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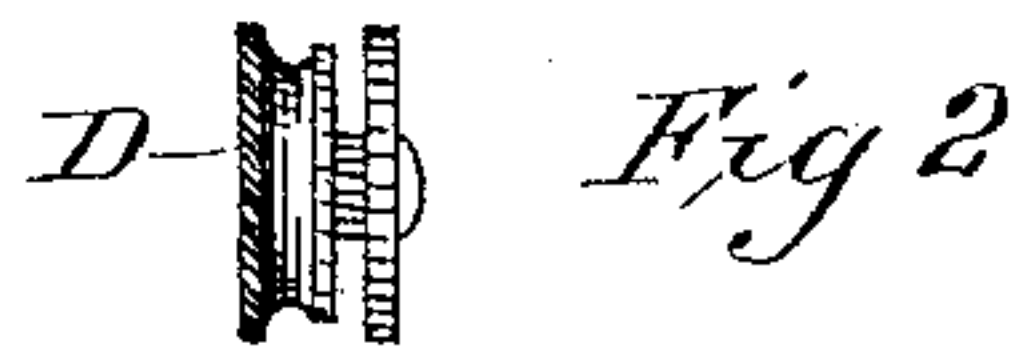
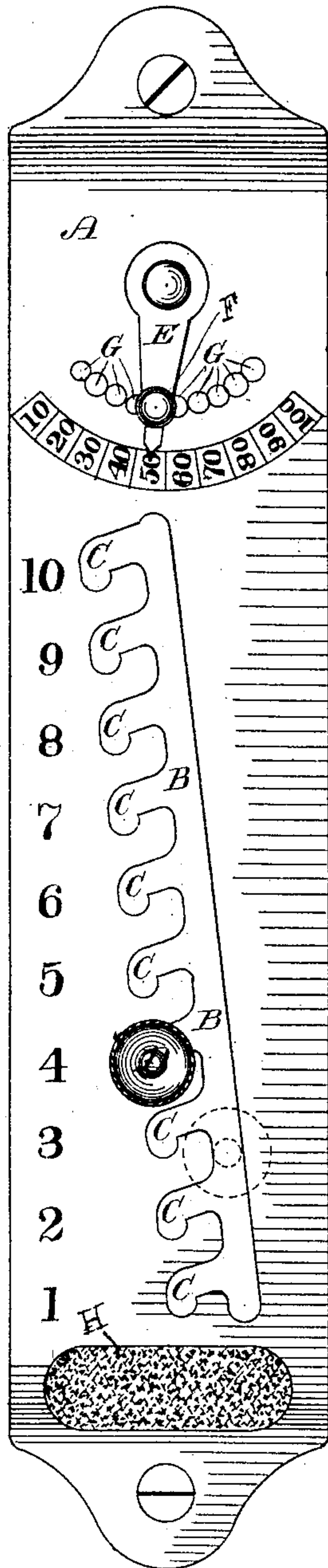
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GAME COUNTER.

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Fig 1



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GAME-COUNTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON M. BEACH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Counters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in game-counters, and has for its object to provide a device of this description which may be readily secured to any convenient wall and the like in the immediate vicinity of a game-table; and with these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter fully described, and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may more fully understand its construction and operation, I will proceed to describe the same in detail, referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows an elevation of my improvement, and Fig. 2 a detail side elevation of the button.

Similar letters denote like parts in both figures of the drawings.

A is a strip, preferably of metal, and having therein an elongated slot or opening, B, extending at an angle to the sides of the strip. C are pockets cut within the rear edge of this slot and at regular intervals. D is a button secured within said slot in any ordinary manner so as to slide freely therein without falling out. At the upper portion of the strip is pivoted a pointer, E, provided with a suitable knob, F.

G are depressions formed in the strip in the arc of a circle, and within which a small teat on the under side of the pointer is forced as the latter is moved to and fro. Immediately beyond these depressions, and opposite to them in the arc of a circle concentric with that which traverses the line of depressions,

are numbers 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, &c., and opposite to each pocket in the strip are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c. At the bottom of the strip is a match-scratcher, H, formed by simply serrating the metal, or by inserting any desired material for the purpose.

The operation of my improvement is as follows: In a game of points, from one upward the counting is made up to and including the first ten points by means of the button and pockets. The pointer is then thrown opposite to the first ten, and the counting continued by means of the button until the second ten is reached, when the pointer is moved along opposite to the second ten, and so on. Of course, in games in which the counting is done in doubles, triples, or in fives, tens, &c., the denomination of the numbers opposite to the pointer will be changed, or more numbers may be used, and, if desired, the latter may be arranged in a complete circle around the pointer; also, the number and denomination of the pockets may be changed.

My invention is especially designed to be placed in railroad-cars and fastened to the wall of the car beside the card-tables, and is cheap in its manufacture and readily manipulated.

I do not wish to be confined to the exact style and location of the slot shown, although preferable, since I can make the slot horizontal and form the pockets in the lower edge, or several slots may be made, the gist of my invention resting in the broad idea of combining the ways of counting the units and tens in a single device.

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

1. A game-counter consisting of a strip of metal having an elongated slot cut therein, a button adapted to be inserted within numbered pockets formed therein, whereby the units may be counted, and a pointer with numbers arranged opposite thereto to denote the tens, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a game-counter, the combination of a strip of metal having therein an elongated slot provided with lateral pockets, with a button adapted to travel in said slot and to be

dropped within said pockets, substantially as set forth.

3. In a game-counter, the combination of a strip of metal having therein an elongated
5 slot cut in the body of the device, provided with numbered lateral pockets therein, and a button adapted to travel in said slot and be dropped within said pockets, with a pivoted
10 pointer adapted to be retained in different radial positions by the interlocking of a teat on the under side of said pointer, with depress-

ions in the body of the device, a series of numbers being arranged in the arc of a circle opposite to each radial position of the pointer, substantially as shown and described. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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