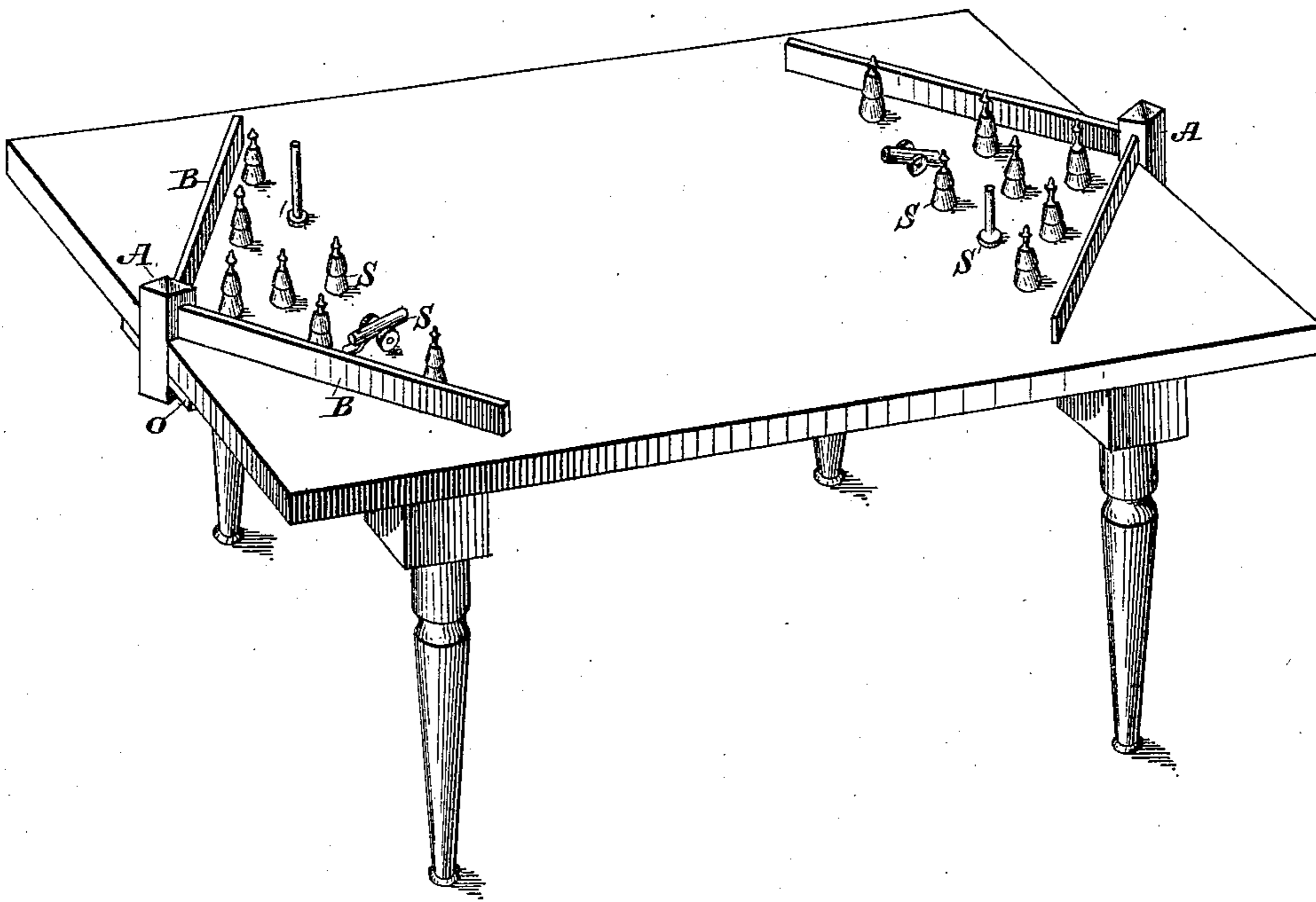


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERSON C. STRANGE, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Parlor and Field Games, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class or kind of games in which certain figures, such as miniature soldiers, horses, cannon, or other objects, are arranged upon the opposite ends of a table, or are set in opposing array upon a lawn, in some definite and regular order of formation, and are then thrown down, dismounted, or otherwise forced out of the game by projectiles which are thrown, impelled, or discharged by the skill of the opposing players, who thus seek to display their skill by winning.

The invention consists in miniature citadels, fortresses, or towers, to be arranged opposite each other, with wings or parapets diverging therefrom, and the said figures arranged within the retiring angles formed by such wings, whereby the projectiles discharged from the position of either of such opposing forces to overthrow such figures, will be gathered at the apex of the angle of such wings instead of flying off promiscuously, such towers being formed either to be secured to or removed from the opposite ends of a table, or to be inserted in the ground upon a lawn, or to be permanently or removably secured to a board provided for the special purposes of the game, all as will, by the aid of the drawings, be hereinafter more fully described.

The drawing represents the two ends of a table or board on which the game may be played, with the figures or effigies of the opposing sides as arranged for the commencing of the game or play.

A A represent the opposing fortresses as secured to the table or board by the wedges *o o*; B B, parapets or wings secured in or resting upon the fortresses, and extending in diverging lines from each, as shown.

S S represent men, horses, cannon, or such figures as may be employed to represent the opposing forces, and as respectively drawn up in regular order within the retiring angles described by the parapets B B.

For use upon lawns the forts and figures would be necessarily larger than for use as a parlor game, either as adapted to be played upon a table or upon a board especially adapted to such purpose.

In practice the desired number of figures will not probably exceed those shown in the drawings; and these figures may, in playing the game, be overturned either by projectiles shot from toy cannon or impelled by "cues," as in billiards, or by mallets, as in croquet, or in any other desired manner; and the rules governing the game may be of various kinds, a description whereof is not deemed essential to this specification.

If the several parts of the game are constructed to be played upon a lawn, the lower ends of the towers or fortresses will be pointed to facilitate their being driven into the ground. But when a board is specially provided upon which to play the game, the fortresses and parapets may be permanently affixed thereto, or, for convenience of folding, may be removable.

The two sets or halves of the game may be painted in distinctive colors, and the parapets B B may either be secured in the fortresses A A, or they may be insertible in and removable therefrom.

I do not claim the use of removable figures in a game, for I am aware that they are employed in many such; nor do I claim a game in which the removable figures and the towers are employed by themselves; but

What I do claim is—

In a game apparatus having removable figures S S on opposite sides and the fortresses or towers A A, the parapets or wings B B diverging from such towers, and inclosing the area or field of the figures, and serving as converging gatherers of the projectiles employed to overturn the figures, substantially as described and shown.

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