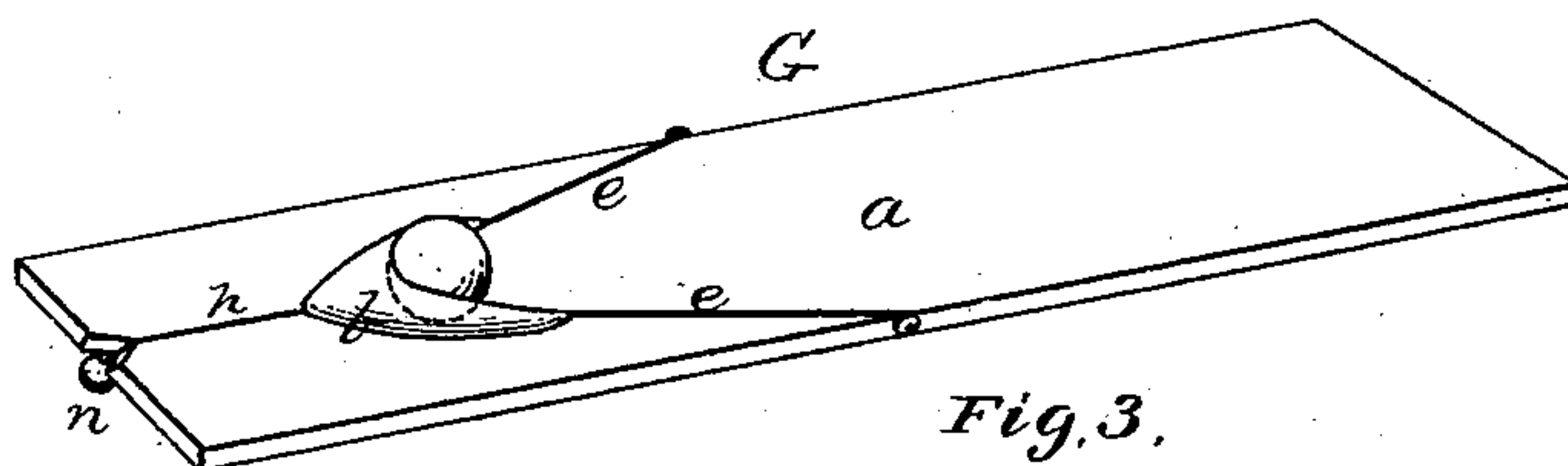
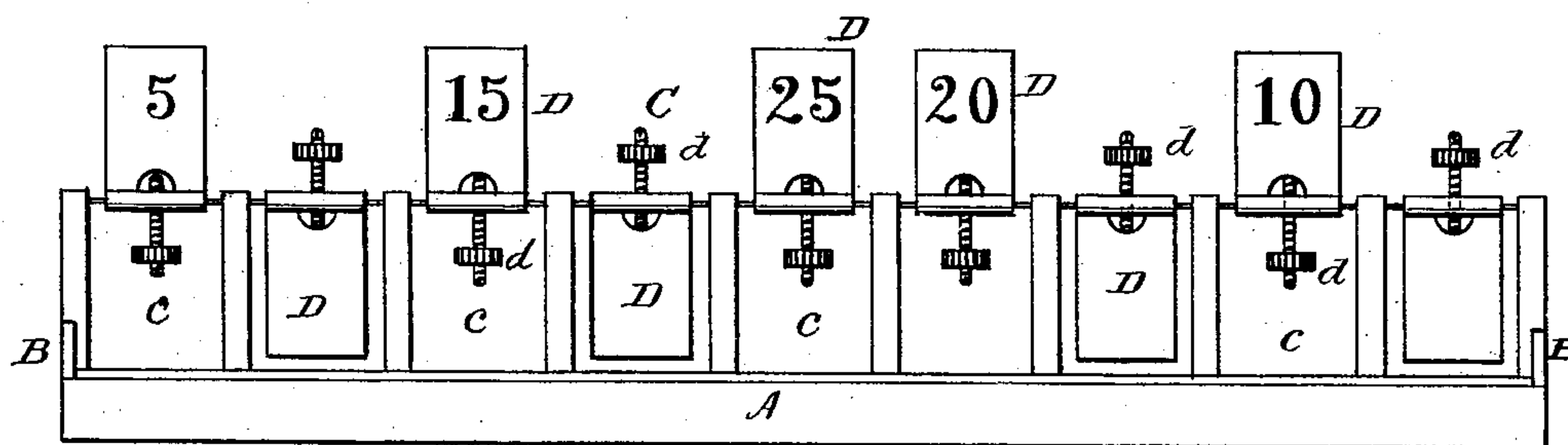
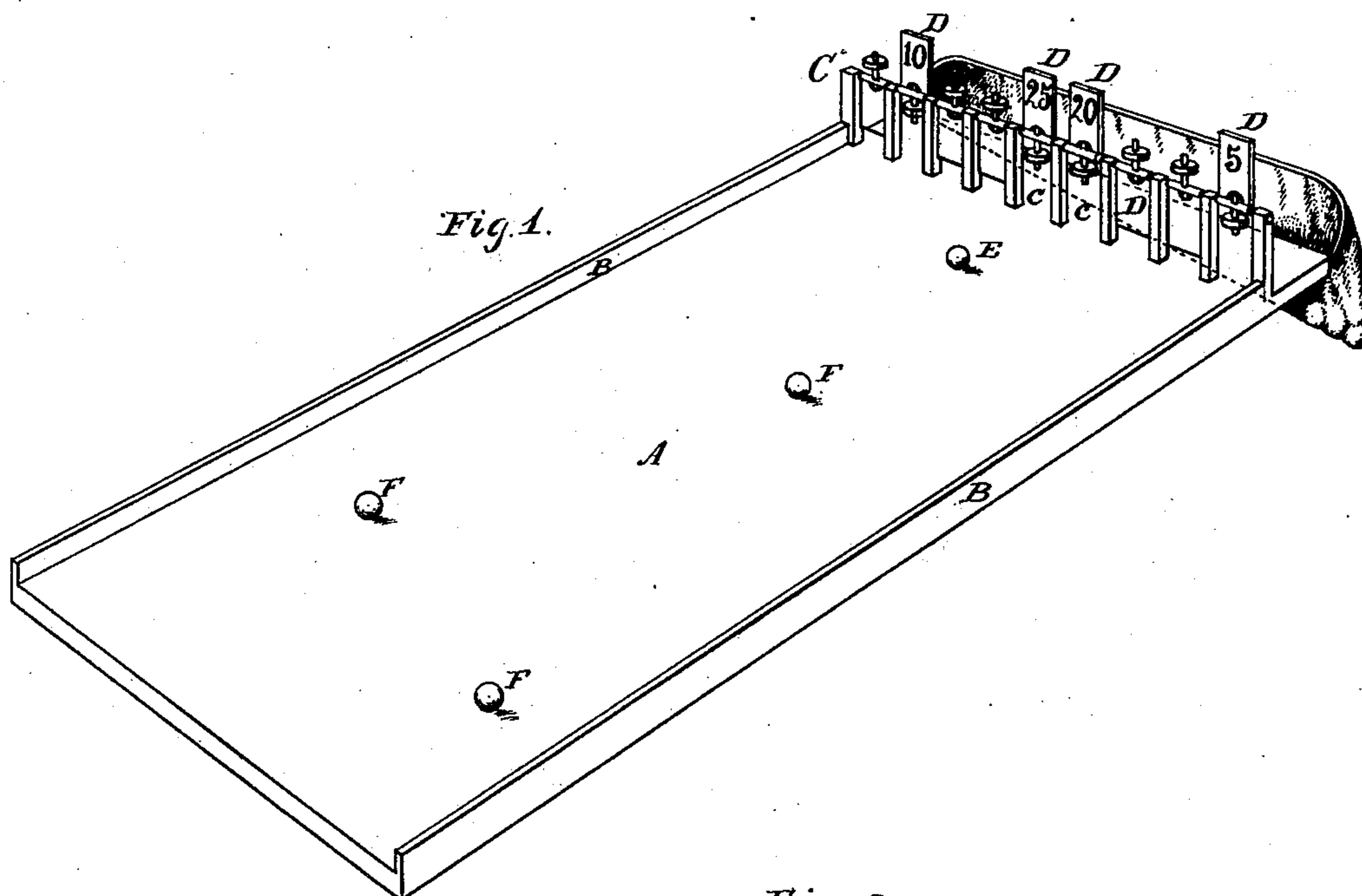


