

(No Model.)

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GAME BOARD.

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Fig. 1.

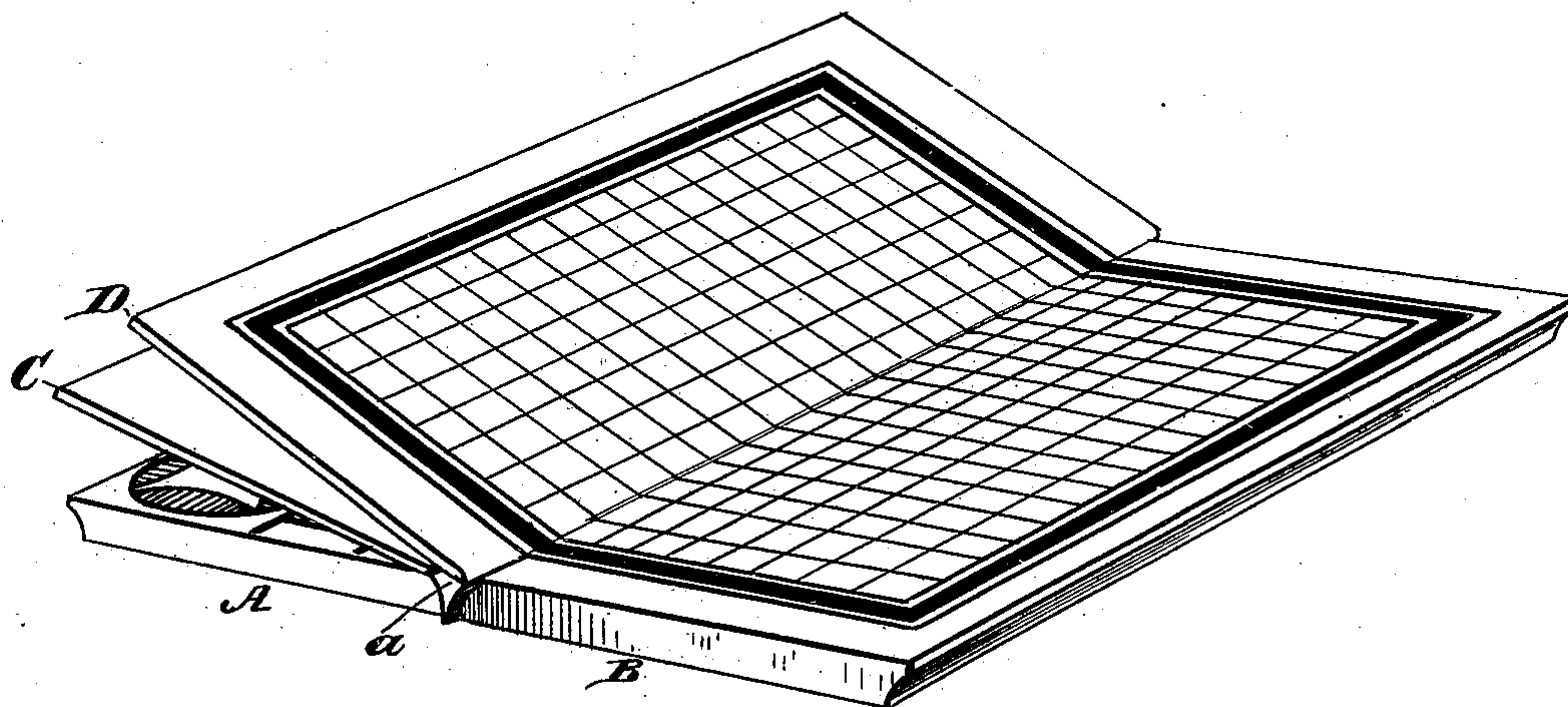


Fig. 2.

