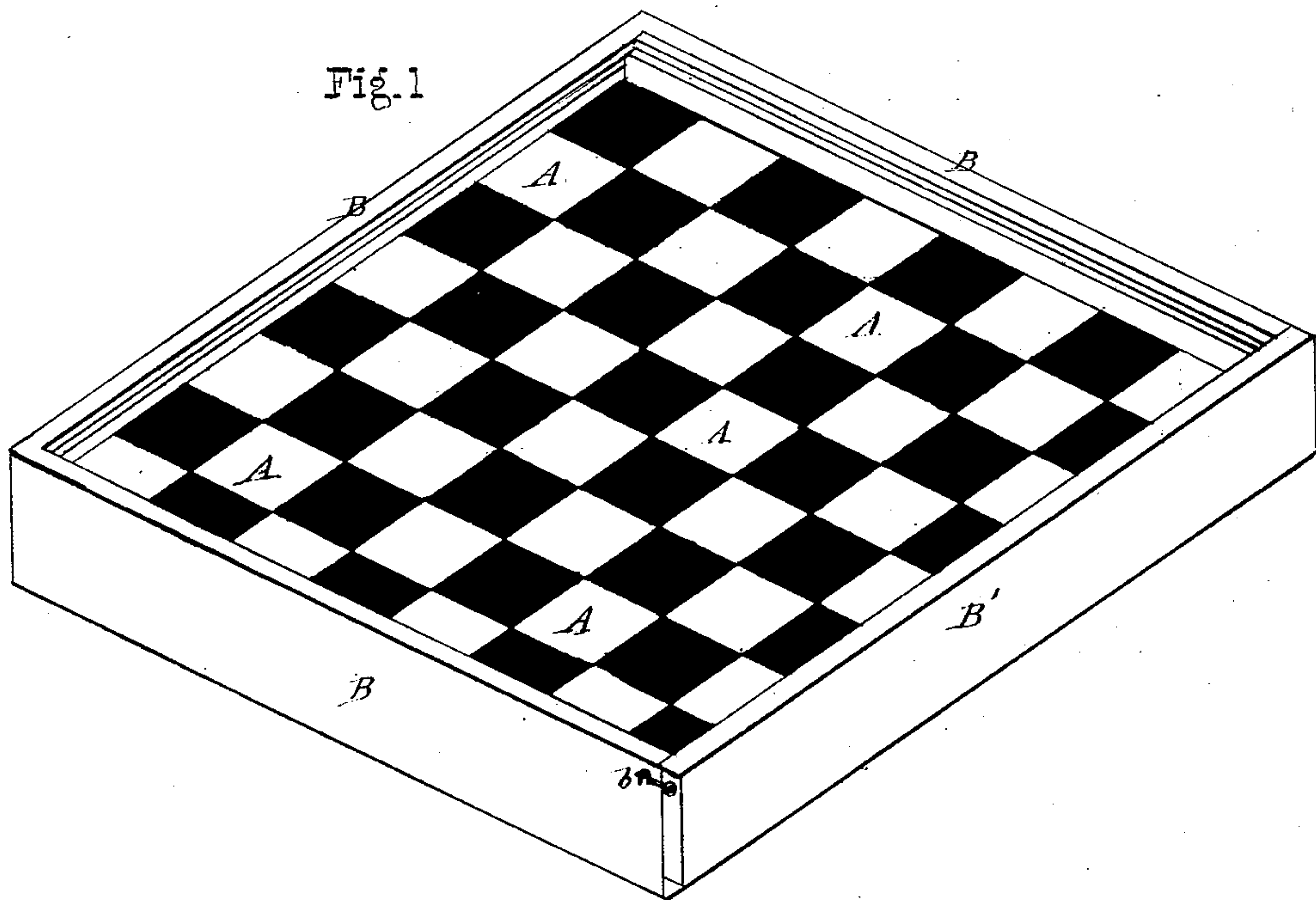


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