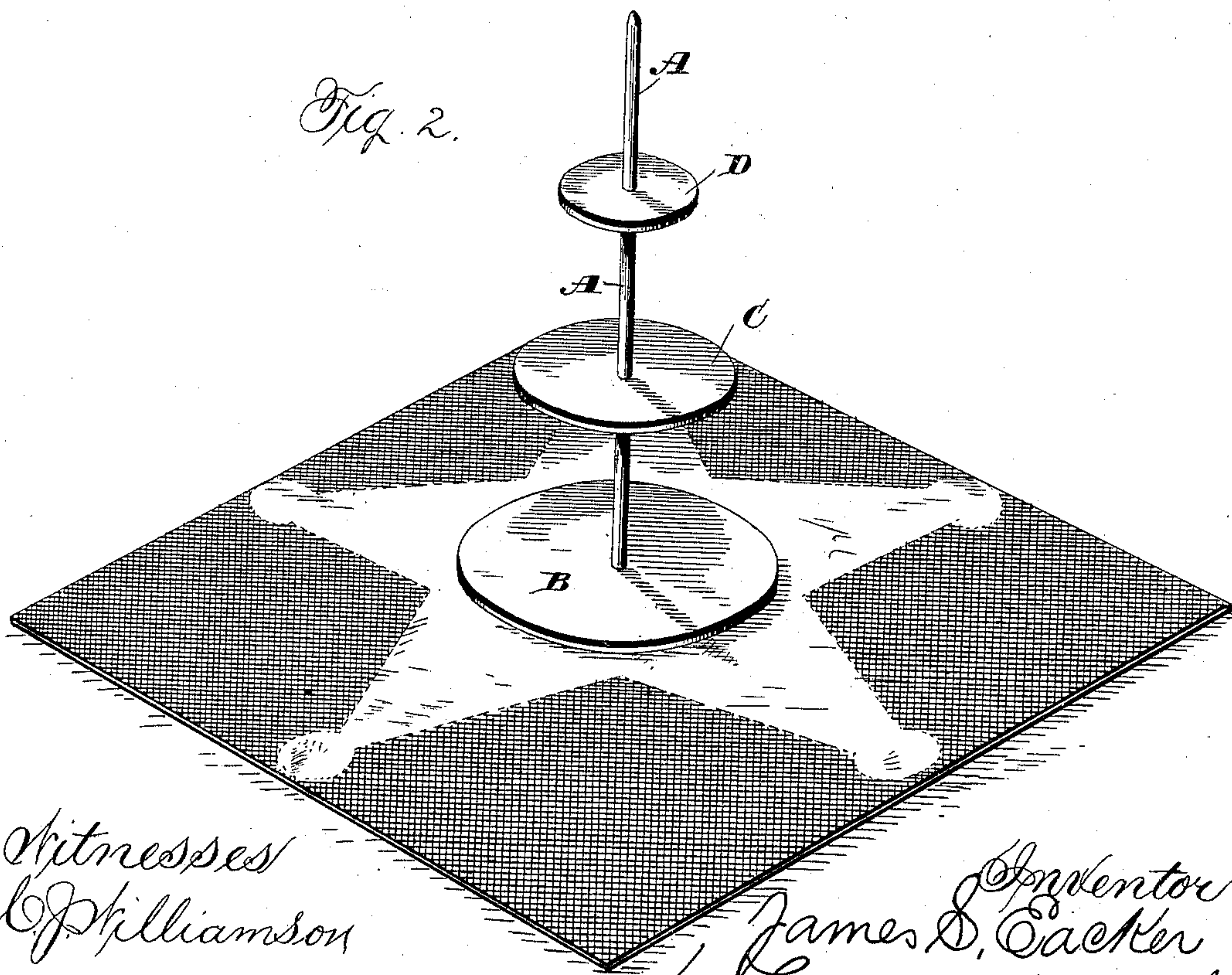
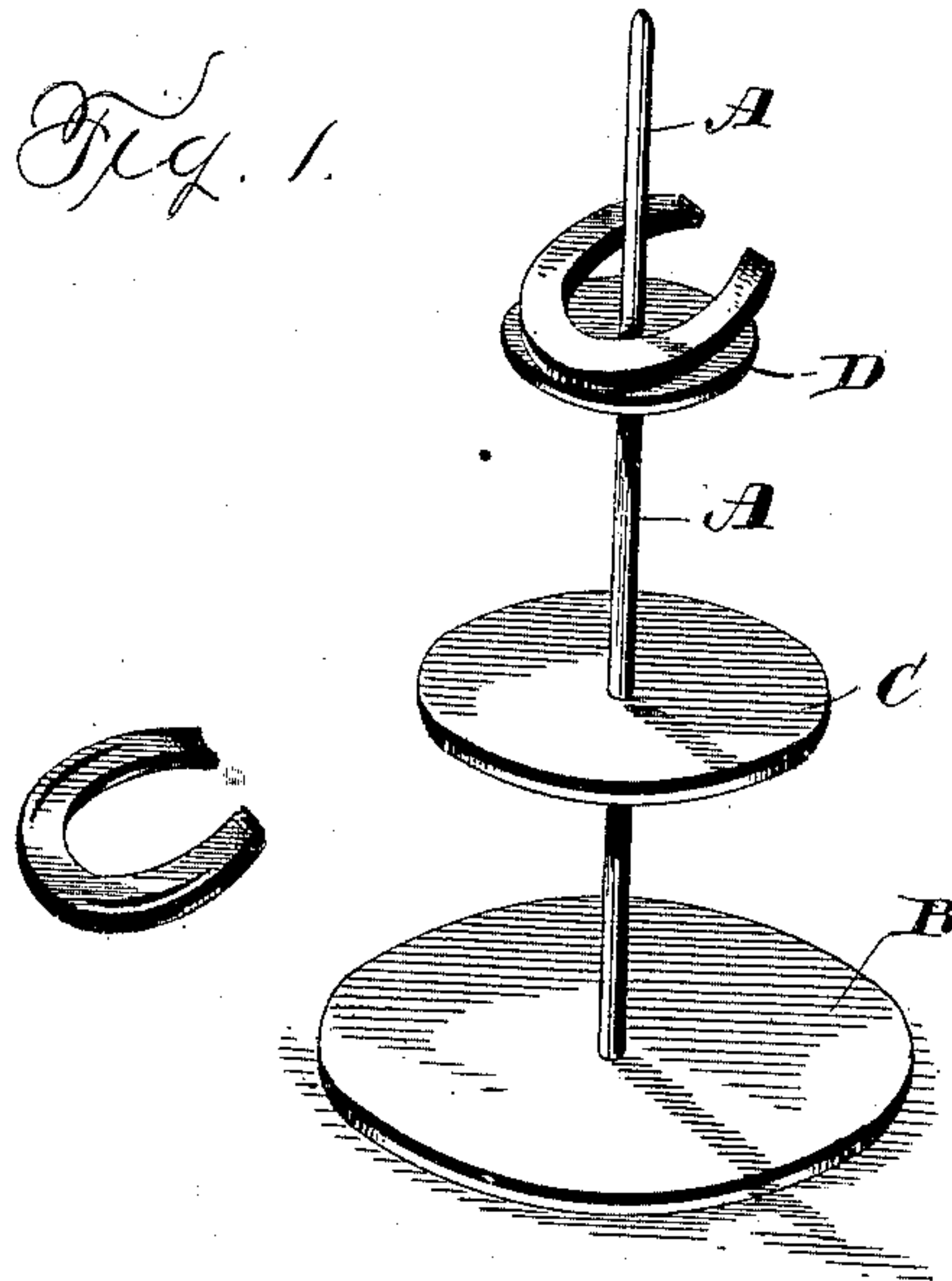


