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Fig. 1.

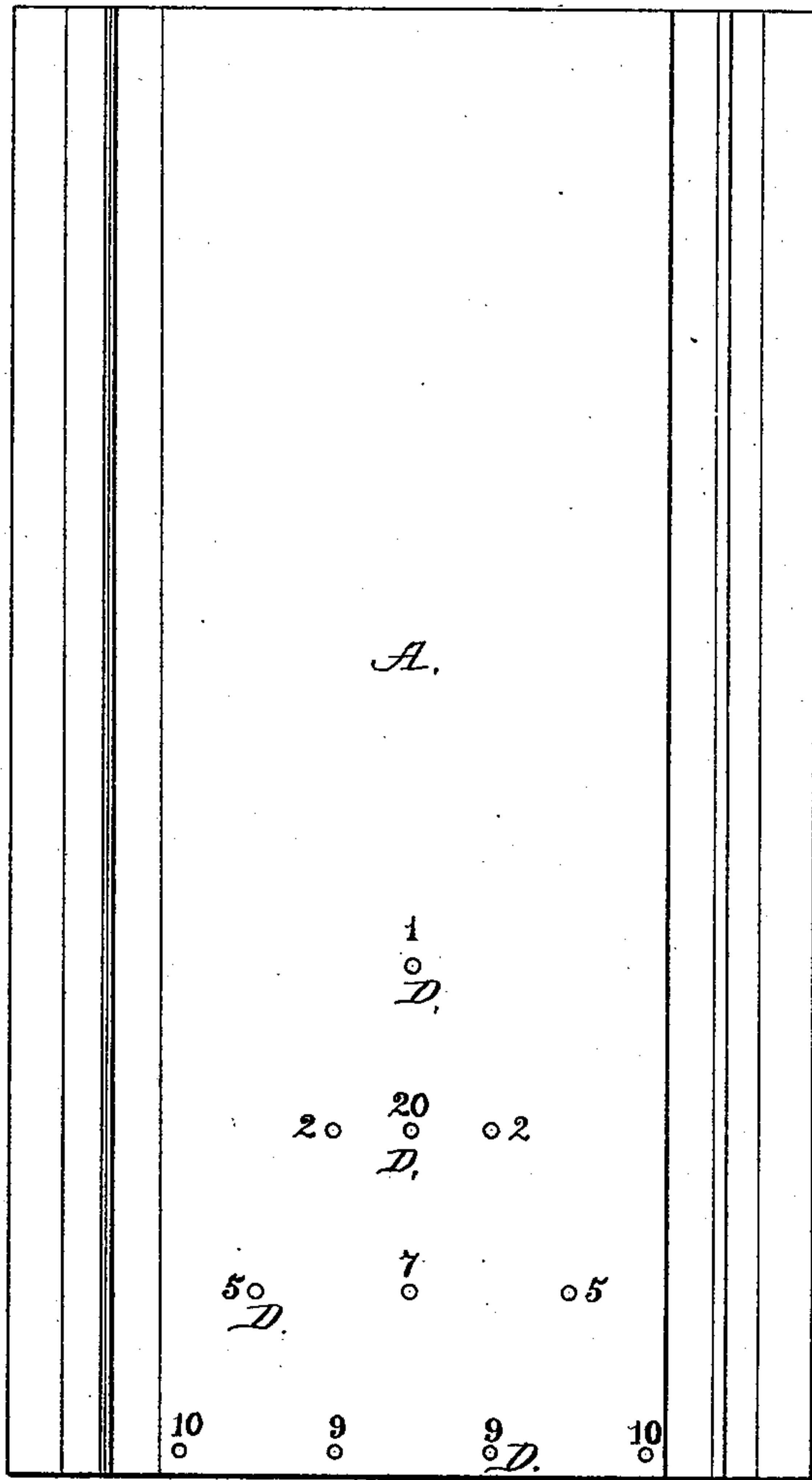
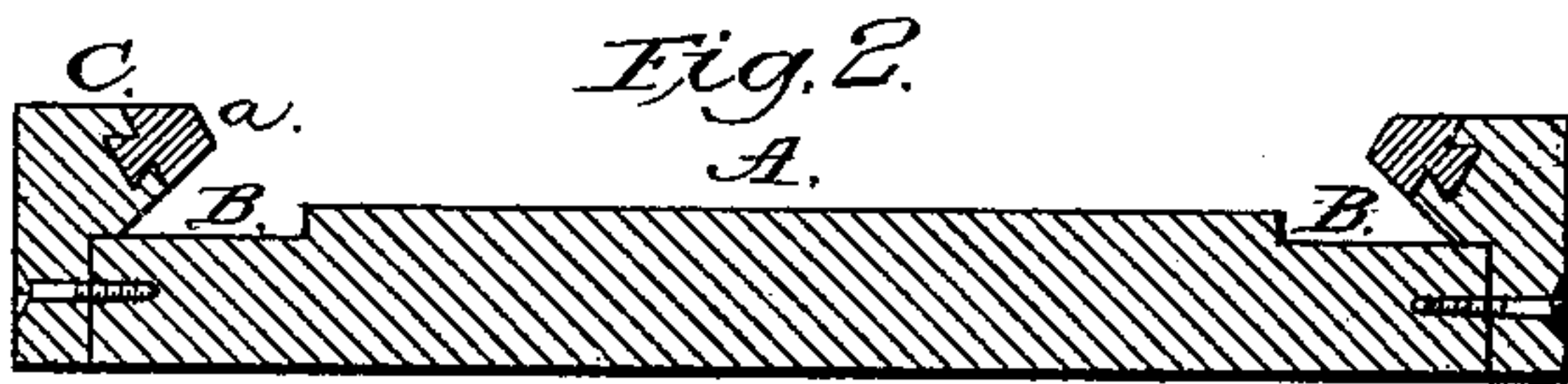


Fig. 2.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, MARCUS L. HENRY, a citizen of the United States, resident of McKinney, in the county of Collin and State of Texas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Game-Boards; 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 plan view of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

This invention has relation to bowling games; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the parts of the alley in connection with the pins and balls, all as herein-after shown and described.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the central raised portion of the alley, on each side of which is a depression or channel, B, extending the length of the raised portion, as shown in the drawings. The depressed channels B are provided on the outside with the overhanging cushions C, which are also designed to extend the length of the alley. These lateral cushions C are each provided with an elastic corner, *a*.

D D indicate the pins, the number usually employed being eleven, and the arrangement at the end of the alley similar to that usually observed in setting up the ten-pins of a bowling-alley, except that an additional pin is located immediately in rear of the foremost pin, as shown in the drawings.

The lateral cushions C are higher than the central portion, A, their height being about half, or a little more than half, the diameter of the larger balls used in bowling down the pins.

In playing this game the object is to knock down the pins with as few balls as possible, and in this operation the cushions are employed, when advisable, with the larger balls, it being more easy to some players to cause a ball to rebound from the cushion among the pins in the oblique rows than to deliver a straight ball along the central portion of the alley without taking the cushion. Usually the pins are numbered according to their difficulty, the numbers preferred being such as are indicated in the drawings, pin No. 20 being arranged in rear of No. 1, with No. 7 in its rear, pins No. 2 on each side of No. 20, and pins No. 5 on each side of No. 7. In the last row are four pins, Nos. 9 inside and Nos. 10 outside.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a bowling game, the combination, with the central raised plane, A, and the side depressions, B, of the lateral overhanging cushions C, extending along the outside of said depressions and raised above the central portion, the pins, and balls, substantially as specified.

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

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