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## GAME APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Game Apparatus; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of this invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the projector.

This invention relates to game apparatus; and it consists in the improvements herein-after fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, A is a table of suitable size, having a raised edge, B. At one end is placed a bridge, C, having openings *c c*, over which are hinged counters D D, counter-weighted adjustably by screws *d d*.

E represents a ball of any determined color—say red—and F other balls to be used in the game.

G is the ball-projector, consisting of a flat board, *a*, a ball-holder, *b*, which is concaved to receive a ball and fastened to the board *a* by springs *e e* and string *h*, with a button, *n*.

Behind the bridge C the table is sloped toward one point, or there may be a bag placed to intercept balls passing through the bridge and sloped to allow them to roll to one end.

In playing this game the object is to drive a ball by concussion through one of the closed openings, thereby causing its counter to turn over and exhibit the number thereon. One method of playing is this: The bridge is placed near one end of the table, with its openings closed and the face of the counters to the rear. A party of, say, six choose sides and proceed to play, endeavoring to run up any determined score. The value of the counters, beginning from either end, are 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5, or any suitable arrangement. The single ball

E, of any determined color, is placed in front of the bridge at any desired point, and the play begins. Each player takes the ball-projector, places a ball in the ball-holder, draws it back, and fastens the button on the back edge of the board. He then places the projector at any desired place at the frond end of the table and endeavors, by striking the ball E, to drive it through one of the openings *c c* in bridge C, thereby causing the counter thereat to turn over, and he will be so many points in the game. Each player is to have a certain number of balls, and when he fails to make any points his ball is left on the table, and as balls accumulate each succeeding player has increased chances of driving balls through the openings.

There may be any proper regulations adopted for playing, such as forfeiture of points for failing to hit a ball, leaving the counters up until all are struck, and others which may suggest themselves.

I have given to this game the title "One thousand and one," the proposed winning score.

I am aware that a game apparatus consisting of a table, balls, ball-propeller, arches in which are pivoted rods having weights at the lower ends and ball-holders at their upper ends, as shown in patent No. 151,410, of May 26, 1874, is not new, and I make no claim thereto herein.

What I claim is—

1. In a game apparatus, the table A, bridge C, having pivoted numbered counters D, provided with counter-weights *d* in its doors *c*, the pocket or sloping ball-receptacle in rear of the bridge, the balls E and F, and the ball-projector G, substantially as specified.

2. A ball-projector consisting of the board *a*, ball-holder *b*, springs *e e*, and string *h*, with a button, *n*, constructed and operating substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

ALEXANDER CHRISTIE.

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