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Fig. 1.

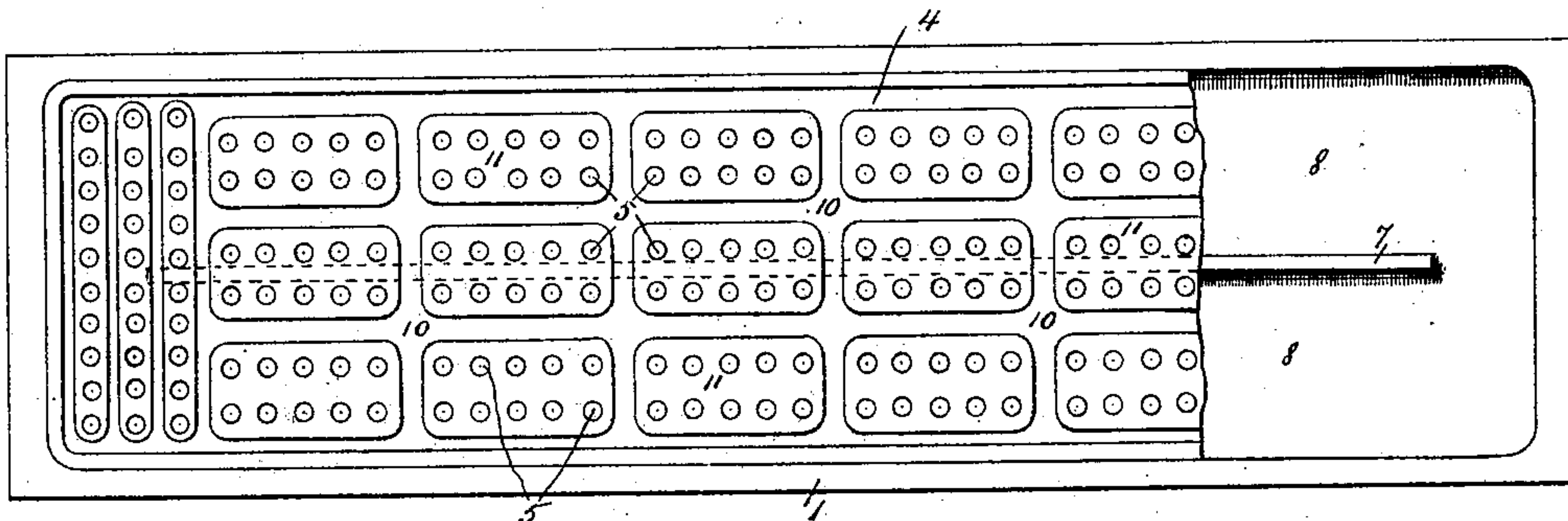


Fig. 2.

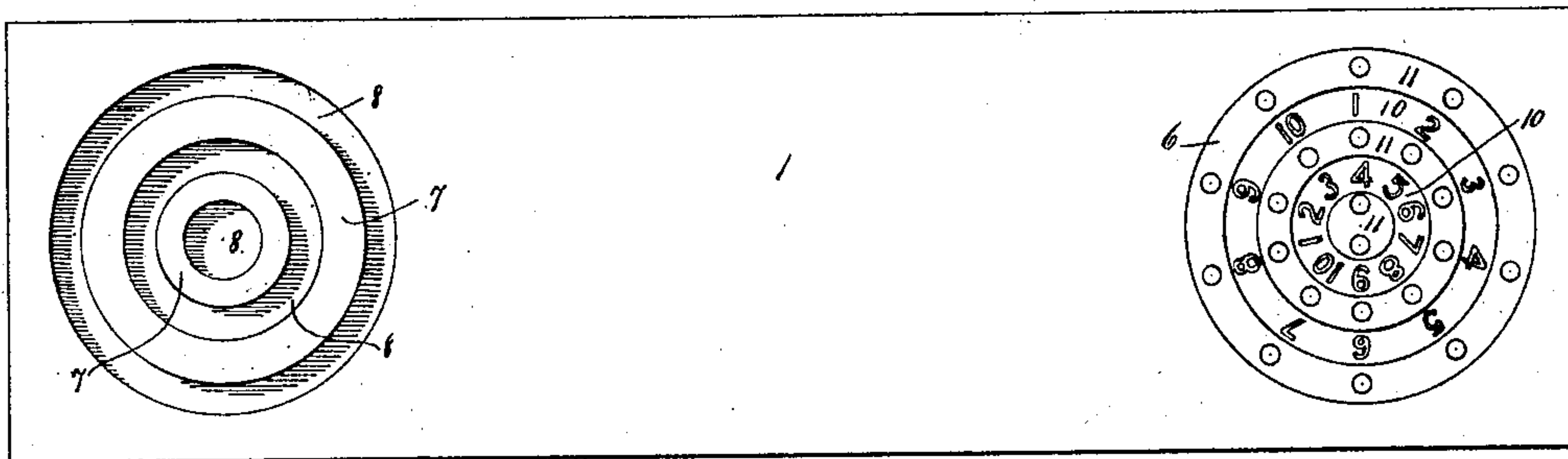
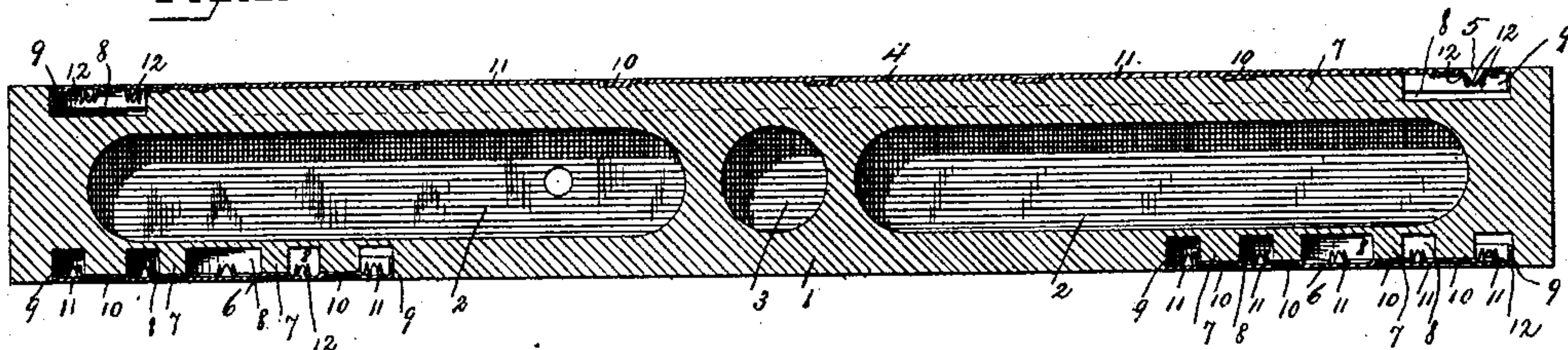


