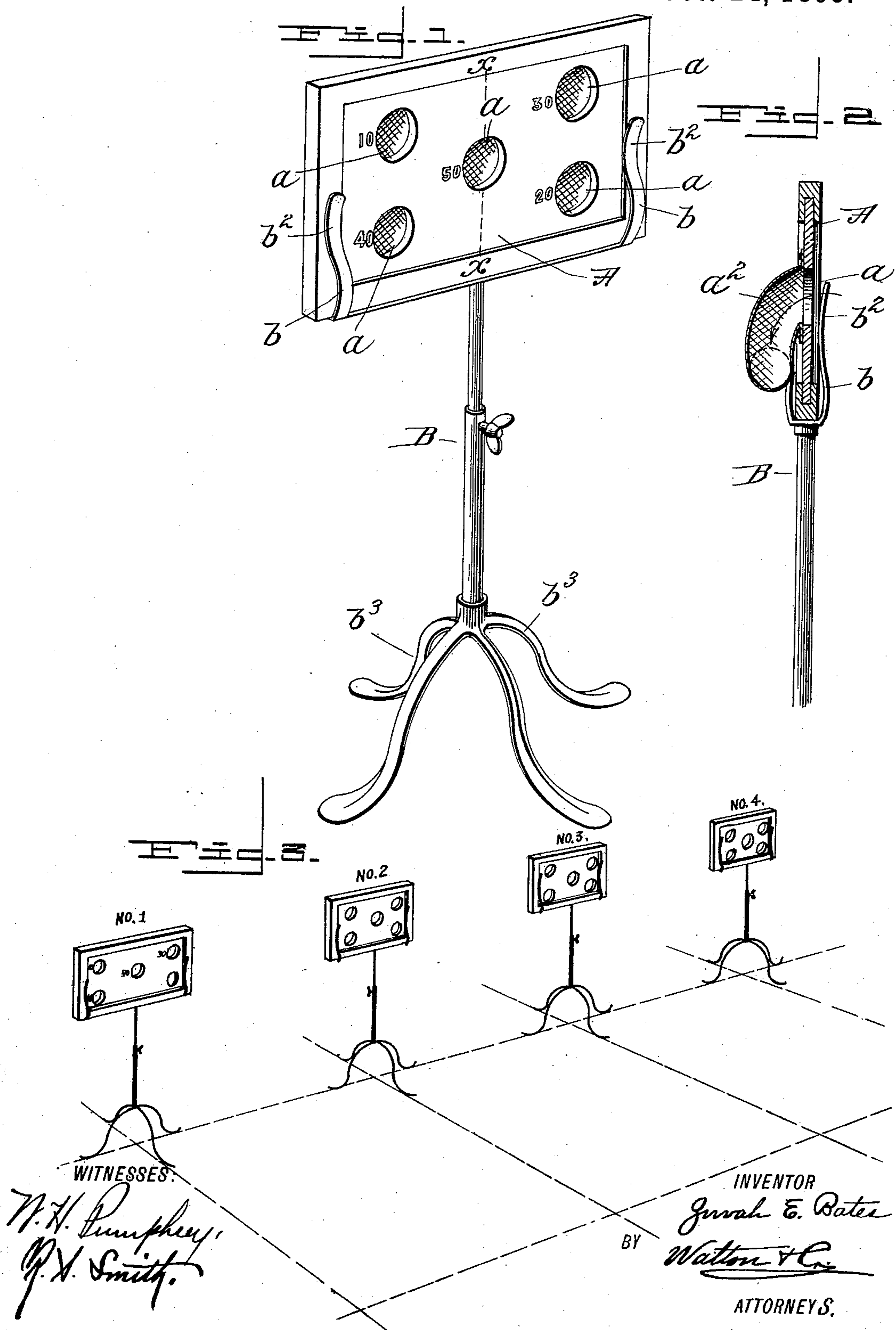


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZERVAH E. BATES, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in "game apparatus."

The object of the invention is to provide a novel apparatus, that shall prove attractive, amusing, and interesting to children, a further object being to adopt suitable rules by which the game may be played progressively thus affording opportunity for competition between skilled players.

With these objects in view, the invention resides essentially in any form of target provided with a series of openings or pockets, which may be numbered to represent points of the game and suitable missiles such as rubber, wood, or the ordinary base balls for throwing at the openings in the target.

The invention finally comprises various novel details of construction to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like letters indicate corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing one form of device embodying my invention and which is particularly adapted for indoor use. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view showing the preferred arrangement of a series of parts for use in the progressive game.

In the drawings: A— indicates the target, preferably rectangular in form and provided with a series of openings a — each of which is numbered and represents according to its value, so many points of the game, the aggregate representing the amount to be attained by the winner. On the rear face of the target pockets a^2 — are secured and adapted to receive the balls as they are thrown through the openings.

Referring to Fig. 1 —B— is a supporting standard which has secured at or adjacent

the upper end thereof a U-shaped clamp —b— formed by the oppositely curved spring fingers — b^2 — between which latter the target is adapted to be placed and securely held by the clamping action of the same. The lower end of this standard may be provided with any form of weighted base or as in Fig. 1— with outwardly curved legs — b^3 —.

While the game is especially designed for children's amusement, it may be readily arranged to prove of interest to older people. Thus, assuming that there are eight players, partners are chosen and with the targets placed, as in Fig. 4, the players then take their positions, that is, one couple at each target—and, as in lawn tennis, one stands a determined distance from the target and serves or throws the balls and endeavors to put them through the openings and into the pockets while the other standing in the rear, returns them. The first couple to score one hundred and fifty points advances to the next highest target in order, as in any of the well known progressive games, and the players in possession of such target, if they also have one hundred and fifty points, advance similarly. If not they return to the first or lowest target. The players scoring at target No. 4 are the winners, six hundred points being the game.

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

A game apparatus, comprising a lower vertically adjustable standard having oppositely curved spring clamps at its upper end and a flaring base at its lower end, a rectangular shaped board adjustably held between said clamps, numbered round shaped apertures near the corners and at the center of the board, pockets attached to the rear side of the board over the apertures, and suitable missiles adapted for being thrown through said apertures, substantially as described and set forth.

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

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