

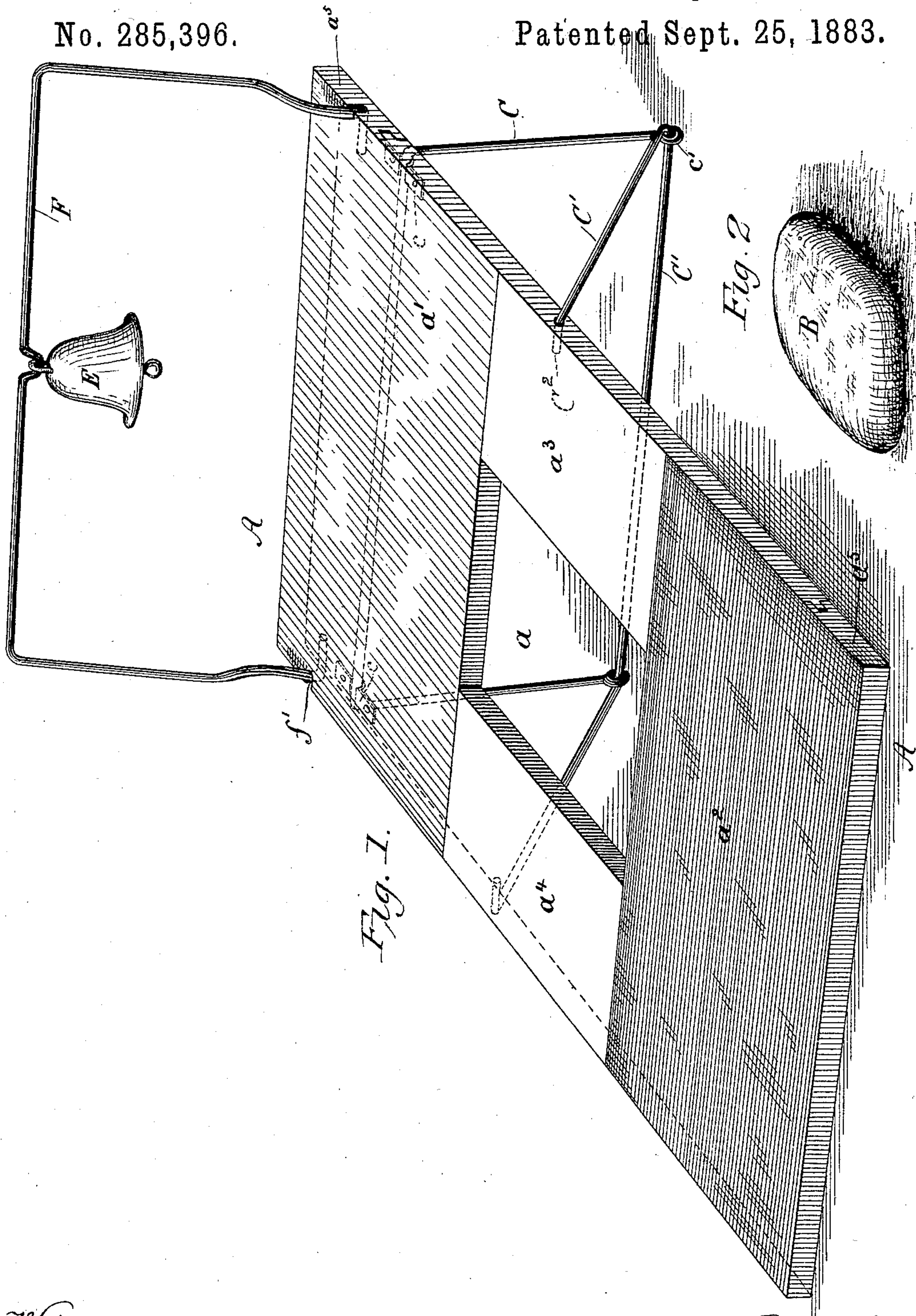
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HEYLIGER ADAMS DE WINDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, by which apparatus will be played the game which I have designated as "Parlor-Quoits," of which the following is a specification.

My present invention has for its object to provide a new game which shall be particularly suited to indoor amusement, and which may be played with apparatus that will be inexpensive, simple, durable, and noiseless.

To this end my invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly defined in the claims.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved game-board used in playing my game of parlor-quoits, and Fig. 2 is a view of one of the series of bags used in the game.

A designates the board employed in playing the game, which board is provided centrally with the opening *a*, and has its upper surface divided into the top, bottom, and side spaces, *a'*, *a''*, *a'''*, and *a''''*, painted or stained in different colors. The ends of the board A are preferably furnished with the strips *a⁵*, dovetailed thereto, to strengthen the board and prevent its becoming warped. The opening *a* in the board is somewhat larger than the bags B, which constitute the quoits, and which are formed of cloth or other fabric, scantily filled with beans, rice, or like material. In order to present the board at a suitable inclination to allow the quoits or bags to be readily thrown through the opening *a* or to rest upon the colored spaces, supports are provided at one end. These supports should be made in such manner as to permit them to be folded down and out of the way, so as to occupy but little space in shipment or when not in use. The supports here shown consist of the main wire C, connected to the under side of the board near its end by the eyes *c*, and having its ends which rest upon the floor provided with eyes *c'*. Through these eyes *c'* passes the brace-wire C', the ends *c''* of which are bent at right

angles and enter suitable perforations in the edges of the board to retain the supports in proper position. In order to hold the supports, it is only necessary to withdraw the bent ends of the brace-wire from their perforations, when the wires C and C' may be closed together and folded upon the board.

In some cases I propose to suspend a bell, E, above the end of the board in such position that it may be struck by a quoit passing over the central part of the end. This bell will be sustained by the wire F, the bent ends of which enter perforations in the edge of the board. The wire will be retained in upright position by catching in the notches *f'*, but when withdrawn therefrom can be folded down upon the board for convenience in shipment.

In playing the game the contestants, two or more in number, will stand at a suitable distance from the board, and will endeavor to toss the quoits or bags into the central opening of the board, which counts the highest point—say five. If, failing to enter the opening *a*, the quoit should rest upon the board, a lower point will be counted—as, for example, if the "red" or "blue" spaces, it may count the player one, and if in the "white" space it may count two. In case the quoit fails to pass through or rest upon the board, the party tossing it will lose one point, and if it pass through the wire at the end he will lose five points; but if the bell is struck he will lose ten points. It will be readily understood, however, that the manner of counting the game, as well as the precise details of structure as above defined, may be varied without departing from the scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game-board having means for supporting the same in an inclined position, and having an opening through which an object may be tossed, substantially as described.

2. A game-board having means whereby it can be sustained above the floor, and having an opening through which an object may be tossed, and having its surface divided into spaces, substantially as described.

3. A board for a toss game, having at its end a suspended bell, substantially as described.

4. A game-board having an opening through which an object may be tossed, and having folding supports, substantially as described.

5. The game apparatus comprising a series of bags filled with beans or equivalent material, and a game board having an opening

through which said bags may be tossed, substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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