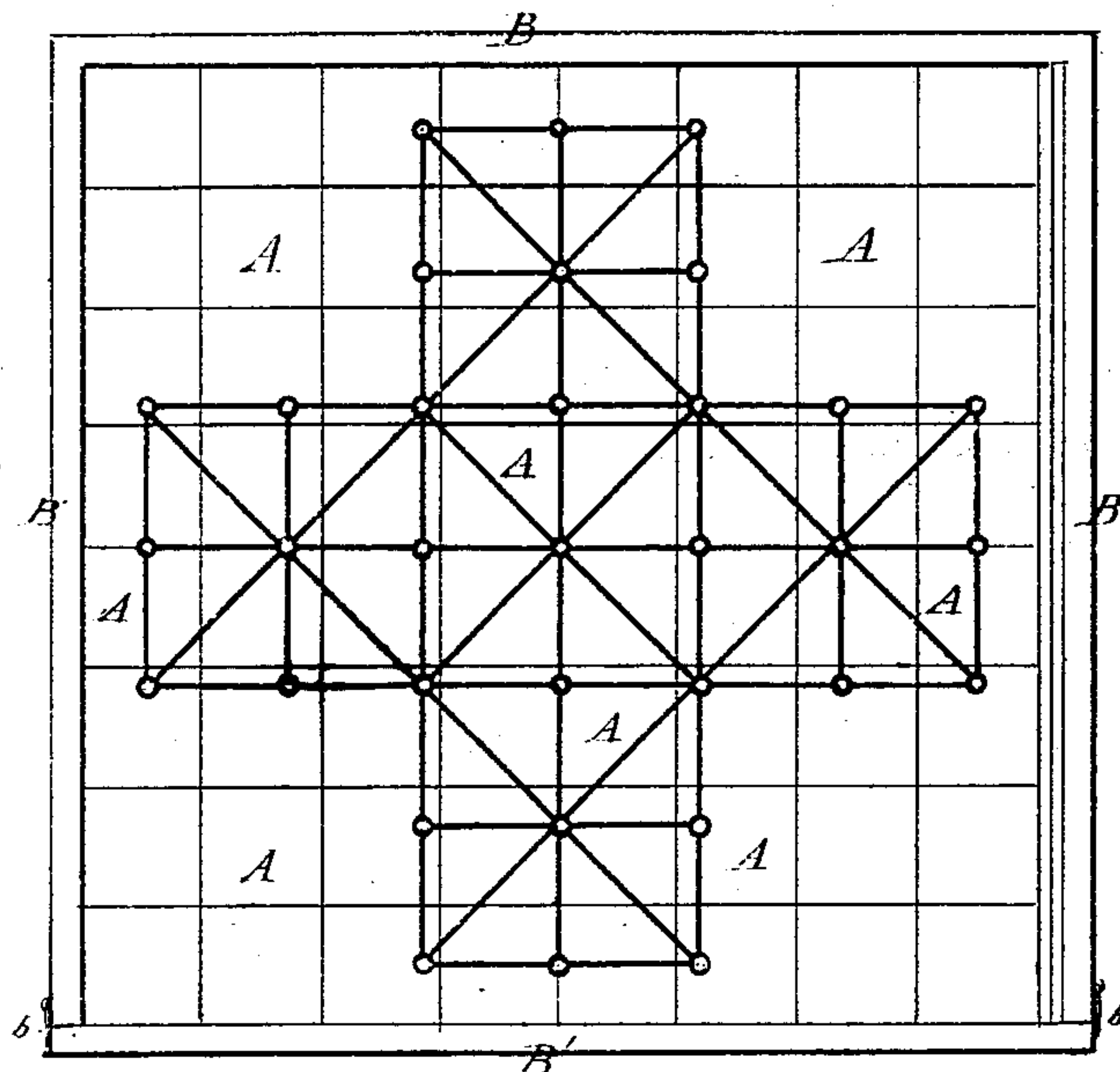
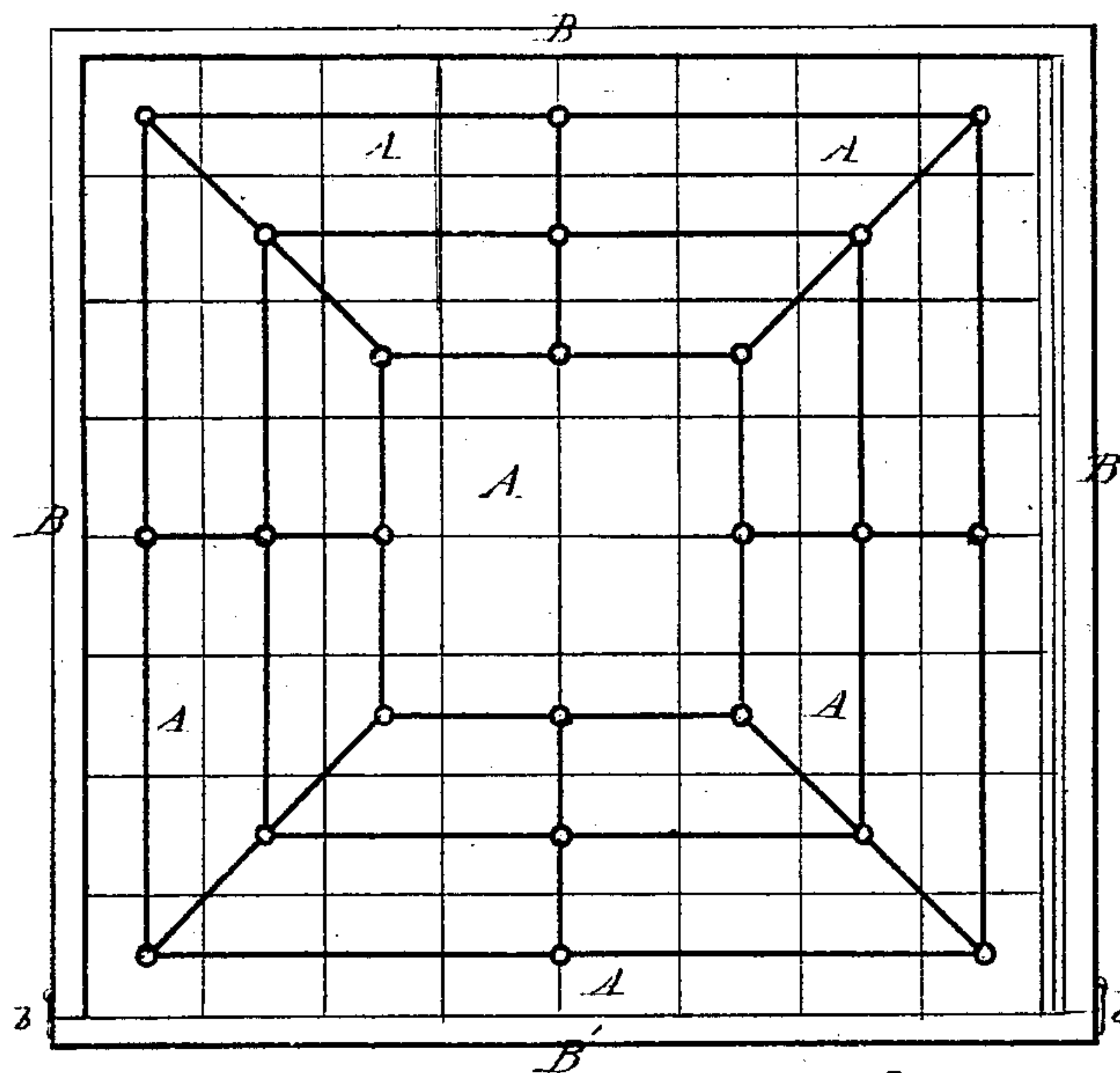


