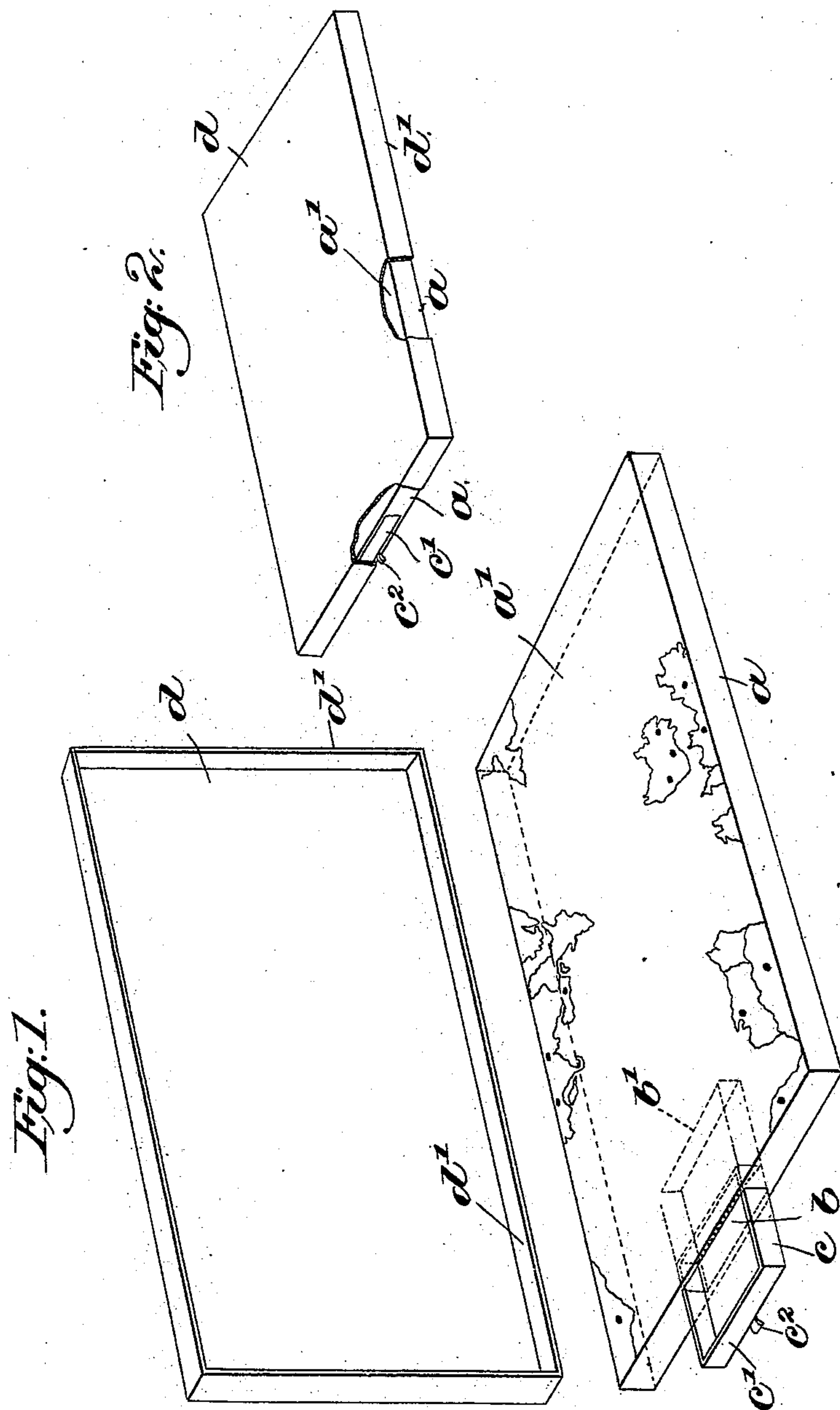


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE S. PARKER, of Salem, and JOSEPH P. FRIEND, of Beverly, in the county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Game Apparatus, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

A large class of game apparatus includes a board or surface upon which the game is to be played, and a series of pieces to be moved thereon, according to a given scheme or rule. For convenience in transportation and handling, the board or playing surface is often folded, particularly when large, and it and the other implements of the game are put into a suitable box. The fold or crease in the board makes its surface uneven, and when held on the lap the board has a tendency to close, causing annoyance to the players and confusion among the pieces. When such apparatus is in use, the box and its cover are discarded, as they play no part in the game, and are only in the way.

This invention has for its object the production of a game apparatus overcoming the foregoing objections, wherein the playing surface is always continuous and rigid, it forming the plane upper surface of a shell-like body, which is provided with a recess to receive a receptacle therein for the implements of the game. A removable cover is provided for said body, fitting over and preferably protecting the playing surface when not in use, and also retaining the receptacle shut.

In accordance therewith our invention consists, in a game apparatus, of a shell-like body having a continuous plane upper surface, upon which the game is played, a recess extended thereinto between its upper and lower surfaces, a receptacle movable in said recess, to contain the implements of the game, and a removable cover to fit over said body and retain said receptacle in place substantially as will be described.

Other features of our invention will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game ap-

paratus embodying our invention, with the cover removed, and Fig. 2 is a similar view, partially broken out, with the cover in place.

As herein shown, the body *a* of the apparatus is made hollow or shell-like, and shaped as a shallow, closed box, of suitable size, the upper surface *a'* thereof forming a continuous plane upon which the game is played, the said shell-like body being placed on a table or held on the players' laps. For the sake of lightness, said body is made of pasteboard of requisite stiffness and strength, of thin wood, or any other suitable material, and the playing surface *a'* may have any desired marking or pictorial representation displayed thereon, according to the nature of the game, an outline map of portions of Europe and America being herein shown.

The shell-like body *a* has an opening *b* in one of its sides, and a recess *b'*, see dotted lines, Fig. 1, extended inwardly from said opening between the upper and lower surfaces of the body, to receive a receptacle, herein shown as a drawer *c*, adapted to contain the implements of the game when not in use.

In Fig. 1 the drawer-like receptacle *c* is represented as partly pulled out to more clearly show the construction, the front *c'*, provided with a handle or pull *c''*, normally resting in the opening *b* and flush with the side, as in Fig. 2.

The cover *d* is shown in Fig. 1 as removed from the body *a*, said cover having downturned edges *d'* to fit over the sides of the body when placed thereon, as shown in Fig. 2, its edges *d'* being broken out in said Fig. 2 to show the body *a* within it. The cover serves to protect the upper or playing surface *a'* of the shell-like body, and one of its downturned edges bears against the drawer front *c'*, to retain it within the recess *b'*.

If desired the cover may be turned upside down and the body *a* placed therein when in use, to thereby keep the cover out of the way.

A game apparatus constructed in accordance with our invention is light, strong and durable, occupies but a small space and is readily transported, and always presents a continuous plane playing surface, while the implements of the game are retained in a con-



venient and secure manner in the body of the apparatus.

We claim—

5 In a game apparatus, a shell-like body having a continuous plane upper surface upon which the game is played, a recess extended thereinto between its upper and lower surfaces, a movable receptacle therein to contain the implements of the game, and a re-  
10 movable cover to fit over said body and re-

tain said receptacle in place, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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