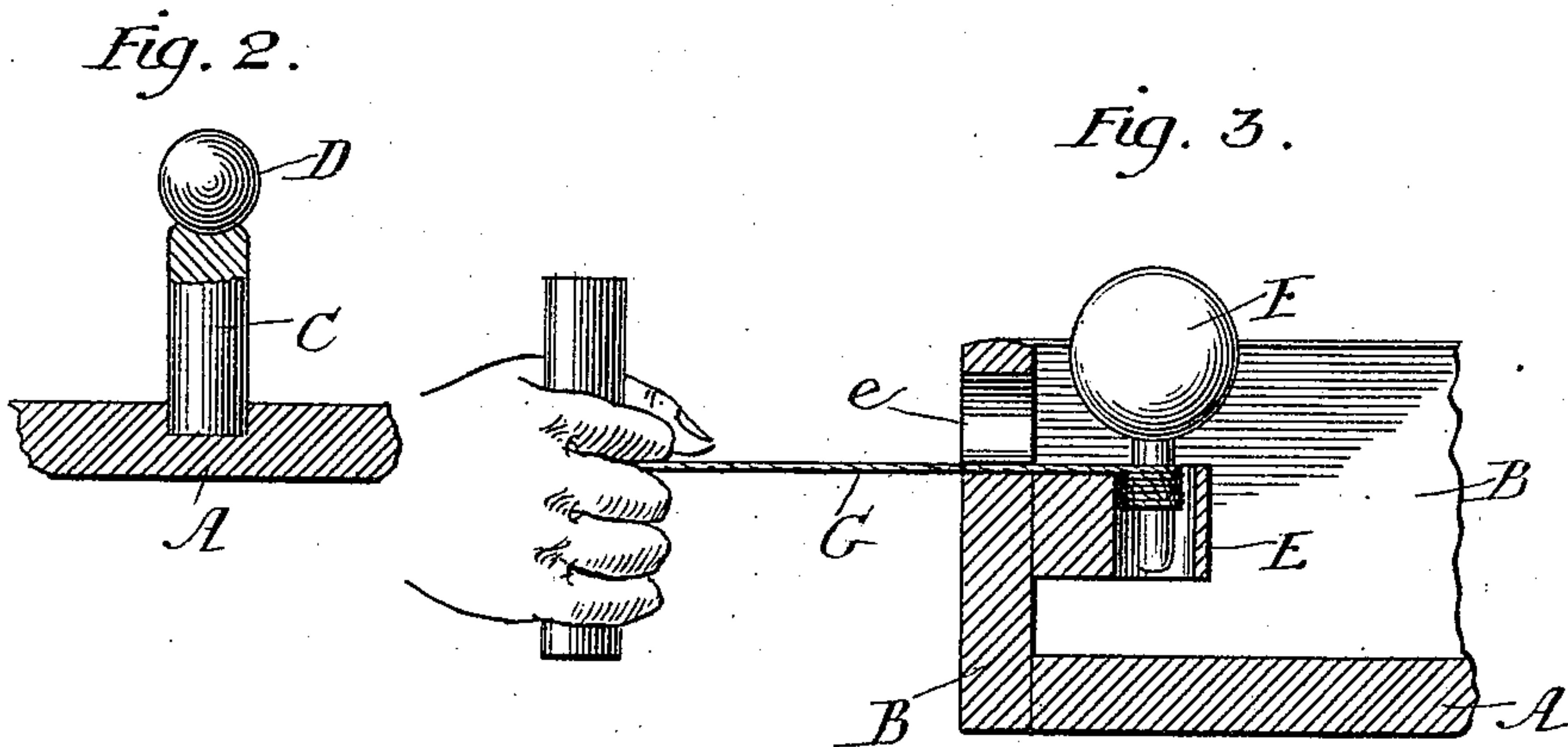
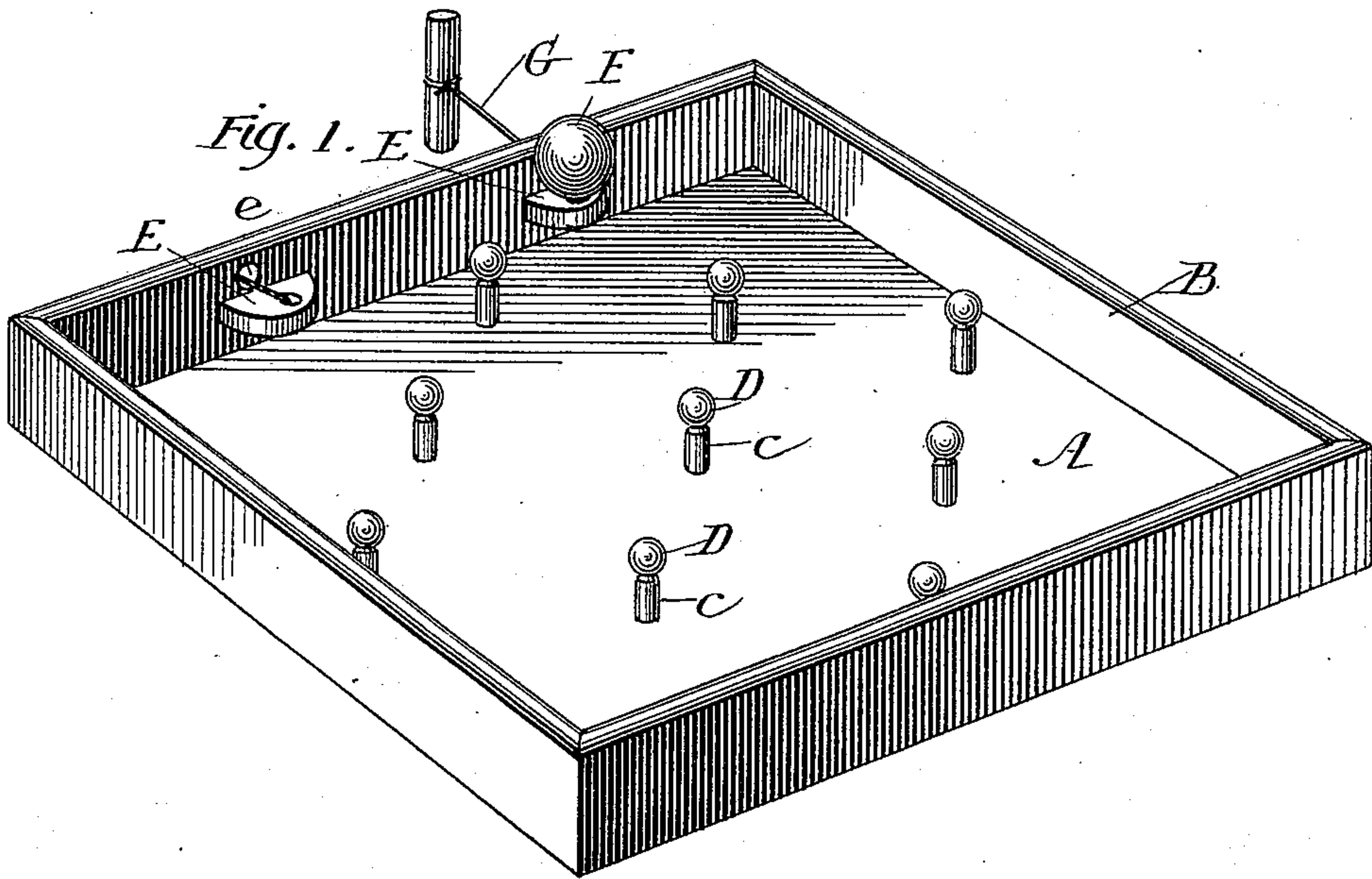


