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Fig. 1.

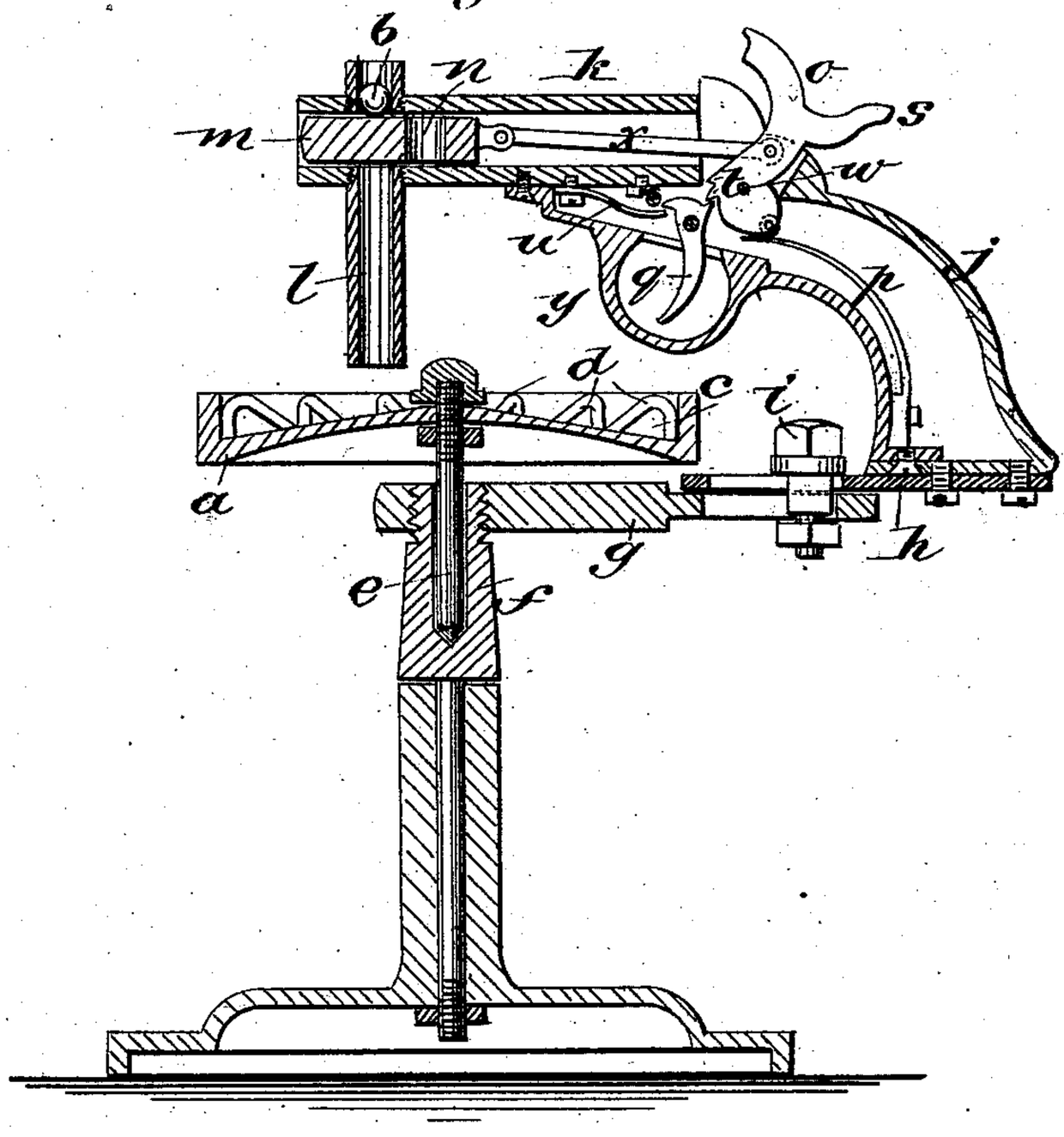
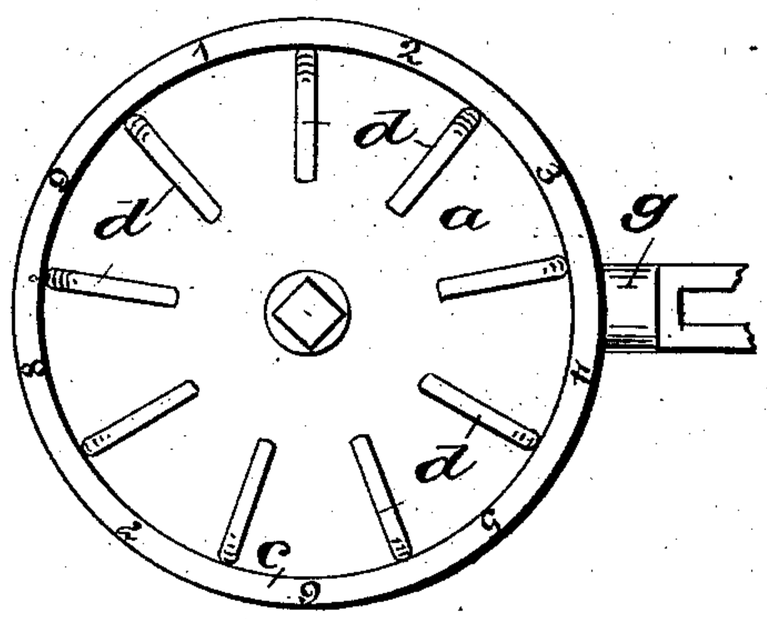


