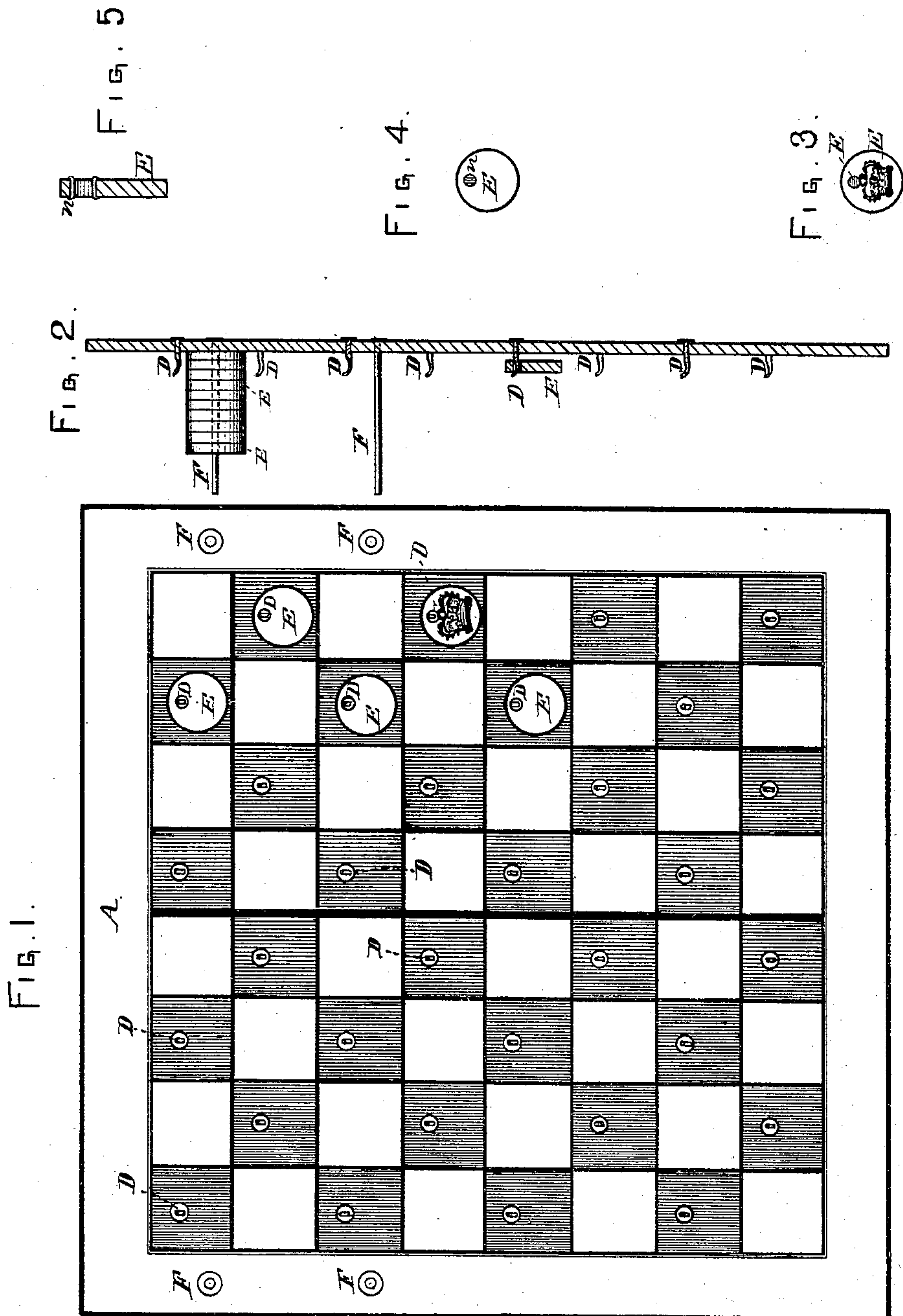


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## IMPROVEMENT IN GAME APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BRIGGS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Checker and Chess Boards and Checker and Chess Men, of which the following is a specification:

The gist of this invention is removable chess and checker men suspended on a vertical board by means of hooks or pins, and stored on outwardly-projecting spindles when not required on the board; and the object of the invention is to provide a suitable board and an arrangement of men, either checkers or chess, so that games may be played on vertical walls for exhibition in club-rooms, halls, and other places.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a face view of my improvement in checker and chess boards, with a king and four single men in position as when suspended on the board; Fig. 2, a section of the board, Fig. 1, showing the position of men on the spindles. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 show different views of the checker-men, Fig. 5 being a section showing the eyelet-plate.

A represents a checker and chess board, which in this case is made of straw-board, on which are the ordinary printed checks or playing-squares. D represents, on the proper checks, pins or hooks firmly secured to the board, and projected out far enough to suspend or support checker or chess men. Checker-men E, with crowns on one side and the ordinary plane faces on the other side, are provided, with holes through them, in which are placed eyelets *n* on either side, to attain durability and prevent wear of the parts.

In very hard wood and ivory men the eyelets may be omitted.

Spindles F are attached to the margin of the board, as shown, on which the checker or chess men are strung or placed when removed from the spots, whereby said men are kept safely in place.

The board and men may be of any suitable material, and proper configuration of spots on paper may be pasted to a wall, and the pins D and spindles F driven therein. But in case of the use of straw or paste board, or thin board, the pins and spindles should be riveted or screwed fast, so as to be firm and strong.

In practice a large board, say six feet square, may be used, with checker or chess men four inches in diameter, but in any case the holes must be made through them that they may be hung on the spindles, and may be put on the pins or hooks D so to present either face to view.

I do not confine myself to any particular size, as various sizes are required, of boards and men. Spring-snaps may be substituted for pins D.

I claim—

The combination of a checker or chess board, having hooks or pins D and spindles F, with checker or chess men provided with eyeleted or other holes on both sides, so as to be reversed and hung on the pins or hooks, as set forth.

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