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Fig. 1.

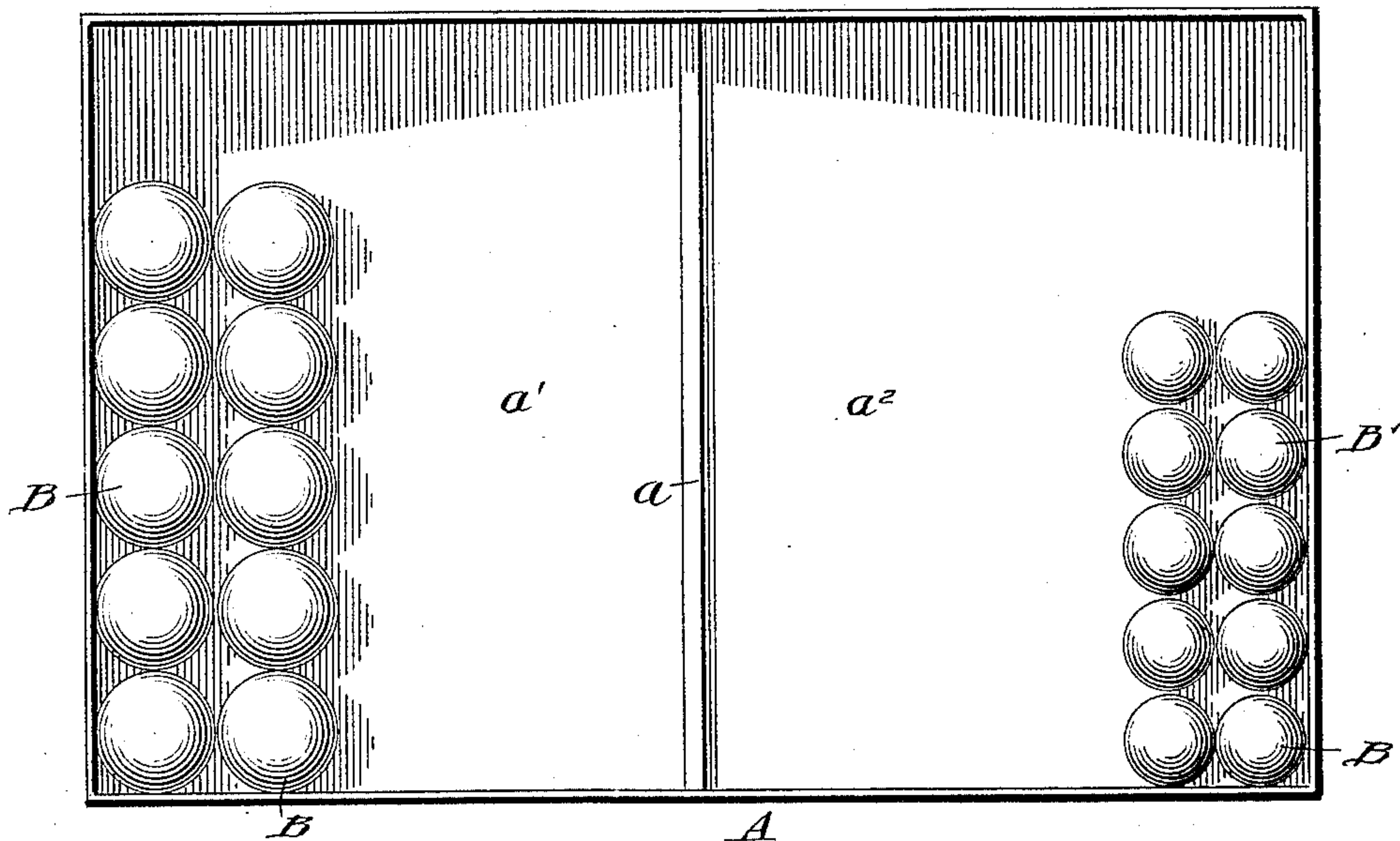
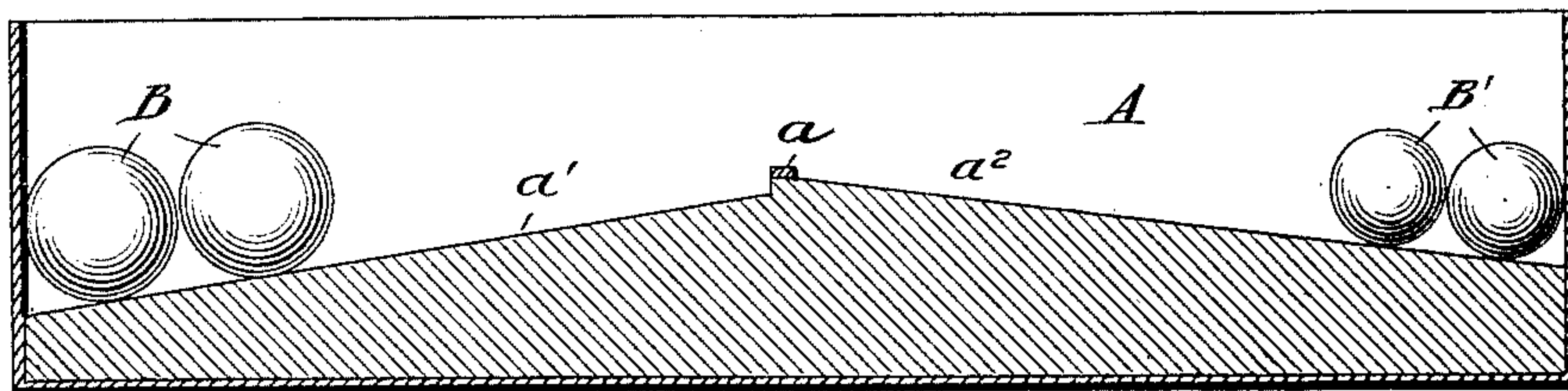