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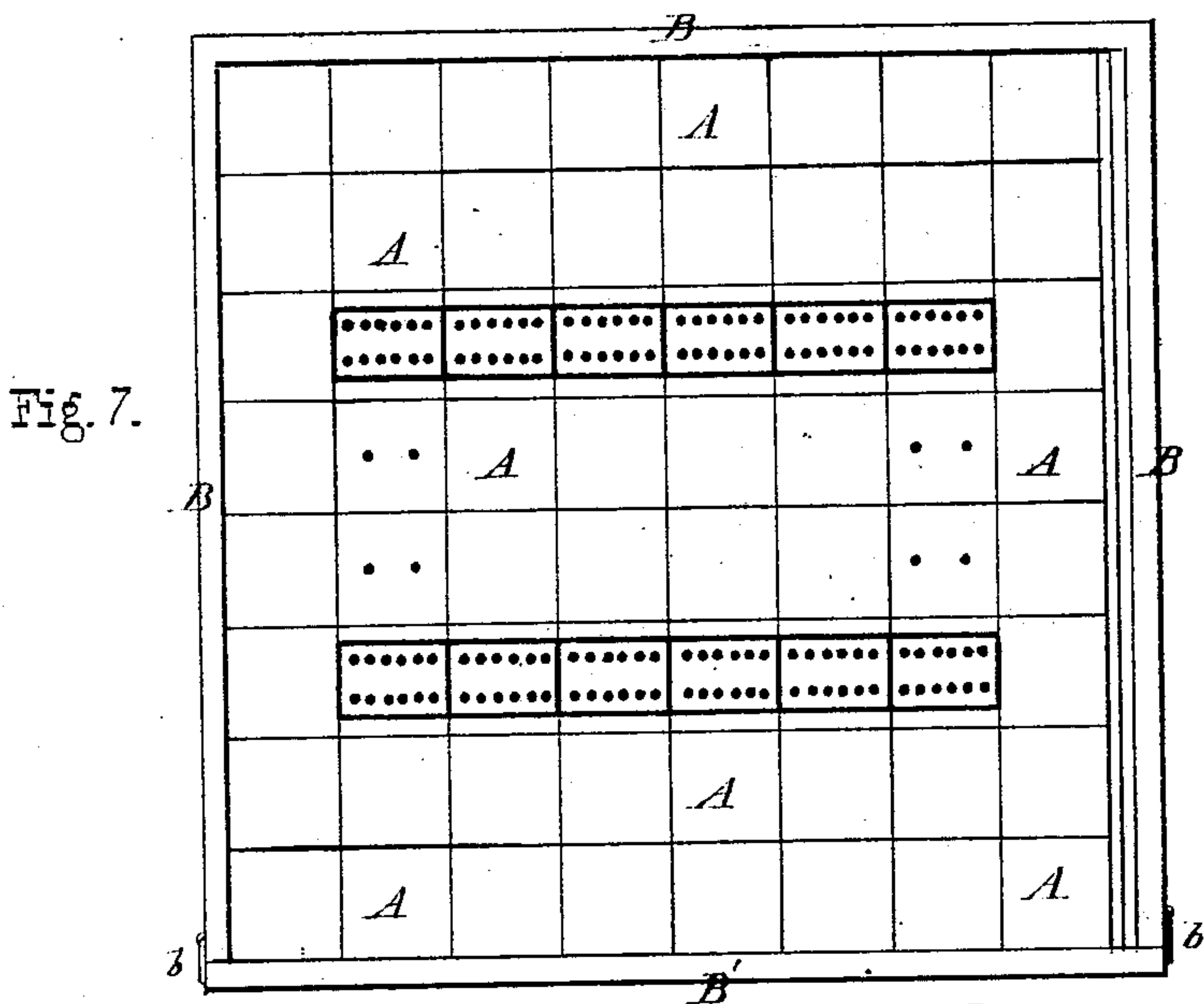
