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APPARATUS FOR PLAYING GAMES.

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Fig. 1.

1895 FEBRUARY 1895						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
					32 <sup>1</sup>	33 <sup>2</sup>
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41 <sup>10</sup>	42 <sup>11</sup>	43 <sup>12</sup>	44 <sup>13</sup>	45 <sup>14</sup>	46 <sup>15</sup>	47 <sup>16</sup>
48 <sup>17</sup>	49 <sup>18</sup>	50 <sup>19</sup>	51 <sup>20</sup>	52 <sup>21</sup>	53 <sup>22</sup>	54 <sup>23</sup>
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Fig. 9.

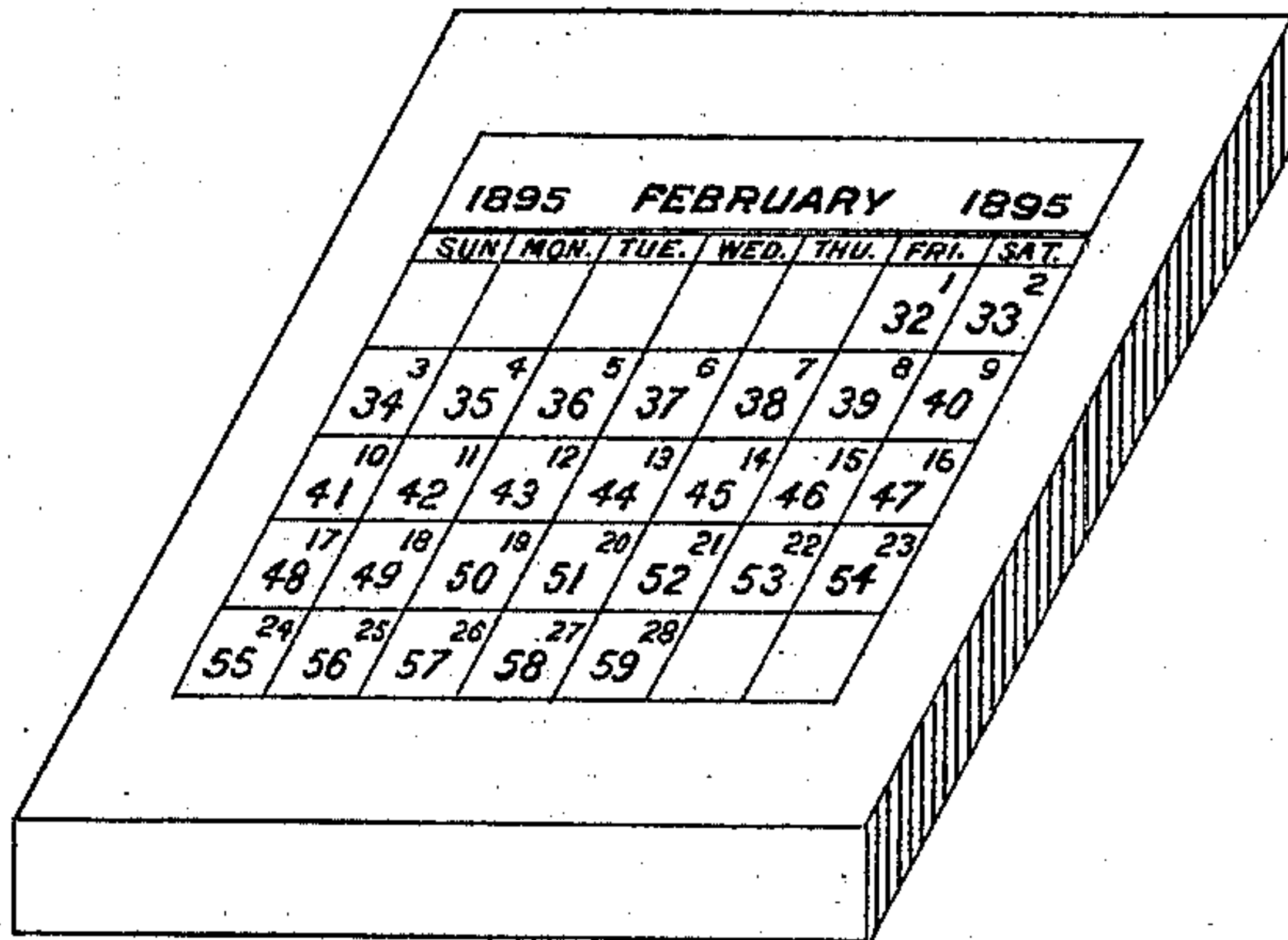


Fig. 10.

