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CHECKERS.

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Fig. 1.

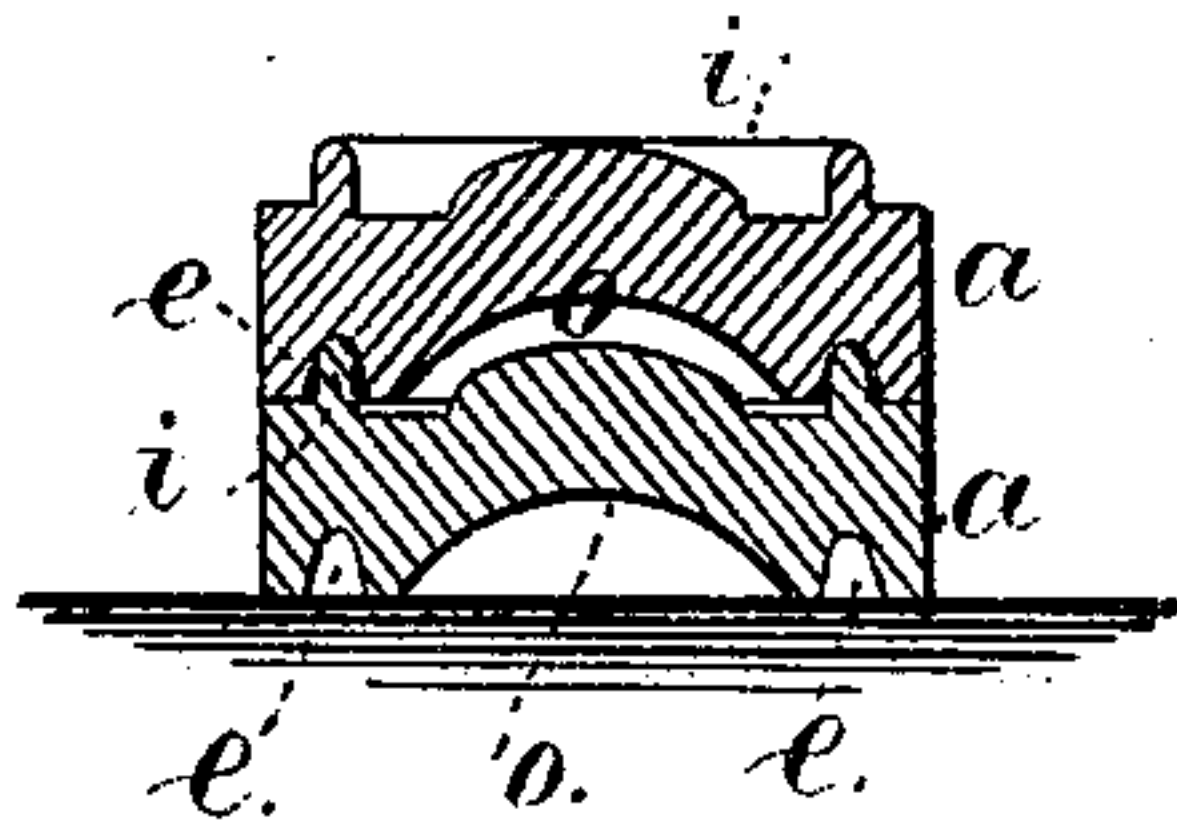
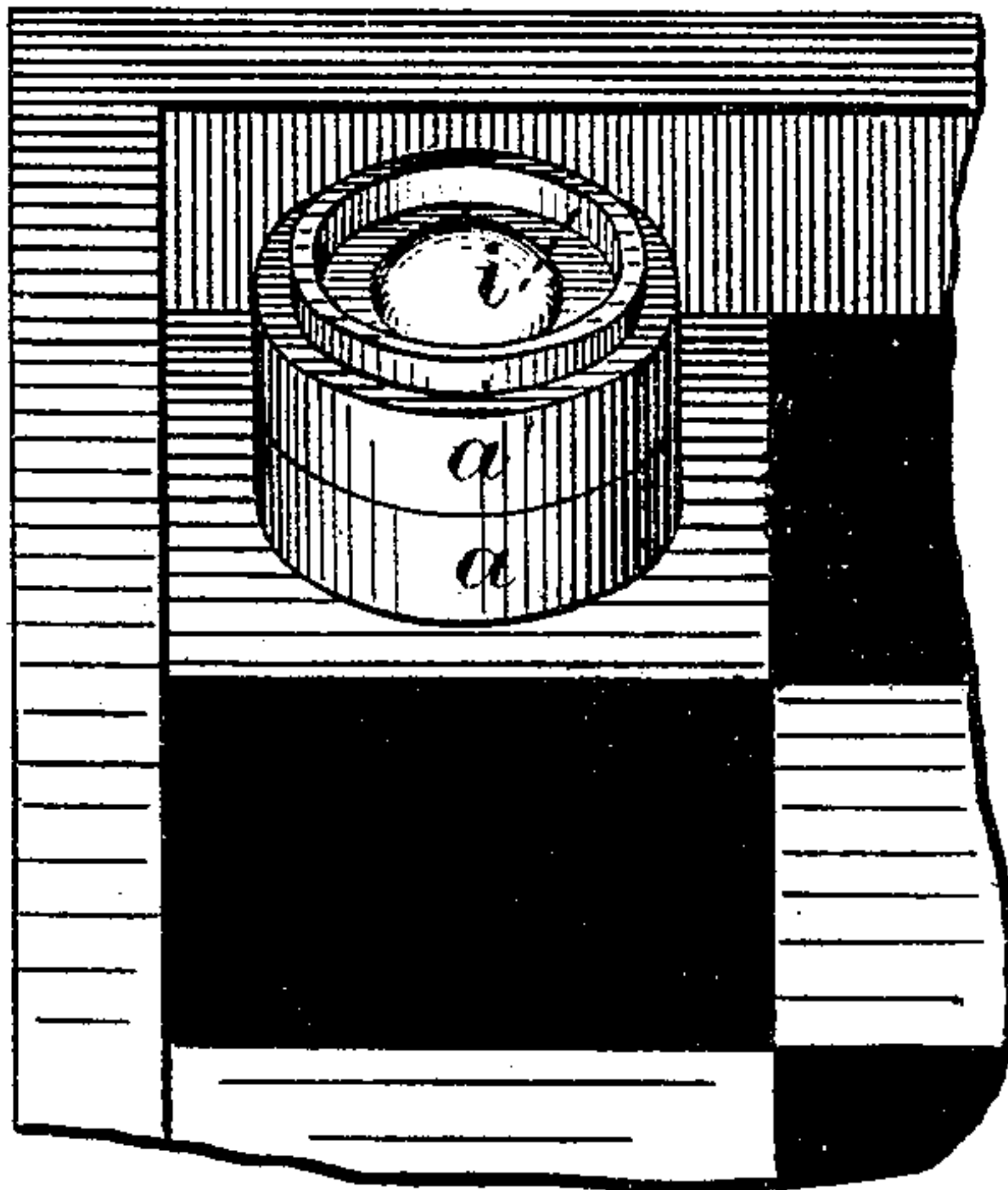


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHECKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. LEWIS, of Green Point, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Checkers, of which the following is a specification:

In playing the game called checkers or draughts, it is usual to employ circular pieces, and to place one upon the other to represent kings. To move these kings from place to place requires care to prevent the upper piece slipping off, and frequently the pieces are displaced by a slight shaking of the board.

My improvement is made for interlocking the pieces, so as to insure their proper position upon one another, and preventing the risk of the upper piece slipping off the lower one, thereby facilitating the playing of the game, and avoiding the annoyance often experienced of the king's head becoming misplaced.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical section of two of the checkers placed together, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of such checkers.

The checkers *a* have each a groove, *e*, in one side, and a rib, *i*, upon the other, and these are of a size to fit together when one checker is placed upon the other, and steady the parts in position, and insure their moving together. The recessed surface of the checker at *o* may be marked or engraved to indicate the pieces used in playing chess.

I do not claim checkers having a recessed end and tapering sides, so that the smaller end of one can be inserted into the recess in the other.

I claim as my invention—

The checkers, each made with an annular rib on its upper side or surface, and in its under surface a corresponding annular groove, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 28th day of March, A. D. 1876.

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