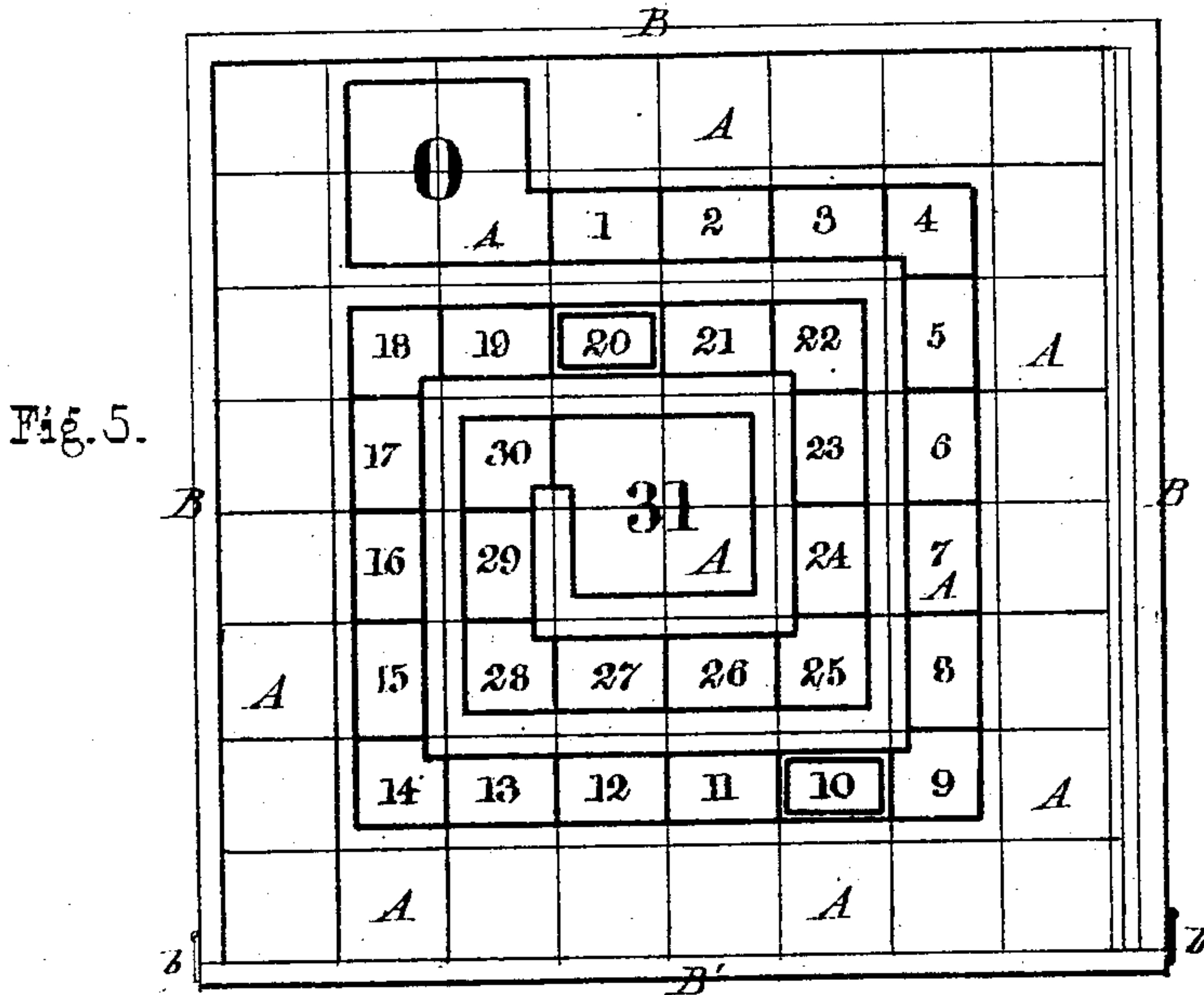
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COMBINATION GAME-BOARD.