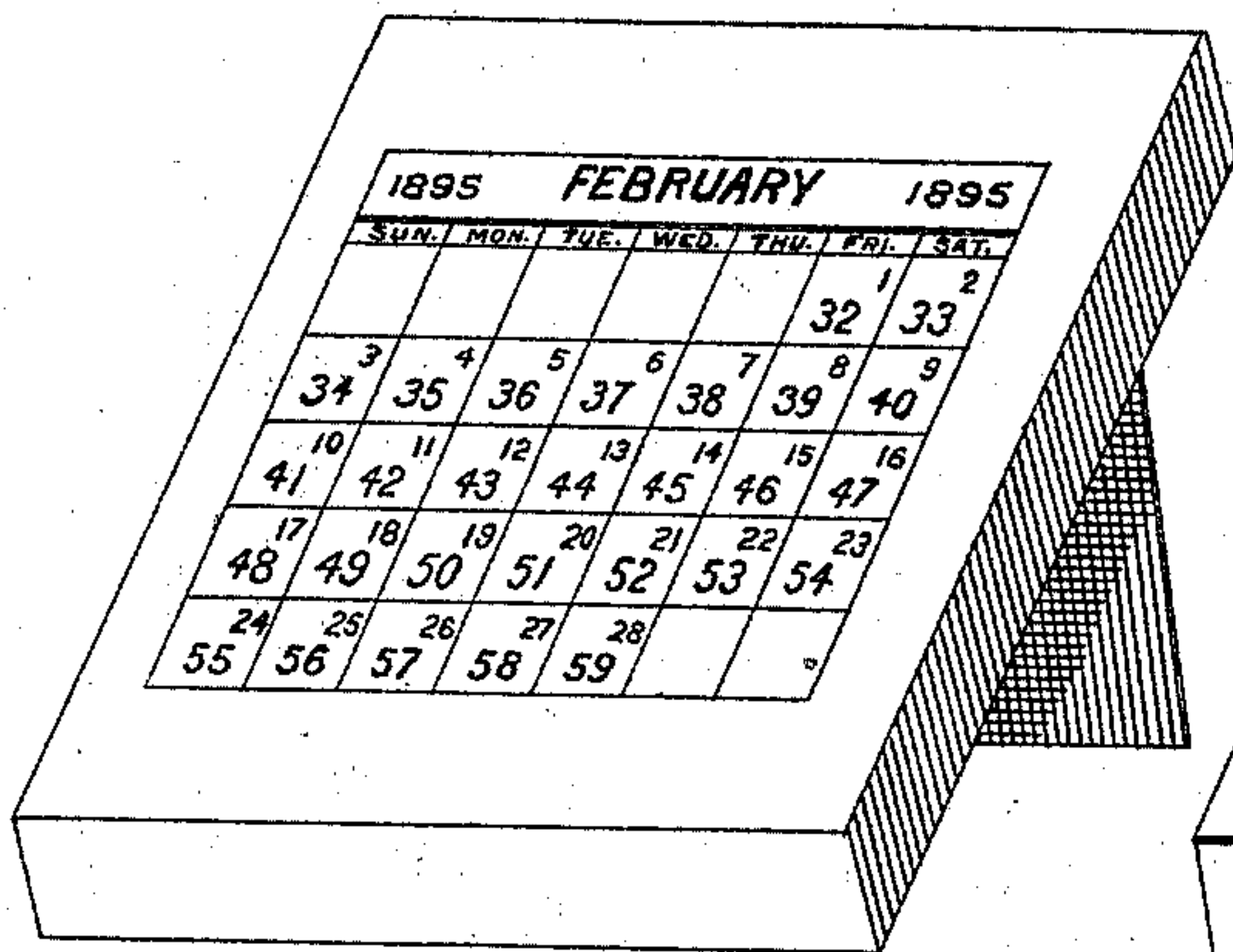


Fig. 11.

