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Fig 1

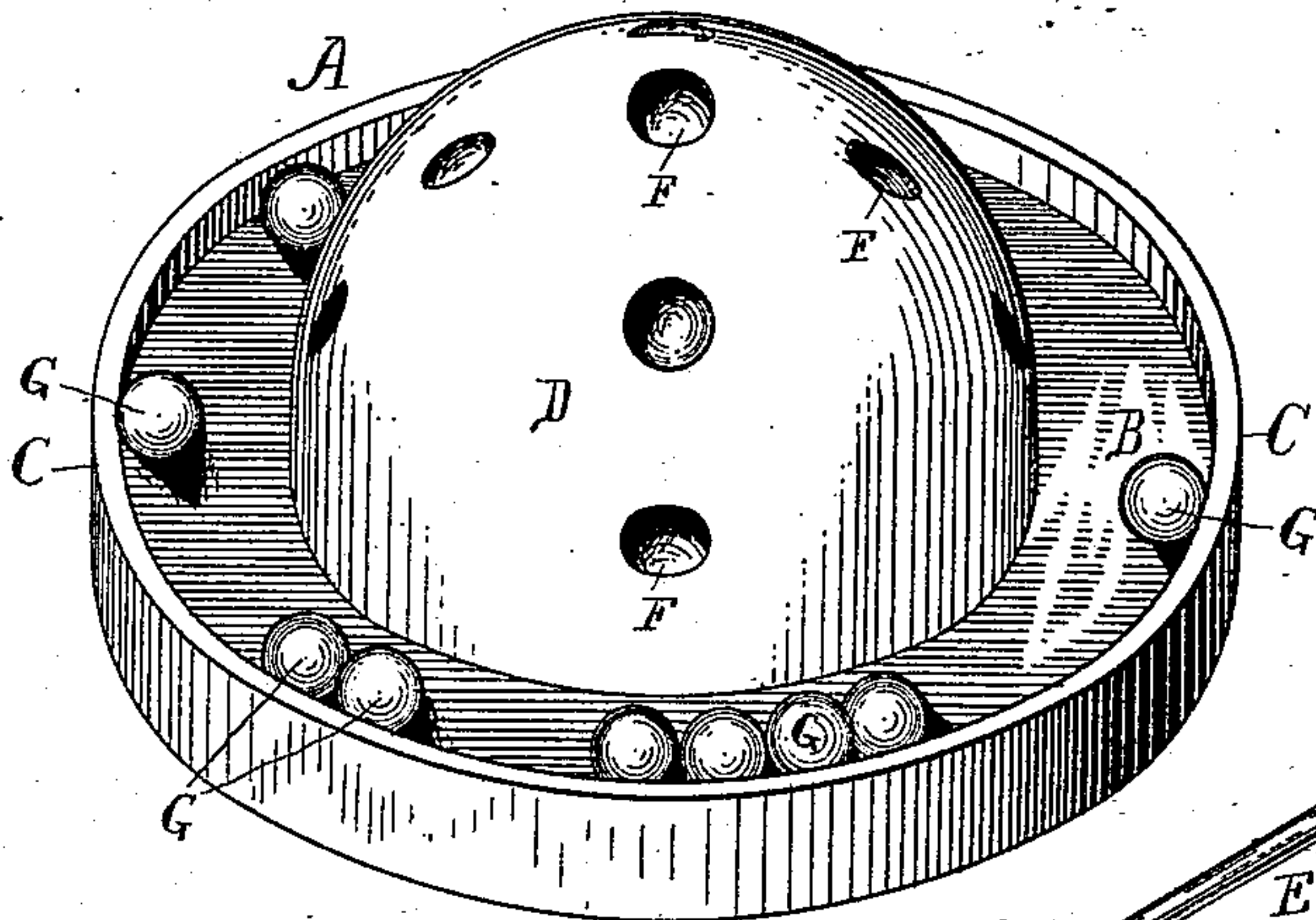


Fig 2

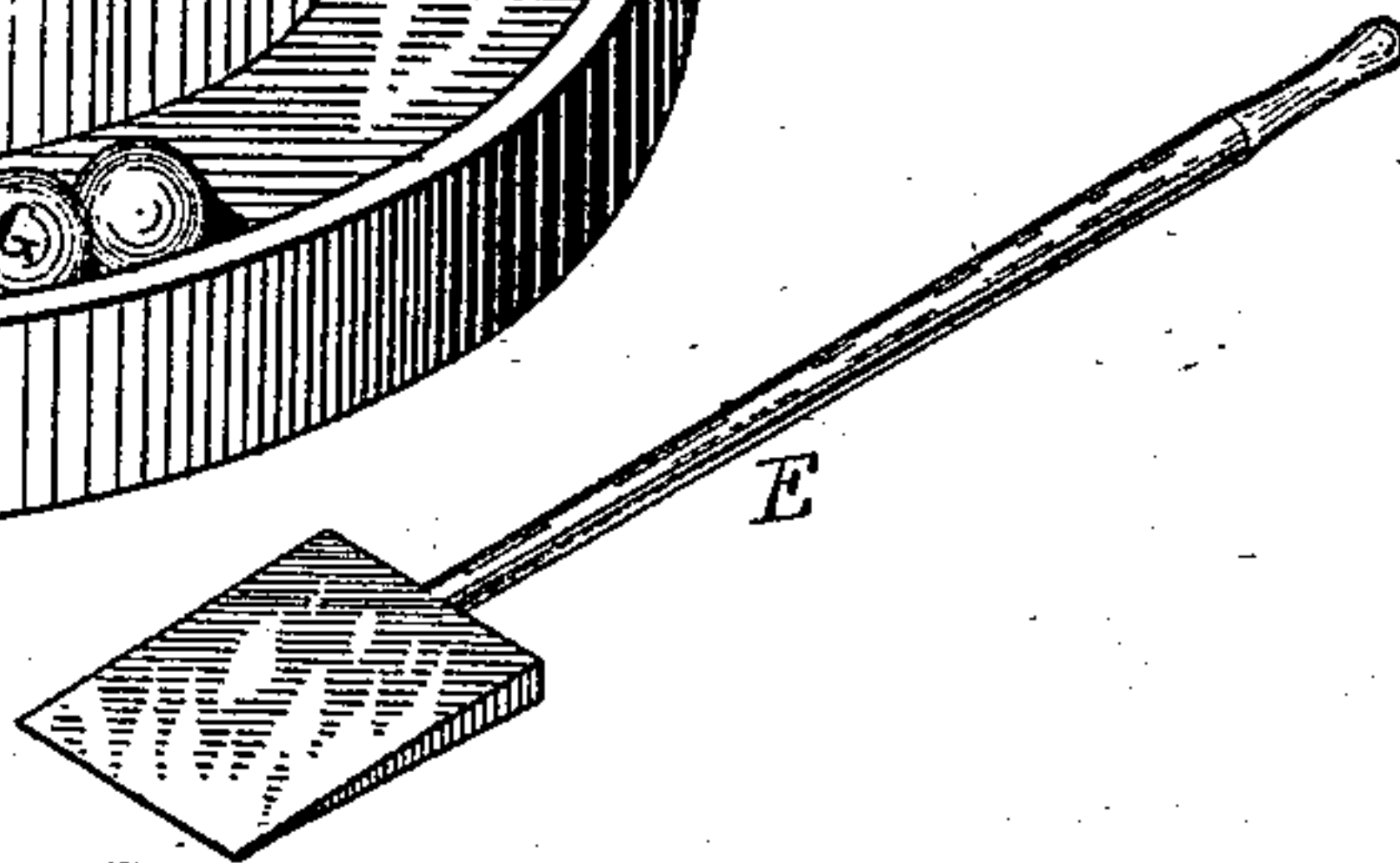