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN RENI MESTIER, of Corpus Christi, in the county of Nueces and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Pistol-Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention consists of a pistol device of novel construction, in combination with a horizontal revolving table having stalls for reception of a ball, the said pistol device being to drop the ball into the table while revolving for playing a game in which the score of the game is to be counted by the number of the stall into which the ball chances to fall, all as hereinafter fully described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of my improved pistol-game apparatus. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the revolving table.

The revolving table *a*, having a slightly-conical top, so that the ball *b* will roll to the edge, and a flange, *c*, and partitions *d*, to retain the ball in the different stalls formed by said flange and partitions, is arranged, by a vertical center spindle or pivot, *e*, in the top of a stand, *f*, suitably for revolving the table rapidly thereon preparatory to the dropping of the ball on the table. From the top of the stand *f* a bracket, *g*, extends laterally a suitable distance beyond the edge of the table for the support of a plate, *h*, which is adjustably attached to said bracket *g* by a bolt, *i*, and supports a ball-dropping device, the stock of which is in the form of a pistol, of which *j* is the breech or handle and *k* the barrel. The barrel projects radially over the table and nearly across it, and near the front end is traversed by a vertical tube, *l*, projecting upward a little above the barrel and downward nearly to the table. The barrel *k* is bored like the barrel of a pistol in larger dimensions than the bore of the tube *l*, and it contains a sliding plunger, *m*, which, when shifted backward toward the breech of the barrel, retains the ball *b* in the upper part of the tube *l*, and when thrust forward allows the ball to fall through a hole, *n*, in it onto the table *a*.

For working the plunger, I propose to employ a lever, *o*, constructed in the form and representation of the hammer of a pistol, a spring, *p*, like the spring of a pistol-hammer, and a trip device, *q*, like the trigger of a pistol. The hammer has a finger-piece, *s*, by which to pull it back and set it by the trigger; and it also has the usual notches, *t*, for the bit of the trigger to be connected with by its spring *u;* and said hammer *o* is mounted on a pivot, *w*, and is connected to the sliding plunger *m* by a rod, *x*, suitably pivoted to it and to the hammer. The trigger is protected by a guard, *y*, in the same manner as the trigger of a pistol.

The hammer may be made to explode a paper cap when it is tripped for throwing the plunger forward and dropping the ball, if desired.

The table is to be set in motion by the hand in the same manner as similar tables of other game devices are, and the ball is to be let fall by the pulling of the trigger while the table is revolving.

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

1. The combination, in a ball-dropping device, of the barrel *k*, tube *l*, sliding plunger *m*, hammer-lever *o*, trigger *q*, and springs *p* and *u*, said devices being arranged and operating substantially as described.

2. The combination, in a ball-dropping device, of the barrel *k*, tube *l*, sliding plunger *m*, hammer-lever *o*, trigger *q*, and springs *p* and *u*, said devices being arranged on a supporting-stock, *j*, and a fixed base-plate, *h*, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a revolving table, *a*, having an arched top and partitions, *d*, to form stalls to receive the ball, of the ball-dropping apparatus, consisting of the barrel *k*, tube *l*, sliding plunger *m*, hammer-lever *o*, trigger *q*, and the springs *p* and *u*, said devices being arranged on a supporting-stock, *j*, and said stock being supported on a bracket of the revolving-table stand, and also being adjustably-connected to said stand, substantially as described.

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