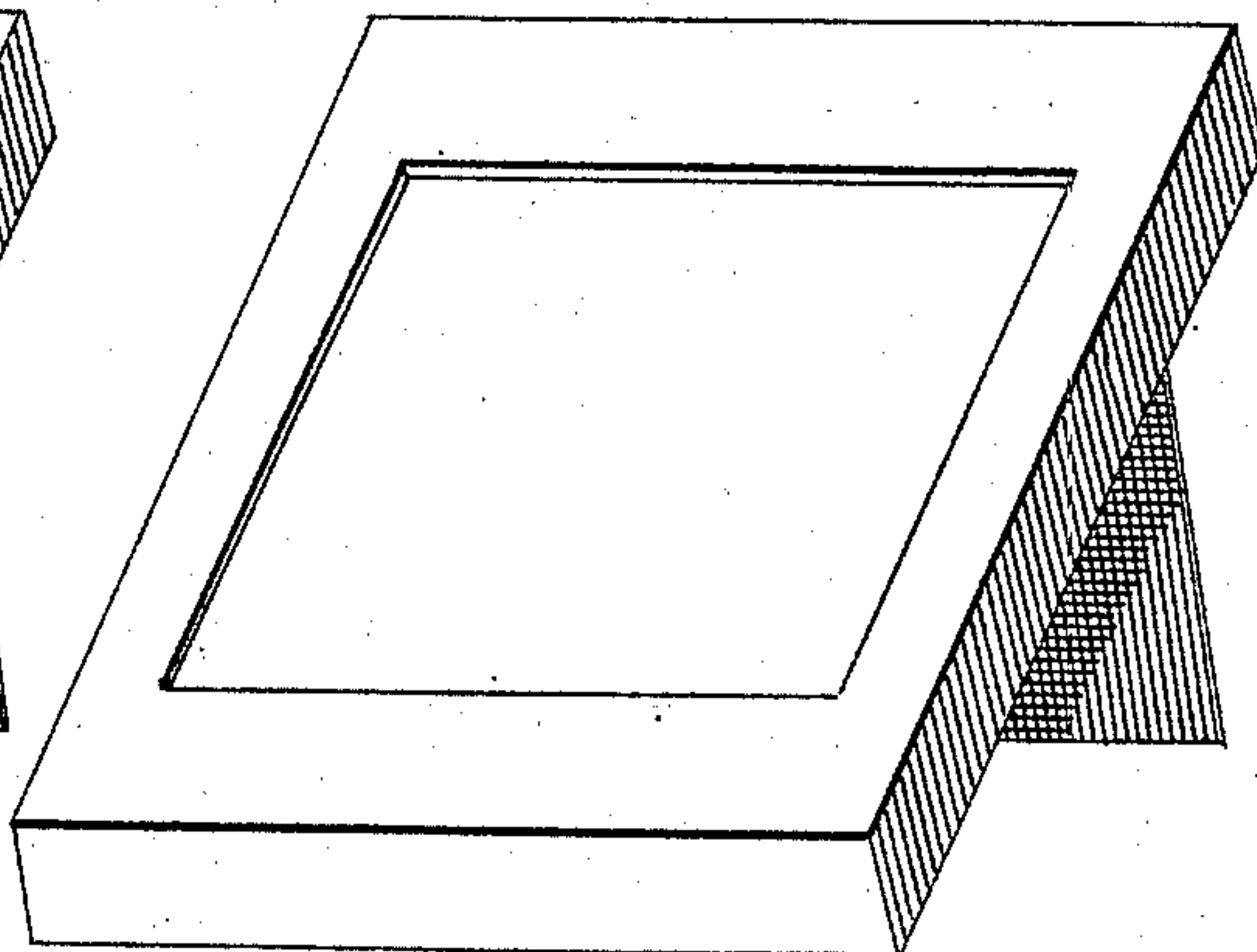


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Fig. 8.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. L. TOTTEN, of Milford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Apparatus for Playing Games; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute a part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a single toto card, it being constructed on the basis of the calendar of February, A. D. 1895, and showing the Serial Nos. 1 to 28 pertaining to the days of that month, and 32 to 59 in the same spaces showing the serial numbers pertaining to the days of that year. Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 show some of the counters numbered to correspond to the days enumerated in the spaces of the toto cards. Fig. 8 shows one of the markers for covering the spaces on the toto cards. Fig. 9 shows the mortised package containing the entire outfit, the calendar card for February, 1895, being exposed through the mortise. Fig. 10 gives a view of the same raised for convenience by a prop to facilitate reading the calendar. Fig. 11, shows the mortised package without its contents, the toto cards, &c., having been removed.

My invention is an improvement in game apparatus for playing toto. Its object is to impart to the players a practical instruction in the principles of the calendar, and to familiarize them with its dates and anniversaries. To accomplish this, I employ a set of toto or calendar cards, serially numbered to correspond with the days of the week, month and year and have my set of counters numbered in a series so as to correspond to them, and a set of markers to cover the toto spaces when called off. I furthermore inclose the entire outfit in a package so mortised as to expose the calendar cards to view at all times, whereby when not actually employed in playing toto their consultation as a calendar for ordinary chronological purposes is facilitated. This mortised package also serves as a pool box to hold the counters when playing the game.

The simplest form of my toto apparatus is

a set of twelve toto cards corresponding severally to the twelve months of the year with their several spaces, respectively numbered serially throughout the set, from 1 to 365 or 366 as the case may be, for a common, or leap year, respectively, and with additional numbers running from 1 to 28, 29, 30, or 31 upon the spaces of the individual toto or calendar cards, according to the demands of the months under consideration. With these I supply a corresponding set of counters, numbered from 1 to 365 or 366 and a set of markers for covering the numbers on the cards. These three parts of the outfit I inclose in a mortised package, so as to expose the calendar to view.