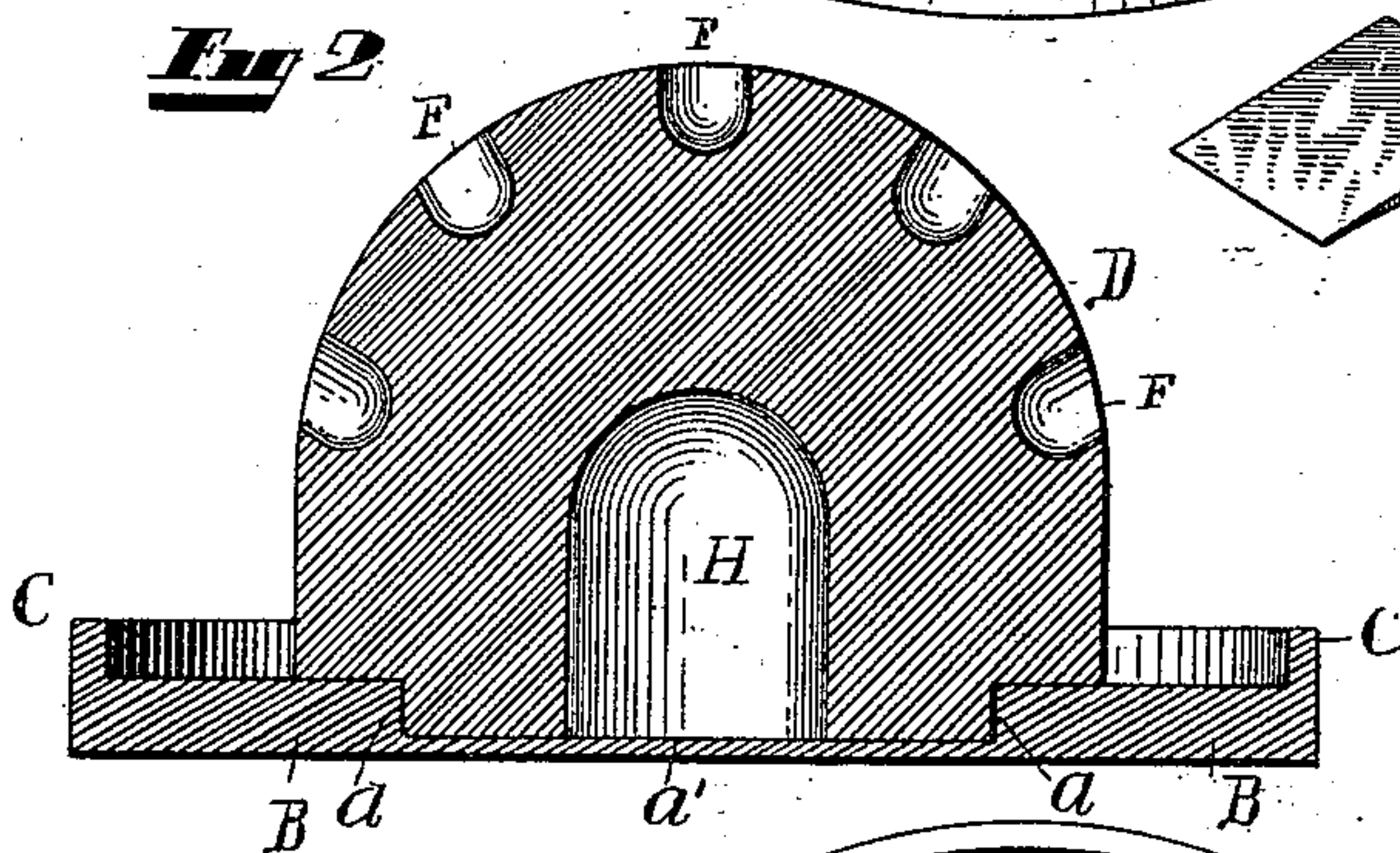
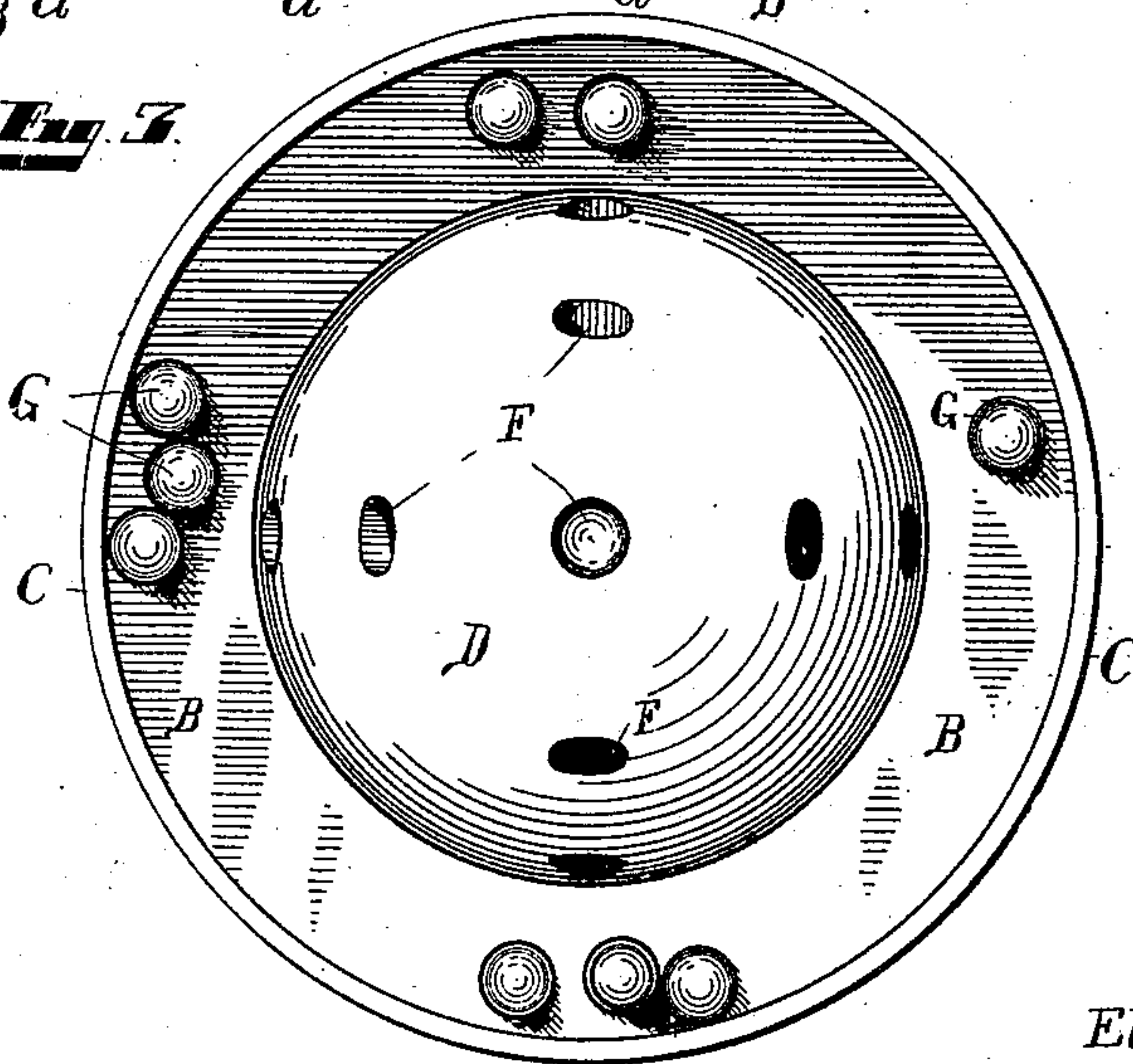


