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Fig. 1.

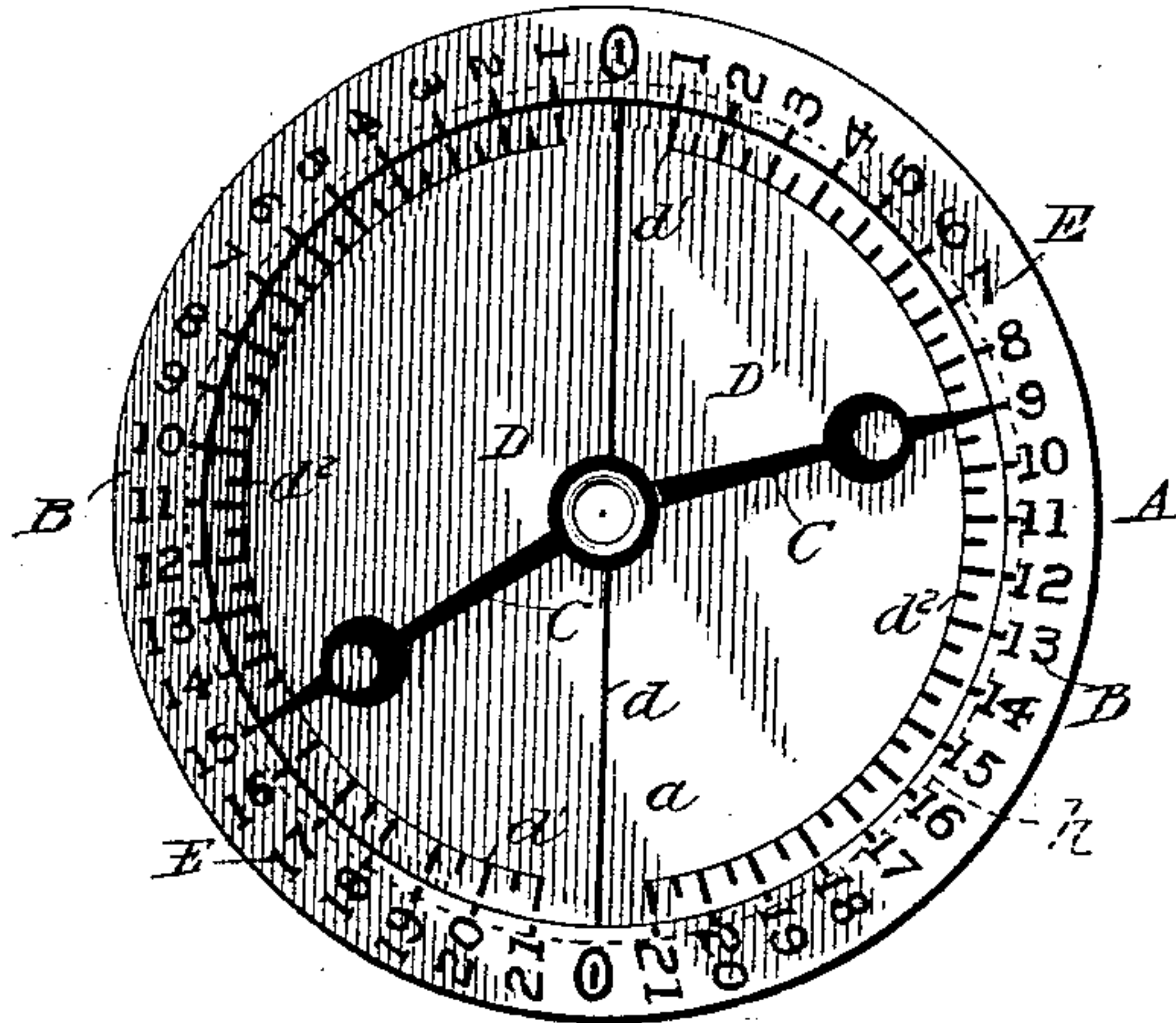


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND KING, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Game-Keeper, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in game-keepers, and has for its object to provide a simple device capable of being carried upon the person, upon which the tally of points made in any game by two or more persons may be kept separately.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

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

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section.

In carrying out the invention a circular body, A, is provided, having, preferably, flat opposing faces, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Upon the front face of the disk, at or near the periphery, a ring, B, is secured or an embossed annular projection produced.

Centrally of the disk two hands, C, are pivoted, having independent action, each of which hands are adapted to move upon the disk face *a* in the segment of a circle, the disk being divided into two sections, D D', by a central line, *d*, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The hands are of sufficient length to extend within a groove, *h*, procured in the inner edge of the ring or annular projection B, and of a thickness to be strong and rigid, yet to lie at all times below the upper face of the said ring or projection and move freely in said recess, the object of which construction is to admit of the device being carried in the pocket without the possibility of the hands catching in the lining or becoming broken by entanglement with the contents.

At each side of a central point of the ring at top and bottom, which points align the division *d*, numbers E are produced, commencing with 1, and for whist ending with 21, and for euchre, casino, and other games, with a number corresponding to the number of points usually played.

Upon the surface *a*, adjacent to the ring or projection, a series of short lines, *d'*, are produced, one line opposite each figure, and if the figures are far removed from the inner edge of the ring or projection the line may be continued thereon.

Between the aforesaid short lines *d'* other fractional lines *d''* may be produced, one or more in number, as in practice may be deemed advisable, both the lines *d'* and *d''* being adapted to be covered by the points of the hands and to serve as a guide therefor.

In practice each number may be made to represent twice or thrice its actual value. For instance, in a game requiring forty-two points made to complete it, the keeper indicated may be employed by letting each figure represent twice its indicated value. Thus commencing, if two points were made, the hand would be placed at No. 1. If another point followed, the intermediate line, *d''*, would be covered; another point, and the hand would be moved to No. 2, representing 4, and so on.

The body may be made of any material desirable and decorated as fancy may dictate, and the ring, if secured to the body, may be made of the same or a different material. The hands, while preferably made of metal, may be constructed from rubber or other material, and the disk may be mounted, if found desirable, upon a backing of any form. The disk without a back is, however, preferred, as being the most convenient form.

It will be observed that by reason of the division upon the disk, the duplicate set of numbers, and the independent hands, that one keeper will serve for two players.

I do not limit myself to a disk divided into two sections, as more than two sections may be produced. In every case, however, the sections are numbered independently and provided with independent indicating hands, all of which hands may be pivoted at one point.

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

1. A game-keeper consisting of a disk divided into sections, provided with an annular projection or ring approximating the periphery, having a series of corresponding numbers produced thereon, one series for each section, and independent hands pivoted centrally upon

the disk, to be below the outer face of the ring or projection, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. In a game-keeper, the combination, with
5 a disk divided into equal sections and provided with an annular recessed projection or ring approximating the periphery, having a series of corresponding numbers produced thereon, one series for each section, of independent hands pivoted centrally upon the disk,
10 the faces whereof are below the outer face of the ring or projection, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. In a game-keeper, the combination, with
15 a disk divided into equal sections and provided with an annular recessed projection or

ring approximating the periphery, having a series of corresponding numbers produced thereon, one series for each section, of independent hands pivoted centrally upon the disk, 20 the faces whereof are below the outer face of the ring or projection, guide-lines produced upon the disk opposite each number, and auxiliary lines intervening said guide-lines, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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