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GAME DEVICE.

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Fig.1

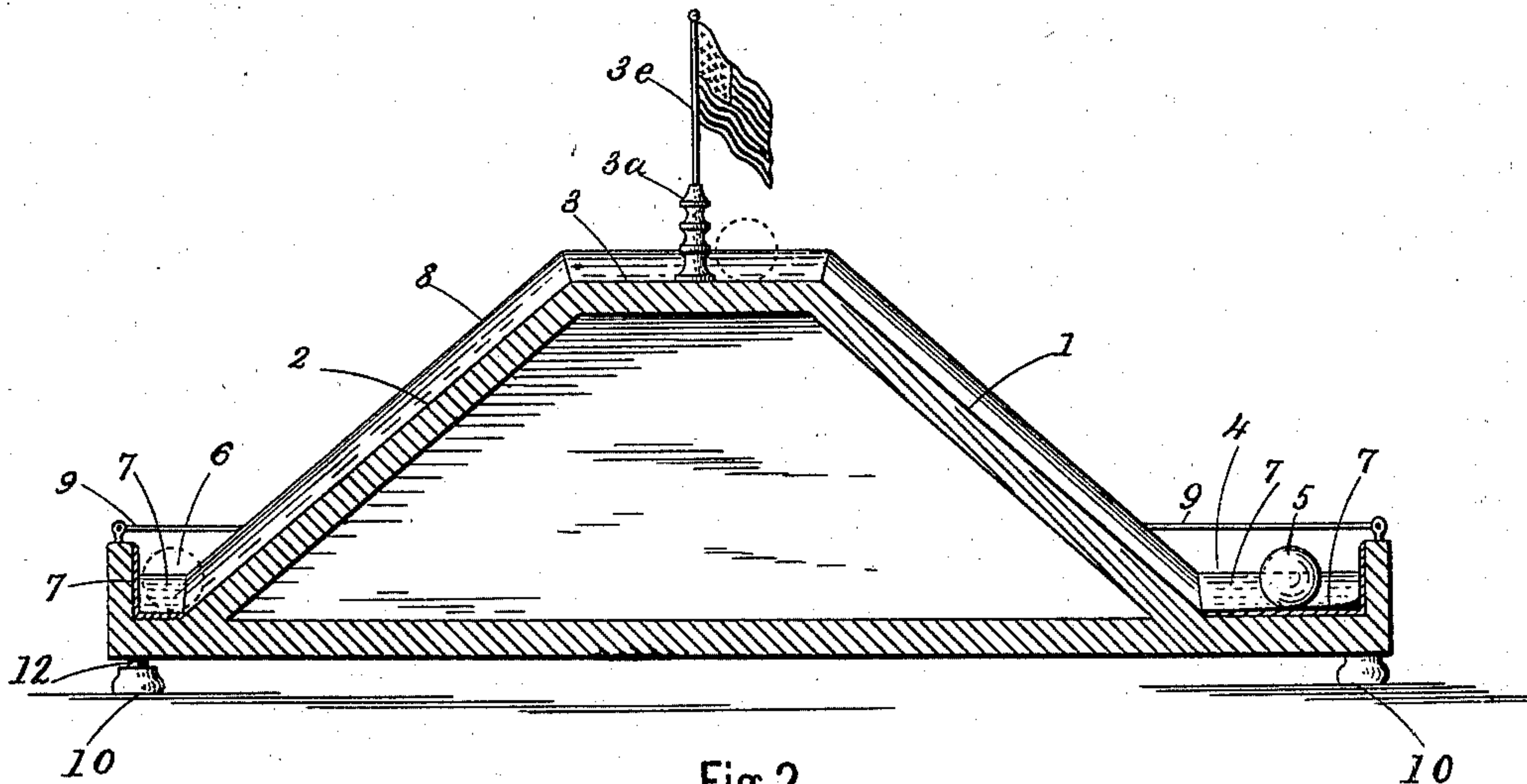


Fig.2

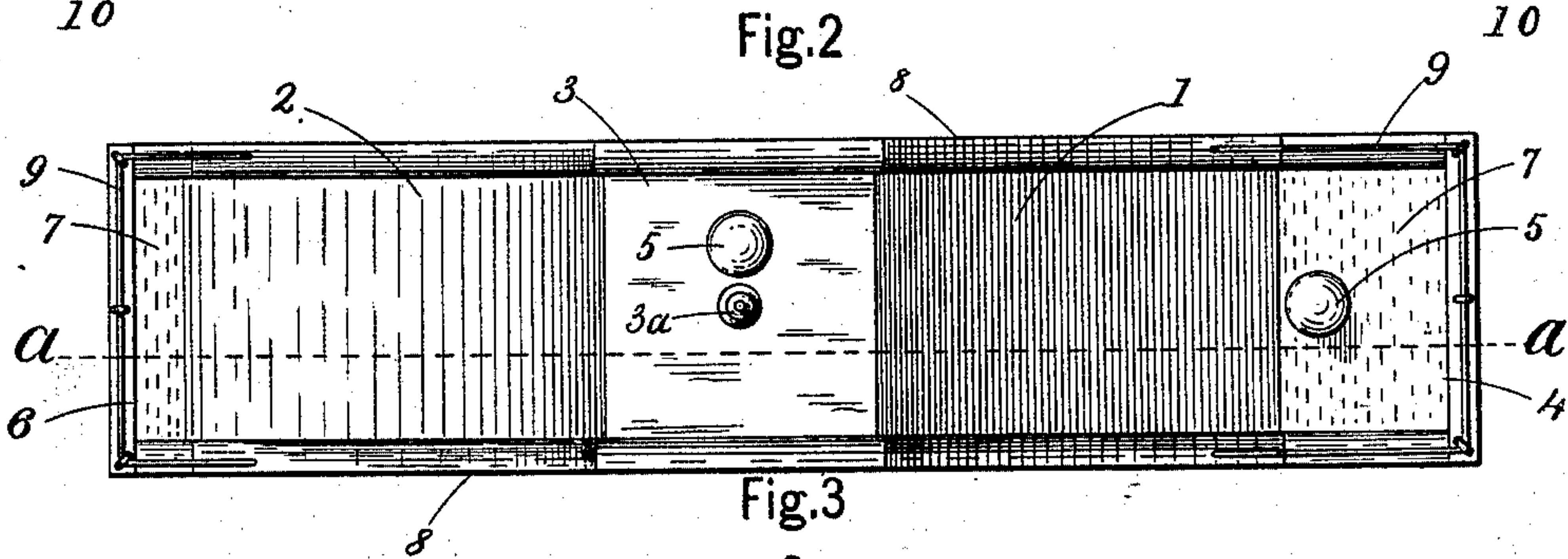