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NIKOLAUS REIZ, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through one post. Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the support for the top when being spun.

This invention relates to games. The object of my invention is to provide an improved game employing a spinning-top, which I accomplish as illustrated in the drawings, and as hereinafter described.

That which I claim as new will be pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, A represents a board having a wall B around its periphery. This board A may be made in any suitable form, the rectangular form shown being a very desirable form.

C represents a number of posts secured on the board A in any suitable arrangement, the arrangement shown in Fig. 1 being the best known to me.

D represents a number of balls or marbles placed one on the top of each post C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

E E represent two supports for the top F while being spun, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, one being placed near each end of one side of the wall B. The wall B is provided with a hole *e* at each support E for the passage of the string G, by which the top is spun.

The player winds the string G on the top F and places the top in one of the supports E, and, quickly pulling the string G, spins the top F, which will travel around the board A while spinning, and, striking the balls D, will knock them from the posts C, the object of the game being to knock off the largest possible number of balls D from the posts C. If desired, the posts may be numbered, and the game will then consist in knocking off mar-

bles from particular posts and making the largest amount possible by adding together the numbers of the posts from which the balls have been knocked. The balls D, which have been knocked off from the posts C, will roll about the board and will not interfere with the spinning of the top, while the posts C, which remain fixed, will cause the top to bound off at an angle whenever it strikes them.

Two supports E are employed located at opposite ends of one side of the board, so that the top may be spun either by the right hand or by the left, or two tops may be spun at the same time.

I am aware that game-boards have been heretofore used which employ a spinning-top, and I do not claim such construction, broadly; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game-board having a spinning-top, a series of stationary posts having their upper ends provided with ball-seats and a series of unattached balls adapted to loosely rest in the ball-seats on the posts and be detached therefrom to roll on the board by the top striking the posts, whereby the balls will roll and not obstruct the top while spinning, substantially as described.

2. A game consisting of a game-board having one side provided with a pair of top-supports and an orifice coincident with each support, a spinning-top adapted to be spun on either support, a series of posts secured immovably on the board and having ball-seats at their upper ends, and a series of unattached balls adapted to loosely rest in the ball-seats on the posts and be detached therefrom to roll on the board by the top striking the posts, so that the balls will roll and not obstruct the top while spinning, substantially as described.

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