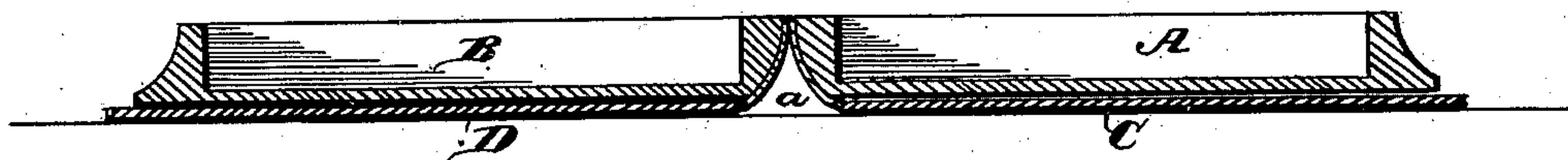
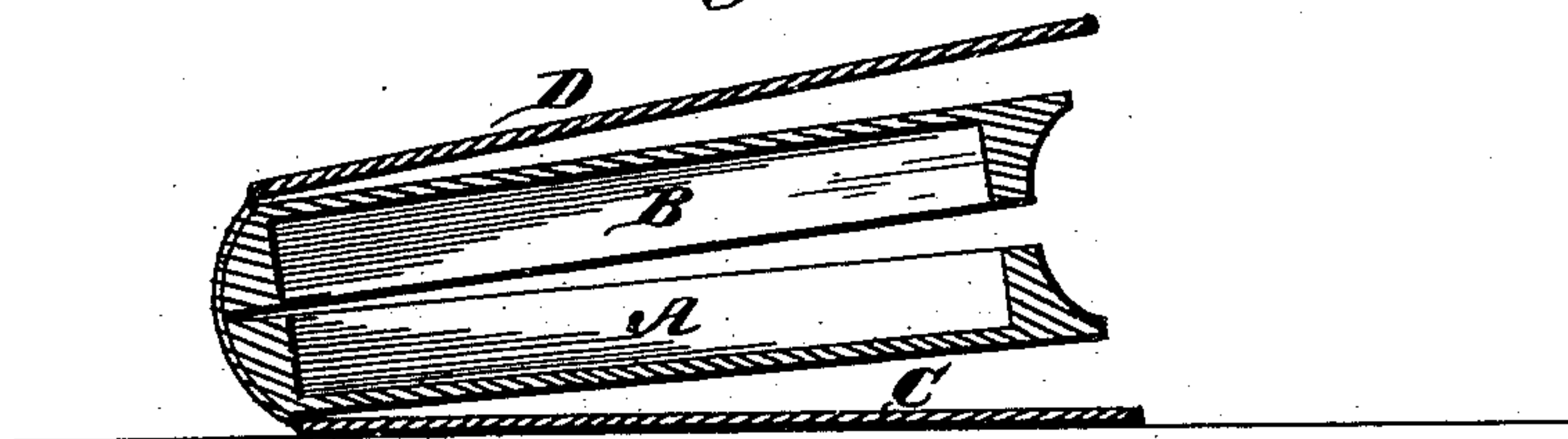


Fig. 3.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED EMILE SELIGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved game-board in which three or more games are combined in book form for convenience, as hereinafter set forth.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved game-board, showing the same opened and with the fly-leaves or covers partly separated. Fig. 2 is a cross-section through the opened game-board. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the game-board, showing the same nearly closed.

The body or central portion of my improved book-shaped game-board consists of two sunken and hinged panels, A B, such as are sometimes employed in combined chess and backgammon boards.

Heretofore in combined chess and backgammon boards the sunken panels A B have been so formed and connected as to represent, when folded, two books of uniform size and appearance, the hinge-connection being arranged at the edge which represents the outer vertical margin of the book-leaves. That arrangement of sunken panels is the most suitable and convenient where only two games are combined in one board, the outer sides of the opened panels thus affording a smooth continuous surface for chess or checkers, while the inner or sunken sides of the panels are arranged for backgammon.

By my invention, instead of hinging the sunken panels A B at their outer margins, as heretofore, I hinge them at the margin which corresponds with the back of the book, and I also attach two fly-leaves or covers, C and D, the whole being arranged to represent a single book. The outer side of the panel A and the inner side of the fly-leaf or cover C together form a nearly continuous surface on which a game—as, “parchesi,” for instance—is delineated. The outer side of the panel B and the inner side of the fly-leaf or cover D form together another surface for the game of “go-

bang,” or for chess or checkers. The inner or opposing surfaces of the panels A and B afford a field for the game of backgammon. It will be understood, of course, that the games above mentioned may be replaced by others, if preferred, it being only necessary to delineate on the panels A B and fly-leaves C D the appropriate designs or charts for the desired games. These designs or charts may be drawn on paper, leather, or other suitable material that can be pasted, glued, or cemented to the surfaces of the panels and fly-leaves composing the game-board.

By opening the game-board at the center and placing it upon a table with the inner sides of the panels A B downward, as shown in Fig. 1, the fly-leaves or covers C and D can be turned to the right or the left, so as to expose either of two games for use. While the board is in this position, the panels A and B afford a firm and level support for the leaves or covers C and D, and the cover C or cover D, as the case may be, bridges the joint between the panels A and B, so as to present a practically even and continuous surface for the game. By reversing the position of the unfolded board, so that it will rest on the covers C D with the inner surfaces of the panels A B uppermost, as shown in Fig. 2, another game, preferably backgammon, will be presented.

The interior of the sunken panels A B, besides affording a surface for a game, also serves as a receptacle for chessmen, checkers, and other game appliances.

If preferred, the exterior surfaces of the fly-leaves or covers C D may be appropriately finished and ornamented, or some suitable game or games may be delineated thereon.

The exposed edges of the panels A B can be “marbled” or otherwise treated to represent the edges of a book, and the hinged margin or back or the outer side of one of the covers may have a suitable title displayed.

It will be observed that the game-board, when folded, has the appearance of a single book, and when unfolded for use presents a convenient and varied source of amusement.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A game-board composed of two central hinged panels having a game-chart delineated

on their inner sides, and fly-leaves or covers
hinged to said panels with game charts de-
lineated on the inner sides of the covers or
fly-leaves and the adjacent outer sides of the
5 central panels, the whole forming a game-
board presenting the appearance of a single
book, substantially as described.

2. A game-board composed of two sunken
panels hinged at one edge and provided with
10 fly-leaves or covers, the inner sides of the

sunken panels and the contiguous sides of
the panels and fly-leaves or covers being pro-
vided with game-charts, substantially as de-
scribed.

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