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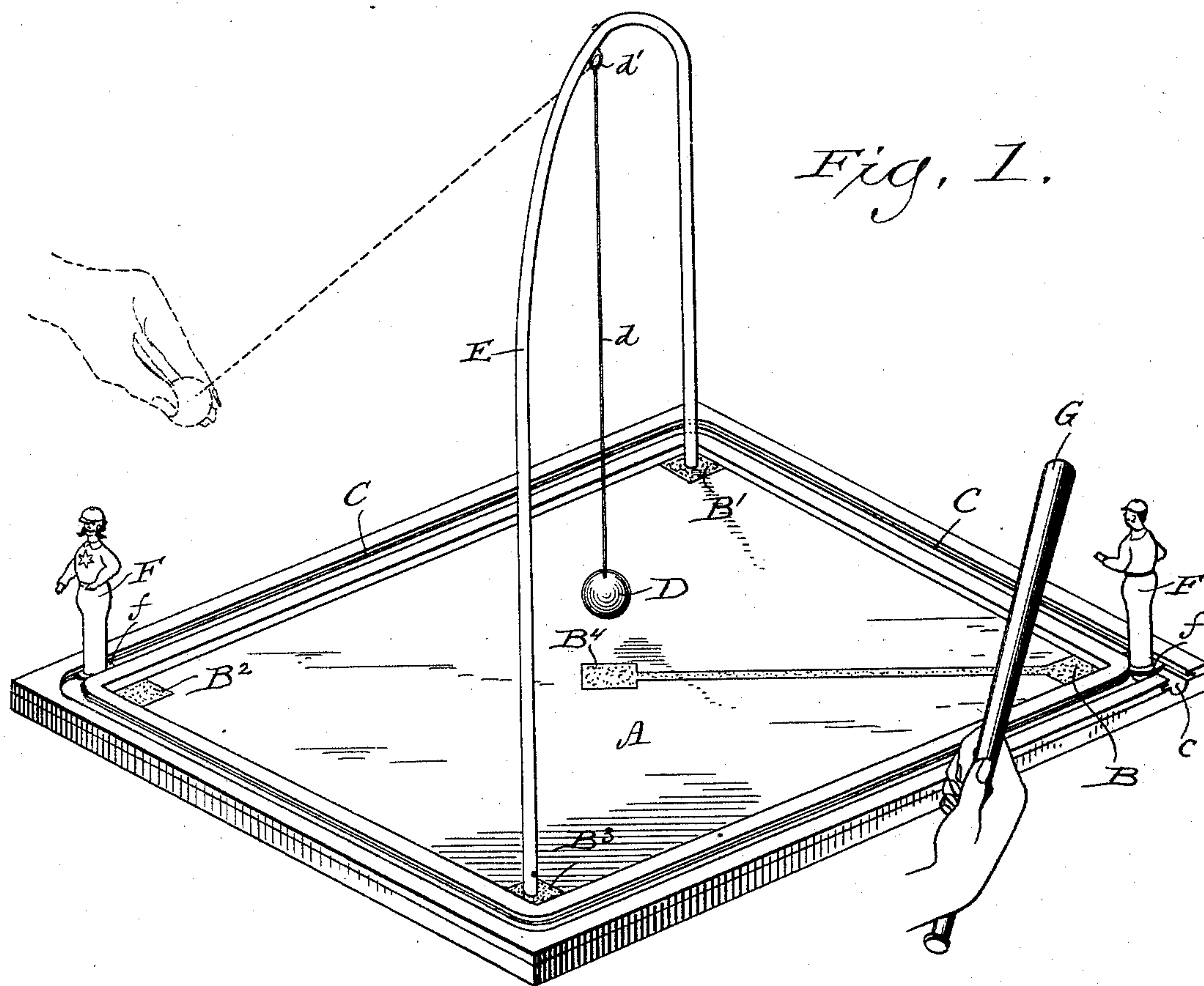
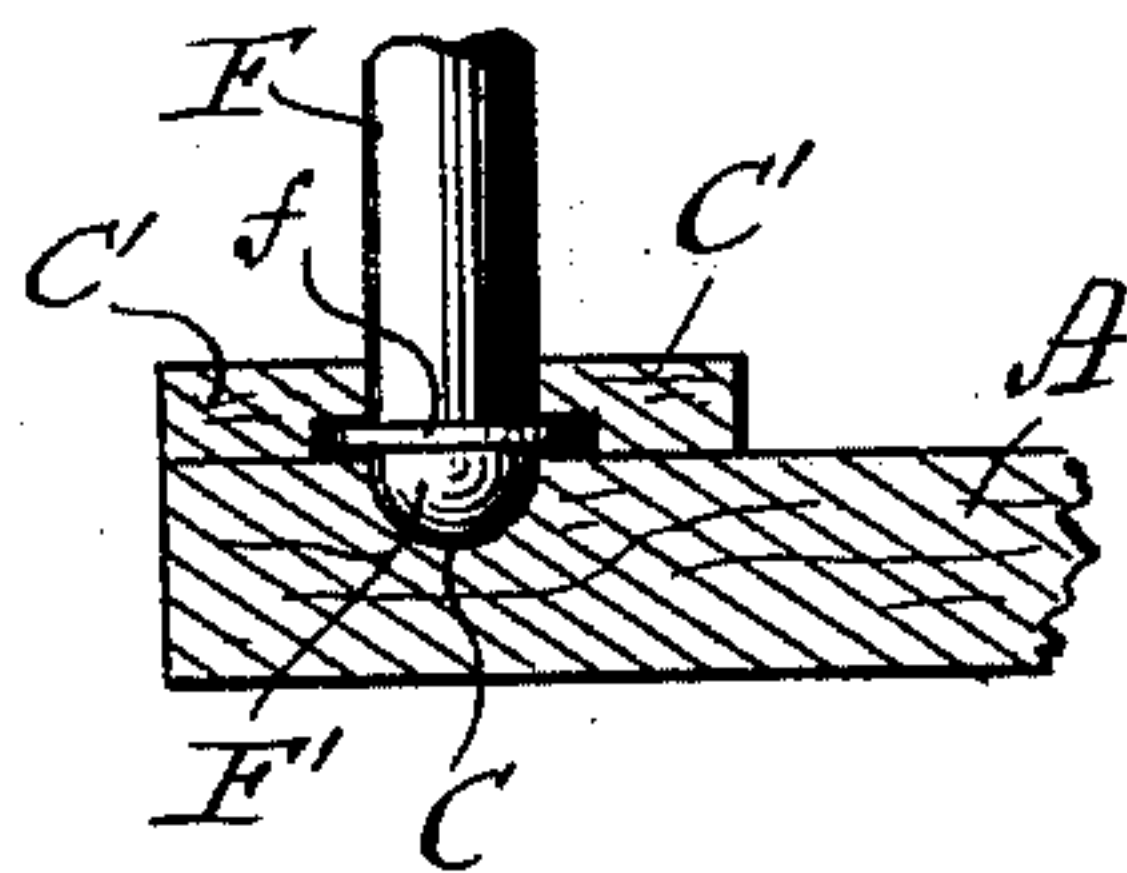