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH BENNETT, a subject of the Queen of England, of Kansas City, Wyandotte county, Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Puzzles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

10 My invention relates to toy puzzles to be used in parlors, &c.; and it consists in the novel construction hereinafter set forth and claimed.

15 In the drawings which illustrate the manner of carrying out my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, showing the spheres or balls lying loosely in the plate, with the spade E shown to one side, with which the balls or spheres are taken up and deposited 20 in the holes. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of my device, and Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the same.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A represents my invention made in the manner and 25 shape illustrated in Fig. 1; and it consists of a base B, which is provided with rim C. Said rim C is designed to keep the spheres G from falling away from the device.

30 D is an oval body secured centrally in plate or base B, said oval body D being provided with pockets F, which correspond in size and number to the balls or spheres used. There are nine of these pockets; also nine balls.

35 E is a spade, made in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, by which the spheres G are conducted to and deposited in pockets F.

40 Base B is mortised at its center to a sufficient depth to receive the oval body D and hold it in position, as illustrated in Fig. 2, *a* and *a'* showing the joints. H is a receptacle made in oval body D to contain the balls or spheres when not in use.

45 This puzzle or game is played in the following manner: The spheres or balls are laid

loosely within the rim, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The player then takes the spade E (using nothing else) and lifts and deposits the spheres or balls in the pockets. It will be found very difficult to do this when using the spade made 50 in the manner illustrated in the drawings.

More than one may play this game, and when such is the case each player is allowed a certain number of chances. Say, for instance, there are three playing and each is allowed six 55 chances. The first player takes the spade and after making his six attempts to safely store the balls in the pockets he passes the spade to the next player, who also makes his number of plays, putting in as many balls as he 60 can in the six plays allowed him. He then passes the spade to the third party, who goes through the same performance. Then the one who has succeeded in putting in the greatest number of balls, or, in other words, the 65 one who has made the fewest failures, wins the game.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as being new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 70

1. A game or puzzle composed of the base B, having rim C, oval body D, having pockets F, and a suitable number of spheres G, and spade E, to place the latter in the pockets, substantially as described. 75

2. A game or puzzle comprising the circular base B, having the rim C and the circular depression or mortise *a*, the oval body D, having the pockets F and having the base adapted to fit in the mortise *a* and removable therefrom, said body being further provided with the receptacle H, for the purpose set forth, the spheres G, and the spade E, all arranged and adapted to operate substantially as described. 80

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 85 presence of two witnesses.

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