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES S. EACKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fultonville, in the county of Montgomery and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in game apparatus; and it has for its object to provide a simple and interesting game apparatus which is adapted to be played by two or more persons upon an ordinary parlor-table.

To this end and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the peculiar construction of the apparatus used, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, like letters of reference indicating like parts throughout the several views, and in which drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the standard with its attached disks. Fig. 2 is a like view, in which the standard is shown as in place upon the star.

The standard A consists of an upright post or rod having a broad and substantial base portion B with horizontal disks or platforms C D. Two or more of these platforms may be used, as desired, and the diameters of the several platforms should vary, each succeeding platform, as the upper end of the standard is approached, being of less diameter than the disk or platform beneath.

The players are seated at the sides of the table, each being provided with an equal number of curved objects resembling miniature horseshoes. The game consists in pitching or throwing the horseshoes so as to cause the same, if possible, to catch upon the standard. The upper disk being the smaller, it follows that it will be far more difficult to cause the shoe to encircle the standard above the upper disk than it would at the next disk

below, &c.; and hence when the player has succeeded in encircling the standard at a point which will permit the shoe to rest upon the upper disk or platform, as shown in the drawings, he will be entitled to a greater number of points than he would be entitled to in case the shoe should rest upon the next lower platform or disk, and in case several disks are employed the number of points scored by the player in case of a successful throw in which the shoe is made to encircle the standard would depend entirely upon the particular platform upon which the shoe rests.

It is at once evident that the game may be played by any number of persons and that the game may be governed by any system or series of rules which may be agreed upon by the players as to the number of points necessary to score in order to win the game, the order in which the players are to act, &c.

A very interesting and amusing modification of the game consists in placing the standard upon a star, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. In this case it may be held that in case a shoe thrown by a player should fall upon any of the points of the star they may be considered as dead, or out of the game, unless they should be moved from the point by accident in throwing subsequent shoes.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game apparatus comprising segmental rings and an upright rod or standard provided with a series of horizontal disks or platforms, with the upper end of the rod or standard projecting beyond the uppermost disk, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A game apparatus comprising segmental rings and an upright or standard having a base portion and provided at intervals of its height with disks or platforms of varying diameters, with the upper end of the standard projecting beyond the upper disk, and a mat with a star designated thereon, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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