Fig.3

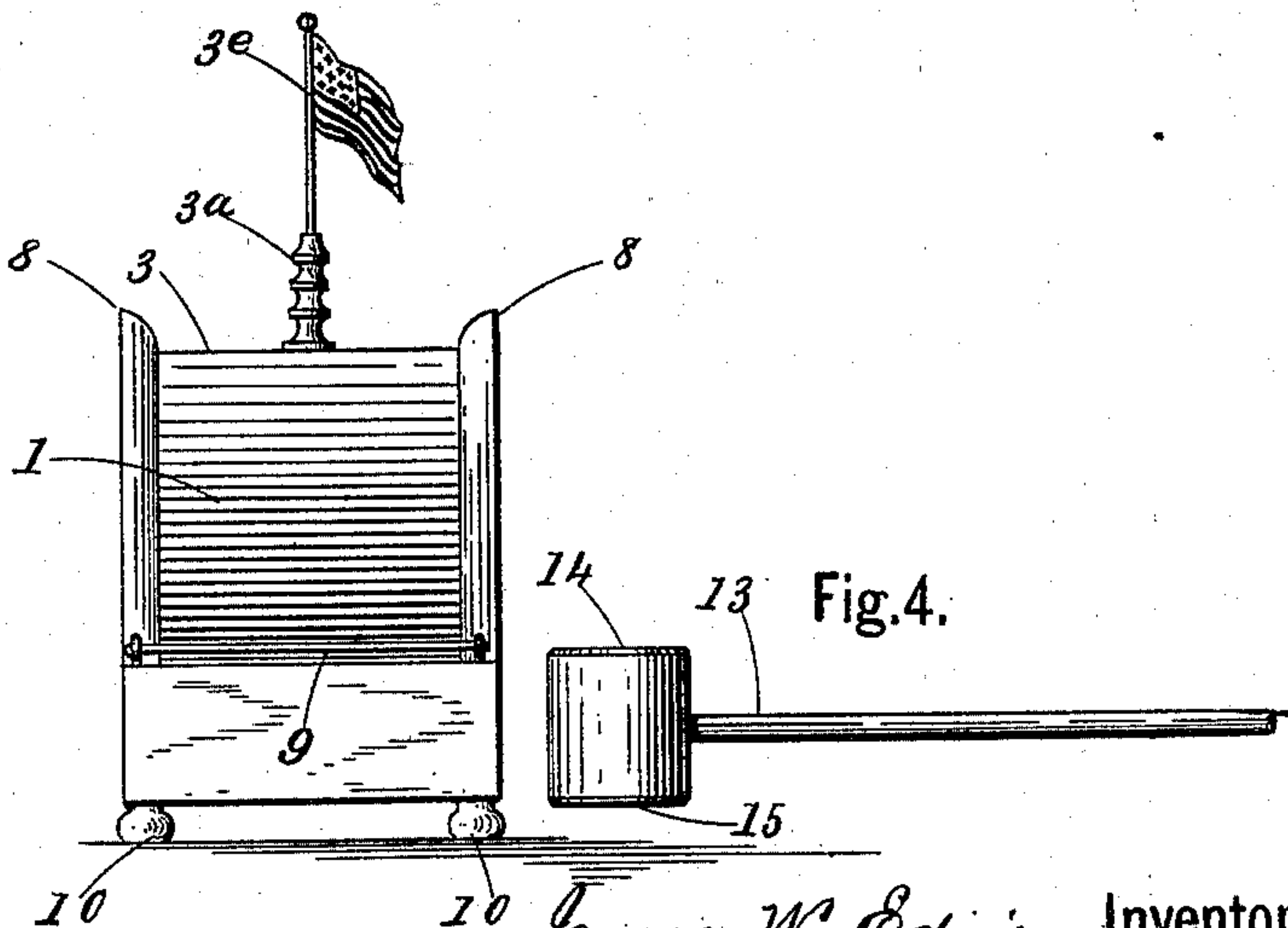
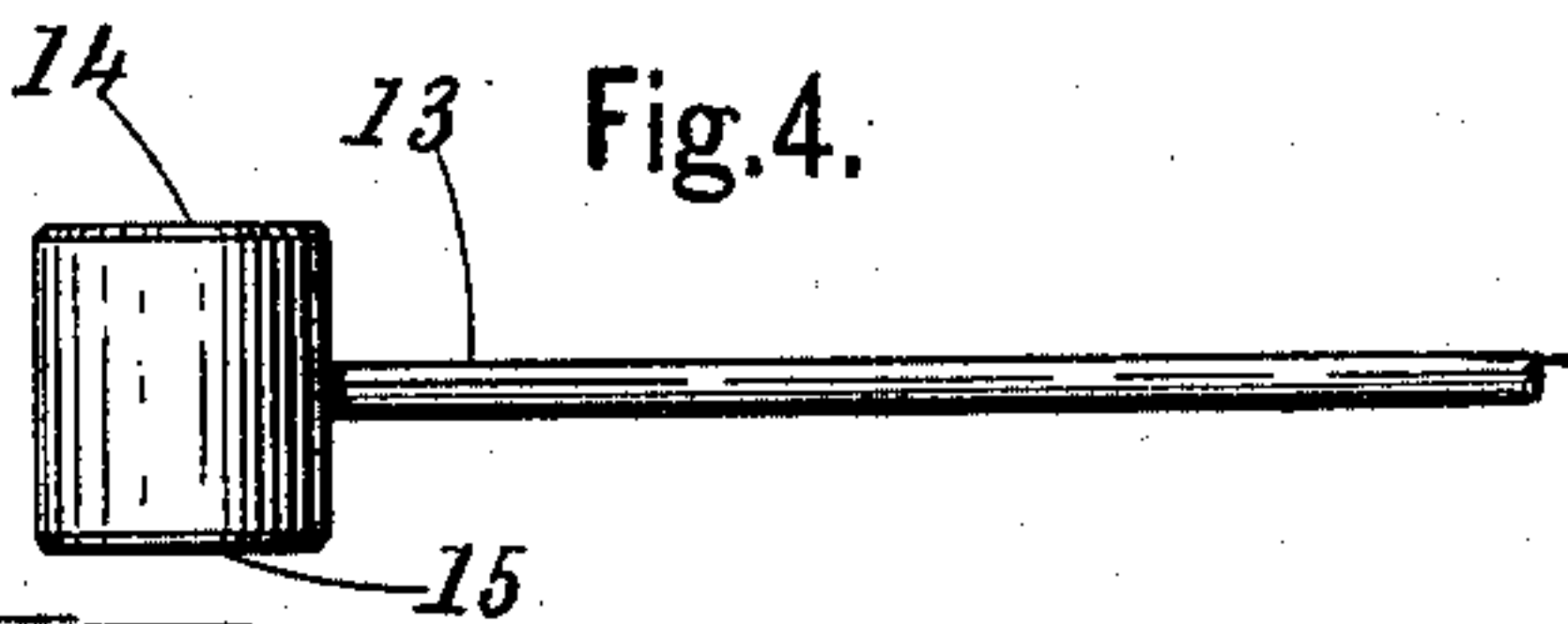