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. LE COUNT, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Norwalk, 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 the class of game-counters and cribbage-boards in which metal plates having holes to receive pins are let into a block of wood, and has for its object to simplify and cheapen the construction, and at the same time to greatly improve the operation of the device.

With these ends in view I have devised the simple and novel construction, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, numbers being used to indicate the several parts of the device.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a cribbage-board, a portion of the plate being broken away to show the supporting-rib; Fig. 2, a plan view of the opposite side of the block, illustrating counters for whist, euchre, and similar games, one of the plates being removed to show the supporting-ribs; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the center of the block and plates.

1 denotes the block, which is provided with one or more recesses, 2, to receive packs of cards, and a recess, 3, to receive the pins. These recesses are provided in practice with sliding covers, which, as they form no portion of my present invention, I have not deemed it necessary to illustrate in the drawings.

4 denotes a plate, having the usual pin-holes, 5, required in playing the game of cribbage, which is let into one side of the block, and 6 plates upon the opposite side of the block, also having pin-holes and corresponding numerals adapted for use in counting the various other games. Heretofore it has been common to cast the plates having pin-holes, and to secure them in the recesses in the block by lugs or screws. This is an important item in the cost of production, as the plates have to be carefully polished and plated.

The essential principle of my present inven-

tion is that I use plates blanked out from sheet metal, and in order to give them firm support in use I provide supporting-ribs 7 in the recesses 8 in the block. The tops of these ribs lie just sufficiently lower than the surface of the block to compensate for the thickness of the metal of the plates, so that the surfaces of the plates and the block are flush. It will of course be understood that any number of these ribs may be used. In Fig. 1 I have illustrated one rib and in Fig. 2 two ribs.

In order to hold the plates firmly in place in the recesses, and at the same time to dispense with screws and lugs, I provide a downwardly-turned flange, 9, around the edges of the plates. These flanges are made slightly longer than the recesses, so that the plates have to be sprung in, and when once in position are firmly held there. In order to give perfect stiffness and firmness to the plates, I depress certain portions thereof in the act of blanking them out, as at 10, leaving raised portions 11, in which the pin-holes are formed. In order to give a wide bearing for the pins in use—that is, a much greater bearing-surface than the thickness of the metal—I form the pin-holes by pressing out the metal with peculiarly-formed cutters, so that lips 12, preferably four in number, are formed upon the under side of the plate, which press against the pins and hold them firmly in use.

It will of course be understood that the details of construction may be widely varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim—

1. In a game-counter, a block having recesses, in combination with sheet-metal plates having pin-holes and flanges 9, adapted to bear against the edges of the recesses, whereby said plates are held firmly in position.

2. The block having recesses 8 and supporting-ribs in said recesses, in combination with sheet-metal plates, which rest on said ribs and are provided with pin-holes and flanges, and adapted to bear against the edges of the recesses, substantially as described.

3. The block having recesses 8 and supporting-ribs 7, in combination with sheet-metal plates having raised and depressed portions, a flange around the edge of the plate, and pin-holes in said raised portions.

4. The block having recesses 8, in combination with sheet-metal plates having pin-holes 5, and lips 12, formed by pressing out the metal at the pin-holes, whereby the pins
5 are supported in use.

5. A game-counter consisting of a block having let into its surface on one side a sheet-metal plate having the necessary holes for a cribbage-board, and let into its surface upon
10 the opposite side one or more sheet-metal plates having counting-holes and numerals corresponding therewith, as and for the purpose set forth.

6. A game-counter consisting of a block having recesses on its opposite sides, support- 15 ing-ribs in said recesses, and sheet-metal plates let into said recesses and resting on said ribs, and provided with pin-holes having lips at their under side, whereby the pins are supported in use. 20

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

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