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Cribbage-Board.

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Fig. 1.

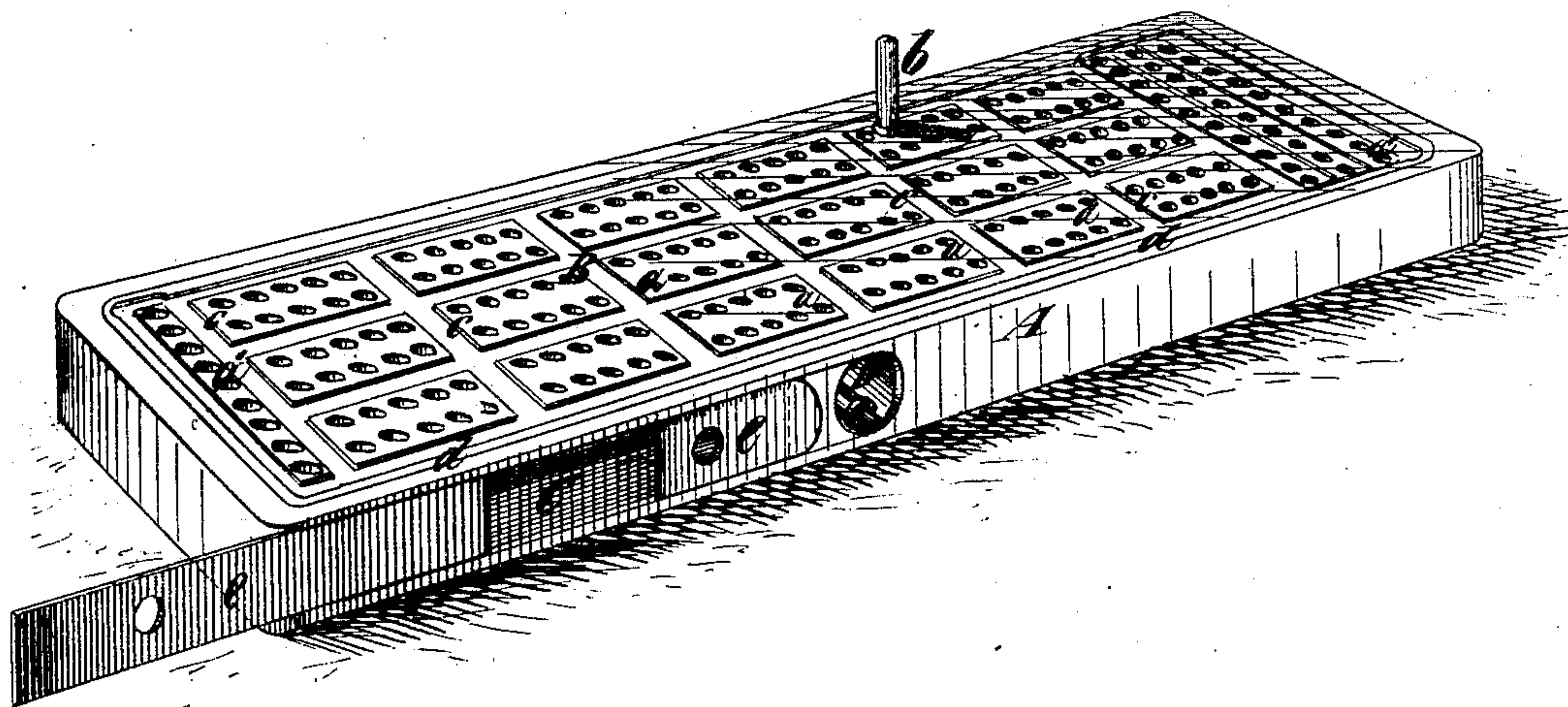
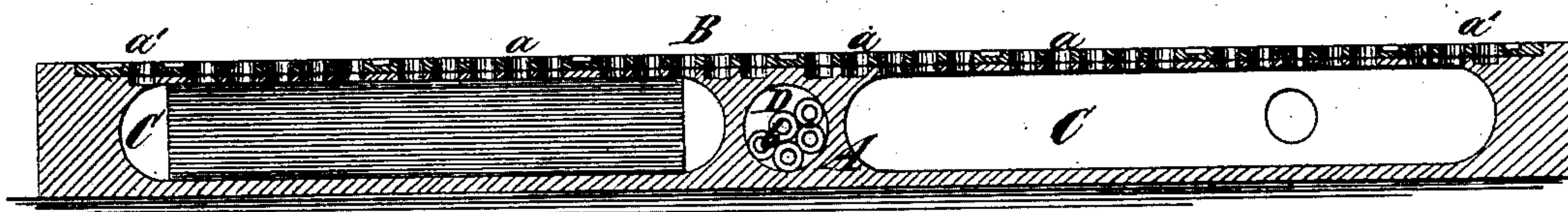


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CRIBBAGE-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. LE COUNT, of South Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cribbage-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a cribbage-board which will be very strong and durable, and may be cheaply manufactured.

The invention consists in a cribbage-board formed of a block of wood having a suitably-perforated face-plate of metal inlaid in its surface, leaving a narrow border of wood entirely around the edges of said plate; also, in providing a cribbage-board with cavities for card or peg receptacles, opened and closed by slides at the side of the board. In addition to the usual playing-holes, the board is preferably furnished with one or more rows of holes extending transversely across it at the end or ends, for the purpose of counting the number of games played.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a board embodying my improvements, and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section thereof.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates the block or slab of wood forming the body of the board, and which may be composed of a single piece or built up of two or more thicknesses fastened together. B designates a metal face-plate, which, though here represented as inlaid in the upper face of the wood block A, leaving a narrow border of wood around its edges, may, if desirable, cover the whole upper face of said block. The metal facing B is furnished with holes *a*, properly arranged for counting the points of the game, in which pegs *b*, preferably also made of metal, may be inserted.

I may arrange in the said face-plate one or more rows of holes, *a'*, here represented as extending transversely across its ends, in which pegs may be inserted for counting the number of games played.

The several series of playing and counting holes are represented as arranged in raised panels *c*, which, for the purpose of making them more prominent, may be polished and plated with nickel or other substance, while the body of the metal face-plate is left unpolished. I may also surround the metal facing with a raised bead, *d*, forming a border, which may also be polished and plated.

The wood block or slab A preferably has within it one or more cavities, C, for holding cards, and also a cavity, D, for holding the pegs *b*. These cavities open at the sides, and are closed by slides *e*, fitting in grooves in the block or slab.

By my invention I produce a very strong and durable cribbage-board, and as the playing-holes are formed in metal and metal pegs are used, the holes and pegs will not become worn by long usage, so as to cause inconvenience in playing.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cribbage-board consisting of a block of wood forming the body of the board, and a perforated metallic face-plate of metal inlaid in the surface of the block, leaving a narrow border of wood entirely around its edges, substantially as shown and described.

2. A cribbage-board provided with cavities for card or peg receptacles, opened and closed by slides at the side of the board, substantially as specified.

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