Fig. 2.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIDEON BIXLER, of Wooster, in the county of Wayne and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Game-Board, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved game-board that shall be of use in affording amusement, and from which a moral lesson may be drawn by the players. To these ends the invention consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

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, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section.

In carrying out the invention a box-like structure A is provided, which may be rectangular, as shown, or of other suitable form. The bottom of the box is preferably inclined from the center, or about the center, in opposite directions, as shown at a' a^2 , and at the junction of the inclines is a transverse strip or raised portion a . I also prefer to construct the bottom with one of the inclines of greater pitch than the other, so that at the upper ends one incline will terminate at a higher point than the other, whereby the stop or shoulder formed by the transverse strip or raised portion will be higher at one side than at the other, for a purpose presently explained.

In conjunction with a box formed with a transverse strip or raised portion, as described, I employ two sets or series of balls BB' , those of one set or series of which are of lesser diameter than the other.

In operation the box is rocked or shaken to direct the balls or those desired toward the transverse strip or raised portion, and it is evident that the larger balls will have the greater tendency to pass over the strip, owing to their greater diameter and the greater impetus they receive because of their increased weight. Thus the object will be to cause all of one set

to occupy the space at one side of the ridge or strip and those of the other set at the opposite side.

The game will be the more difficult and hence the more interesting by the endeavor to retain the larger balls on one side while directing the smaller ones across the ridge to the opposite side, as the larger balls will have the greater tendency to pass over the ridge.

In practice the bottom at each side of the ridge or strip will be made to represent, respectively, the abode for the good and the wicked, the balls being likewise supposed to represent, respectively, the good and the wicked, the object to be accomplished in directing the balls being the turning out of the wicked. Thus, in addition to the amusement afforded by the game, it will not be without a moral influence on the players.

The game may be played by directing the balls over the strip or raised portion from the side having the lower or higher shoulder, as desired, according as it is desired to lessen the difficulties of the game or not.

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

1. A game-board adapted to be held and manipulated by the hand, consisting of a box-like structure having its bottom inclined from about the center in opposite directions, the upper end of one incline terminating at a higher point than the other and provided with a raised portion at the junction of the said inclines, substantially as described.

2. A game-board adapted to be held and manipulated by the hand, consisting of a box-like structure having its bottom inclined from about the center in opposite directions and provided with a shoulder or stop at the junction of the inclines, in combination with two sets of balls of different diameters, substantially as herein shown and described.

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