Fig. 2.



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GAME-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK O'CARROLL, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the
5 county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

10 My invention relates to a game apparatus; and it consists in the matters hereinafter described, and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating
15 my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game apparatus constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the parts.

In said drawings, A represents a board provided with representations of the different
20 bases of a base-ball ground, as at B, B', B², and B³, and of the pitcher's station at B⁴. Around the margins of the board A is arranged a suitable representation of the base-line, which extends from one base to another. A ball D is
25 suspended above the central part of the board A in any suitable manner, as by a cord d, preferably of elastic material and secured at its upper end to an arch or hoop E, as at d'.

30 A number of movable objects F F, preferably made in representation of men, is provided, and these movable objects are suitably constructed to adapt them to be moved along the base-line or course C. I prefer to form a
35 groove or channel along this line or course, as illustrated in the drawings, and to construct the lower portions of the movable objects so as to engage with said groove and to maintain said objects in vertical position. This is con-
40 veniently accomplished by means of the construction illustrated more particularly in Fig. 2, in which the track or groove is provided with overhanging strips or flanges C' C', and the lower parts of the objects F F are provided
45 with lateral flanges f f, adapted to engage beneath said overhanging strips or flanges C' C'. As also illustrated in Fig. 2, the lower ends of said objects F F are preferably made round, the groove in the outer margins of the board
50 being of a similar shape. The groove is pref-

erably curved at the corners of the board, as shown, so as to facilitate the movement of the objects F F past said corners.

One or more bats G are provided for use by the players in the manner to be hereinafter
55 described.

At one corner of the board, preferably at or near the home-base B, the groove C is extended to the outside of the board, so as to permit of the placing of the objects F F in or their re-
60 moval from the groove C.

My game apparatus is used as follows: Any number of players seat themselves about the board A, one of the number being appointed as pitcher. One of the other players takes
65 the bat. The pitcher draws back the ball D, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and delivers the ball toward the home-base in the ordinary manner of playing base-ball. The player having the bat endeavors to strike the ball and
70 if successful moves his man F, which he has placed in position in the groove, as shown in Fig. 1, before commencing to play, toward the first base B'. The pitcher endeavors to catch the ball and to touch the man before he has
75 reached the first base B', and if successful the player whose man has been touched by the ball is considered "out." If the man has reached the base B', another player takes his
80 place and adjusts his man in position, as before described. The pitcher delivers the ball, as before, the player at the bat endeavoring to strike the ball, and the player whose man is on first base endeavoring to advance him to second base. In this manner the game pro-
85 ceeds, as in the regular game of base-ball, and, if desired, may be governed by the same rules as the regular game.

In order to prevent the players from being able to move the men too quickly from one
90 base to another, the lower flanged portions of said men are arranged to fit loosely in the groove C, so that a quick movement of the man will cause it to tilt to one side, thereby causing the flange f to bind in the groove be-
95 tween the board and the overhanging strips or flanges C' C'. This necessitates a careful and steady movement of the man from one base to another and renders the chances of the players more nearly equal.

The game may obviously be played by any desired number of players, who may choose sides or may play independently, as desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The herein-described game apparatus, comprising a board provided with representations of the several bases of a base-ball ground, one or more movable objects adapted to be moved from one base to another, and a ball suspended above the central portion of the board and adapted to be swung or moved into a position to touch any one of the bases or movable objects, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. A game apparatus comprising a board provided with representations of the several bases of a base-ball ground, a peripheral

groove or track extending from one of said bases to another, a ball suspended above the central portion of the board by means of an elastic cord attached to an arch or hoop, and one or more movable objects adapted to be removably engaged with said peripheral groove or track and to be moved from base to base about the board, the construction being such as to enable the ball to be swung or moved into a position to touch either of the bases or movable objects, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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