In some cases I shall make the calendars as complete as possible, as to almanac data, chronological events, signs and symbols, and in others I shall limit myself to a mere skeleton of the dates, my object being practically to improve game apparatus as such and to make its use an instructive pastime upon calendrical principles, and it is in the general application of the calendar as such, to this specific object, and its mortised package in relation to or combination with the other parts of the game apparatus, as an article of manufacture, that my improvement chiefly obtains. The main idea therefore that governs my invention is a game apparatus, somewhat similar to lotto wherein the combination of the twelve calendar cards, their corresponding counters and markers and the mortised package are the essentials.

The rules accompanying the game I have already duly copyrighted, and of course they form no part of this specification, but to enable any one skilled in the art to use the toto outfit, I will give the elementary outline of using it for playing the game of toto. Shuffle the toto cards and deal them to the players who arrange them face up. Mix the counters in the mortised package, draw them indiscriminately, calling off their numbers, the players covering them if found upon their respective toto cards with the markers which they take from the pile in the center of the table, special scores, and points being claimed for special anniversaries, sequences of weeks, personal birthdays, phases of the moon, &c.



The object of the game is first, to fill a "calen" or toto card, and second to get a sum of the scores or a toto equal to three hundred and sixty-five.

5 Now I do not lay claim to calendars specifically, or to mortised packages containing them, save in their application to game apparatus and in combination with the counters, markers and mortised package, which by  
10 their specific addition constitute a new game apparatus as such. I recognize that calendars both with and without mortised packages have been long in use in all sorts of forms, but never to my knowledge in combination  
15 with the markers and counters and mortised package which I add for the purpose as herein described.

Having now described my invention, what

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a special article of manufacture the sequence of twelve lotto cards (with their spaces severally numbered from 1 to 28, 29, 30 or 31 respectively, and from 1 to 365 or 366 throughout the set) the three hundred and  
25 sixty-five or three hundred and sixty-six counters, and the three hundred and sixty-five or three hundred and sixty-six markers and the mortised package as above described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this  
30 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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