

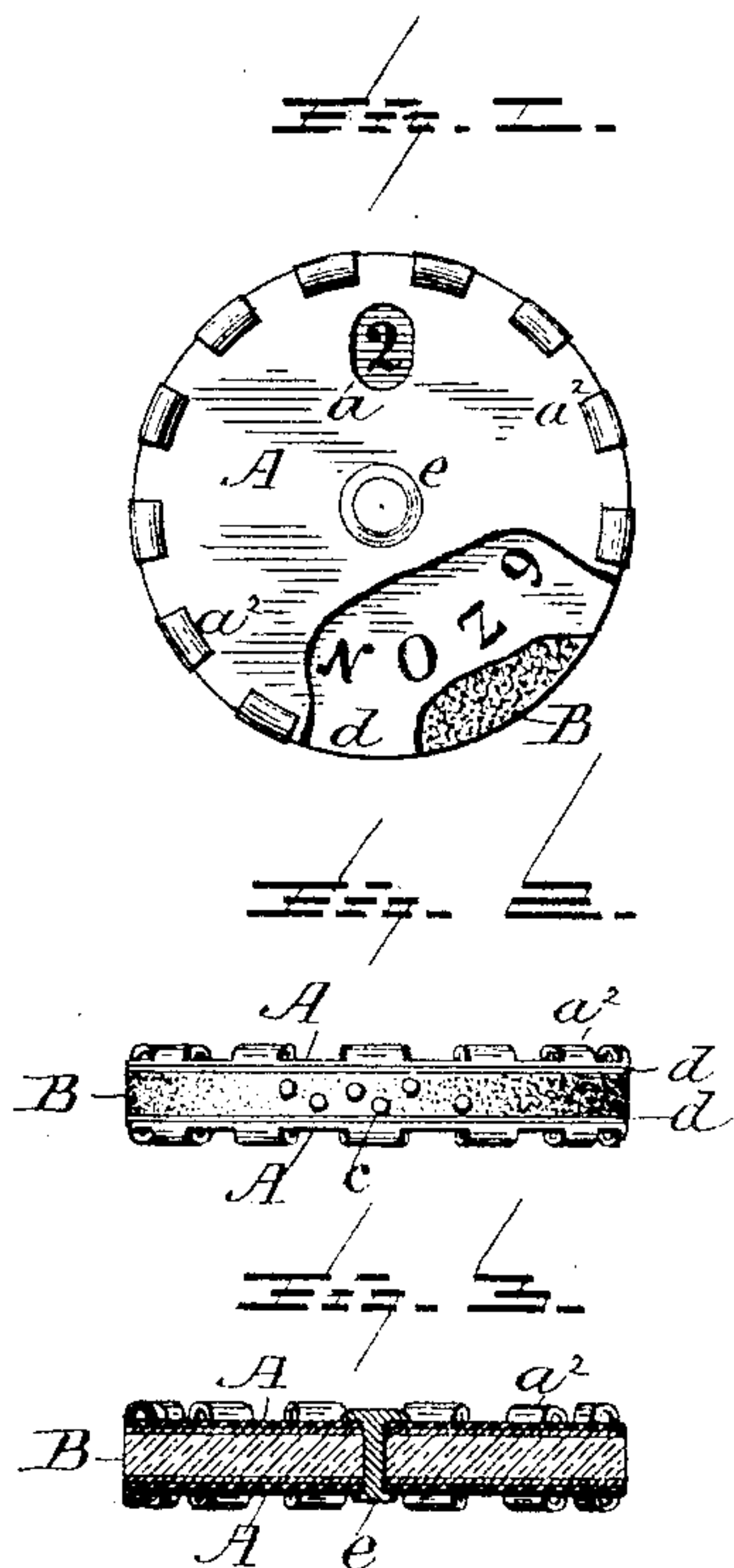
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT W. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Game-Counter and Pincushion Combined, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates mainly to devices used to keep tally of games; and the object of my improvement is to produce a simple and inexpensive device of that nature and have it adapted for use also as a pin-case, and of such size as to be conveniently carried in a person's pocket. I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of a game-counter and pin-case constructed in accordance with my invention, the top of the device being partly broken away to show its construction. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section of the same.

In said drawings, A represents a top and bottom disk, preferably of thin sheet metal, as tinned sheet-iron, or of brass, which may be nickel-plated, and between said disks is placed a thick disk of felt B, or of other suitable material, that can be easily pierced with pins *c*, inserted in its periphery. The top and the bottom of the disk B is coated with a disk of paper *d* or other suitable material, made to adhere thereto with paste or cement, and upon said paper a circular row or rows of figures, letters, or numbers are printed to be used in recording games, and one of said numbers, as 2 in Fig. 1, is exposed to view through an opening *a*, made in the top disk A and eccentric thereto. The bottom disk A is also generally provided with an opening, as *a*, to expose one of the successive numbers or letters printed upon the bottom disk of paper *d*. The disks A B *d* are secured together by a rivet *e* or other well-known fastener passing through their center, and around which the disks can be revolved. To facili-

tate their revolution, the top and bottom disks A have their peripheries milled or provided with projections *a*<sup>2</sup>, extending from their edge or their top. The opening *a* in one of the disks A can be made of any suitable size or form to expose one or more of the printed characters, and thus the device may be used to record two or more different games.

In place of having the middle disk of felt, it may be made of open texture or spongy pasteboard, paper, &c., upon which the figures or numerals can be printed.

When employed as a game-counter, the person using it grasps the felt and lower disk between the fingers and thumb of one hand while he revolves the upper disk A with the thumb and finger of the other hand until the proper figure or numeral appears through the opening *a*.

Although the disks A are preferably of sheet metal, they can be made of wood, pasteboard, celluloid, &c., and names of games and advertisements can be printed thereon, and in some cases one of the disks A may be dispensed with.

Having now fully described my invention, I claim—

1. A game-counter and pin-case combined, consisting of two rigid disks provided with projections on their periphery, an opening in their top and eccentric thereto, a central disk of open texture material having a circular row of figures thereon, and a central fastening uniting them, substantially as described.

2. A game-counter and pin-case combined, consisting of two rigid disks having eccentric openings therein, a central disk of felt or texture material, paper disks secured thereto and having figures thereon, and a rivet centrally uniting all the disks, substantially as described.

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

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