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

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, CONRAD KRATH and GUSTAV HERMANN MOLL, of St. Louis, in the county of St. Louis, and in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Combinations of Games in Blocks; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a draughts or checker-board;

Figure 2 represents a backgammon-board;

Figure 3 represents a fox-and-geese board;

Figure 4 represents a "thirty-one" game board;

Figure 5 represents a "mill" or twelve-men Morris game board; and

Figure 6 represents a cribbage-board, all of which are formed by our improved blocks.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

A large number of games, now popular, require each a board or table, arranged with special reference to the peculiar features of the game, so that, in families using several of said games, much expense and inconvenience are occasioned by the cost of the required boards, and by the space occupied by them.

To remove these objections, and produce a device that, while occupying no more space, and costing but little more than a single game-board of ordinary construction, shall be capable of being changed into boards for use in a number of games, are the objects of our invention, in which consists, as a new article of manufacture, in a game-board composed of a number of cubic blocks contained within a suitable frame, and having upon one side of each a portion of the diagram used in each of the games represented, as is hereinafter shown.

In the annexed drawing—

A and A represent a series of cubic blocks, sixty-four in number, arranged in a square form, within a suitable box, B, the sides of which project somewhat above the surface of said blocks.

Upon each face of the blocks A is painted or otherwise affixed some portion of a game-board, so that, when said blocks are arranged with their corresponding faces upward, and each block in its proper relative

position, their united upper surface shall contain the configuration of the complete game-board.

As an illustration of this principle it will be seen that, in fig. 1, the upper faces of one-half of the blocks are colored dark, while the balance have a light color, and being so arranged that said dark and light faces alternate in every direction, they form a draughts or checker-board, while in fig. 2, another face of each block being upturned, and a dividing strip, C, being placed in and through the center, the devices represented thereon constitute a backgammon-board.

In order to facilitate their arrangement, the blocks are consecutively numbered upon one face, from one to sixty-four, and, when each block and number occupy their proper relative positions, the games are all arranged upon the corresponding faces of said blocks, and can be made ready for use by turning said faces upward.

As thus constructed and arranged, one set of blocks is capable of forming six different diagrams for use in games, by which means a great saving in cost and space is secured.

One side, B', of the box B being hinged at its lower end, and secured in position by means of hooks b, or other equivalent devices, allows of the insertion of a cover, having its edges tongued, so as to fit into a corresponding groove within the inner faces of the sides of said box, by which means the blocks may be securely inclosed when not in use.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of our invention,

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

As a new article of manufacture, the hereinbefore described game-board, composed of a number of cubic blocks contained within a suitable frame, and having upon one side of each a portion of the diagram used in each of the games represented.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing, we have hereunto set our hands this 17th day of February, 1870.

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