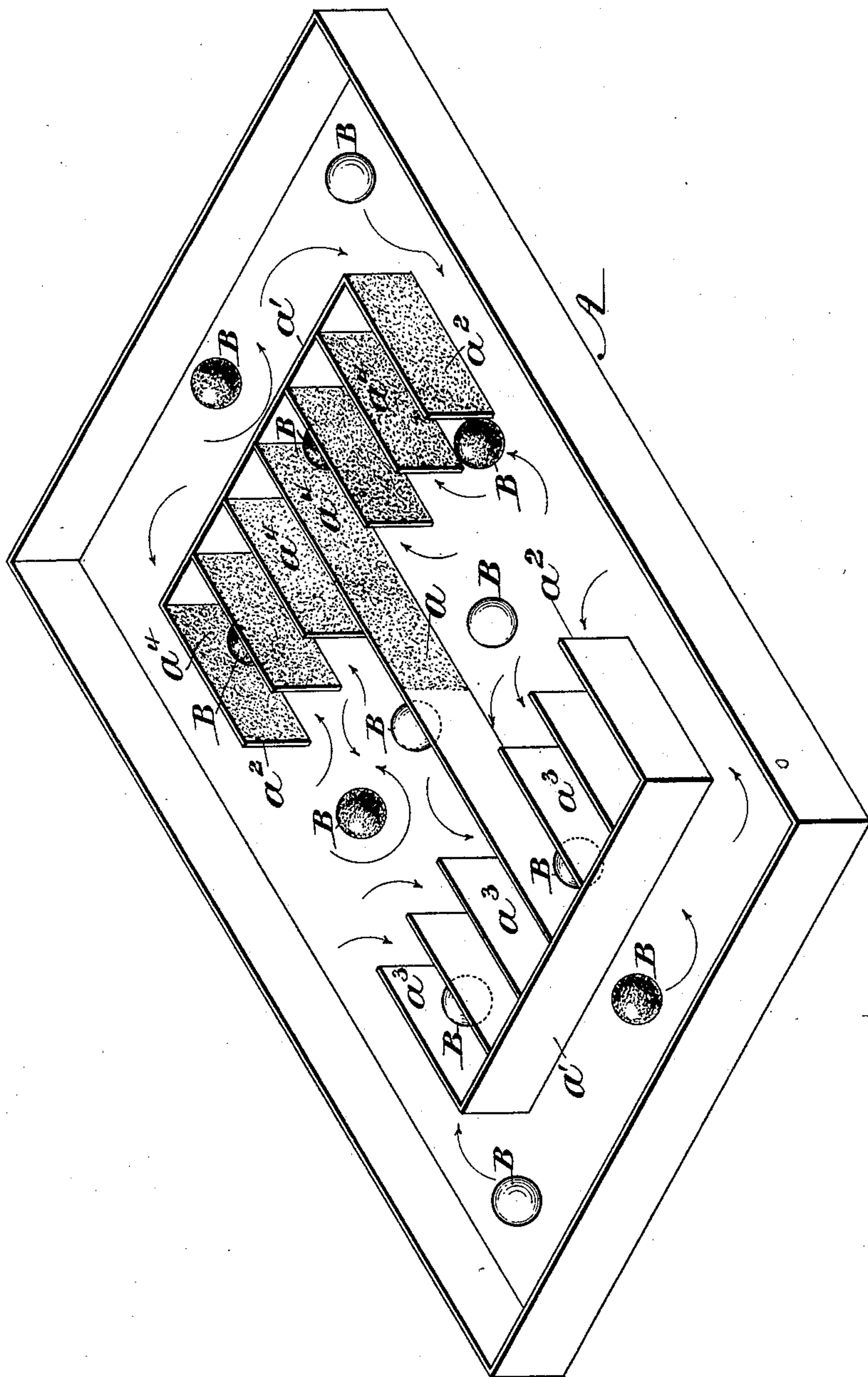


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. DOBBS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Collingswood, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games or Puzzles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

10 The nature of this invention is a novel and entertaining game or puzzle, which I purpose to style the "Wild West Stables or Mustang Ponies."

15 Generally stated, it comprises a box or receptacle provided with two opposite divided series of compartments, termed "stalls," in combination with a number of marbles or balls, termed "ponies," freely contained within the box and designed to be respectively collected within the individual stalls, as will hereinafter more clearly appear.

20 In the annexed drawing, which is a perspective view of my invention, A represents a shallow box of any proper shape or configuration. It is provided with a longitudinal central partition a , of less length than the box, and at each end of the partition with a transverse partition a' , of less length than the width of the box. Extending inward from 30 these end partitions, parallel with each other and with the partition a , are a number of partitions a^2 , which are disposed at regular intervals apart, so as to form two divided series of opposite compartments $a^3 a^4$. These 35 compartments I call "stalls," and the two series thereof are suitably distinguished from each other—that is to say, one series is one color while the other series is a different color. In the present instance there are in 40 all twelve stalls.

45 B represents marbles or balls, each of a suitable size to roll freely into, within, or out of any compartment in the box. These marbles or balls I term "ponies," and they are equal in number to the stalls. One half of the ponies are colored similarly to one set of stalls, while the remaining half are colored similarly to the other set of stalls. The aim

is to "stable" all the ponies in the correspondingly-colored stalls, only one pony being allowed in each stall. This is effected by properly manipulating the box, tipping it this way and that way, so as to cause the ponies to roll in the proper directions.

I claim as my invention—

1. The game or puzzle device comprising the box or receptacle provided with stalls or compartments arranged in opposite parallel rows or series, each series divided by a central partition which is common to and forms 60 a part of both said series, together with a number of marbles or the like contained within the box or receptacle, substantially as described.

2. The box or receptacle provided with 65 stalls or compartments arranged in opposite parallel rows or series, each series divided by a central partition which is common to and forms a part of both said series, and the latter suitably distinguished from each other, as described, in combination with two sets of balls 70 or the like, which are also distinguished from each other and correspond in number with said stalls or compartments, respectively, substantially as set forth. 75

3. The box or receptacle provided with the transverse end partitions a' and the partitions a^2 , extending inwardly therefrom at regular intervals apart to form two opposite parallel rows or series of stalls or compartments, and provided with the longitudinal partition interposed centrally between said end partitions to divide each series of stalls or compartments and form a part of the same, in combination with the two series of balls 85 freely contained within the box and equal in number to said stalls or compartments, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature this 27th day of March, 90 A. D. 1890.

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