

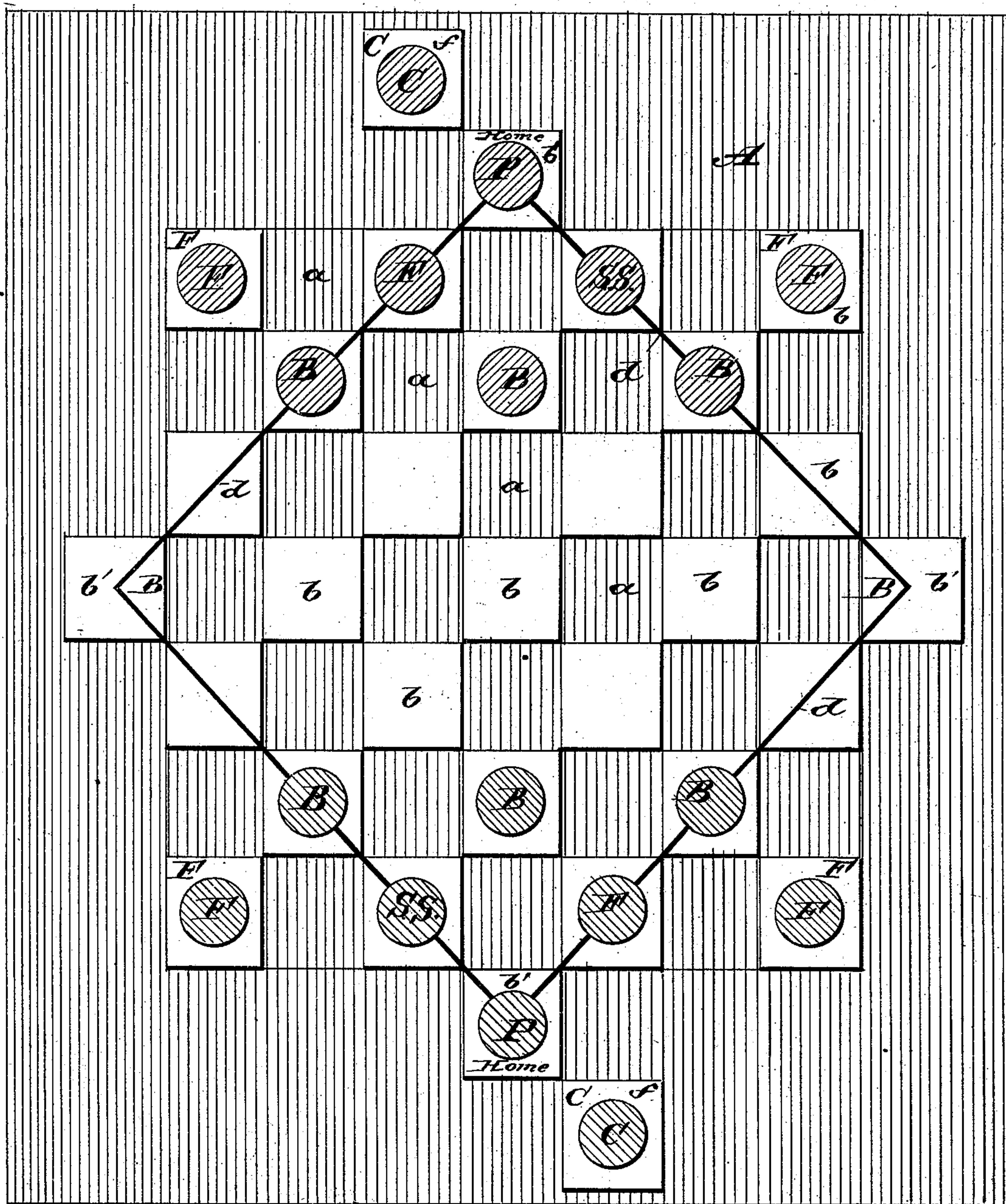
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HIRAM SMITH TOWNER, of Dutton, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Checker and Base-Ball Combination Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and amusing toy, which is played in a manner similar to checkers.

The invention consists in a game-board subdivided in about the same manner as a checker-board, and provided with additional outside squares or fields. The game is played with two sets of stones or nine men in each set, which stones are designated by letters in the same manner as the players in the game of base-ball are known by certain letters on their score-books.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which a plan view of my improved game-board and the stones thereon in position for beginning the game is shown.

The game-board A is provided with a square formed of small dark squares *a*, and light squares *b*, of which squares there are seven rows, with seven squares in each row, as shown. The squares *b* can be made in red, buff, gold, or white, and the squares *a* are preferably made black or brown, the same as in any other checker or chess board. At the middle of each side of the large square formed by the small squares *a b* an additional light square, *b'*, is arranged outside of the large square, and the centers of the small squares *b'* are united by lines *d*, which cross the three squares *b* between each two squares *b'* diagonally, and form a square within the square formed by the small squares *a b*. At the base and head end of the game-board an additional light square, *f*, is arranged diagonally to the right or left, respectively, from the outside center square, *b'*. The corner squares or fields, *b*, are marked F. The side fields, *b'*, are marked B. The top and bottom fields, *b'*, are marked "home," and the fields *f* are marked C.

To play the game, two sets of stones of different color are required, each set containing nine stones, of which two, marked C and P, and known as "catcher" and "pitcher," are

higher or thicker than the rest. Threestones are marked B, and are known as "basemen." Three stones are marked F, and are known as "fielders;" and one stone is marked S S, and is known as "short-stop." The men or stones are placed on the board as follows: The catchers on the squares C, the pitchers on the squares "home," the three fielders and the short-stop on the four squares *b* of the first row, and the three basemen on the three fields *b* of the second row. The other set of men or stones are arranged in the same manner on the opposite part of the board. The pitcher and catcher are kings from the start, and may move in any direction they chose. The basemen are kings as soon as they reach the base-row on the opposite side of the board. The fielders and short-stops are kings when they reach the fielders' row on the opposite side of the board. When only three or less men are left, they are not permitted to move off the large square upon one of the squares *b'* or *f*. Otherwise the game is played very similarly to checkers.

I do not abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable feature set forth herein and not hereinafter claimed, but reserve the right to claim the same either in a reissue of any patent that may be granted upon this application or in other applications for Letters Patent that I may make.

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

1. A game-board provided with a square formed of small squares, and having a small square outside of the main square at the middle of each side of the large square, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. A game-board provided with a square formed of small squares, having a small square outside of the inner square at the middle of each side of the main square, and a square diagonally from the additional squares at the head and bottom of the board, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. A game-board provided with a square formed of small squares, and with additional squares outside of the main square, substantially as set forth.

4. A game-board provided with a square formed of small squares, with additional

squares outside of the main square at the middle of each side of the same, and with lines uniting the centers of the outside squares, and forming a large square figure, substantially as
5 herein shown and described.

5. The combination, with the game-board A, provided with a large square formed of smaller squares, *ab*, and the additional squares, *b'f*, of two sets of men or stones of nine each,

of which stones one in each set is marked C¹⁰ or "catcher," one P or "pitcher," three B or "basemen," three F or "fielders," and one SS or "short-stop," substantially as herein shown and described.

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