Fig.4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. EDNIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and improved game device, and will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical longitudinal section through the device on or about line *a a*, Fig. 2, showing the interior construction. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device, showing the top platform and the form of the pockets in which the balls used are placed or deposited. Fig. 3 represents a front elevation of the device, showing the flanges for preventing the ball from rolling off sidewise. Fig. 4 represents a side elevation of the mallet used in playing a game with this device.

Referring to the drawings in detail, my improved game apparatus consists of a rectangular supporting case having an upward inclined ball runway 1, a downward inclined ball runway 2, a flat platform 3, at the top having a tower and flag-staff 3^a and 3^e, in the center and at the front end a ball receiving platform 4, in which a ball 5, is placed preparatory to playing a game. At the foot of the rear downward inclined runway, is a narrow pocket 6, in which a ball passing over the platform 3, is caught. Both the front ball platform, and the rear receiving pocket is lined with felt 7, (see Fig. 1) or other equivalent yielding material, and if desired, the inclined sides and platform may be also covered with a similar yielding material.

On each side of the device is a flange 8, to prevent the ball from being thrown over the sides, and around each pocket is a wire railing 9, as an additional protection to prevent the balls from being thrown out, during the progress of a game.

At the bottom, the case is provided with feet 10, adapted to screw in or out, by means of the screw shank 12, thus affording an easy means for adjusting or leveling the device. In Fig. 1, one of the feet is screwed down far enough to allow the shank 12, to be seen.

In playing a game with this device, I use a

mallet 13, having one or both faces covered with felt. The ball 5, in the front pocket, if struck with the mallet with the proper force will roll up the ball runway 1, and remain on the platform. If too much force is used the ball will pass over the platform and lodge in the rear pocket.

The object of the player, is to have the ball stop on the platform, and if it strikes the tower 3^a, and stops it does not count so much as it would if it rested on the top without coming in contact with the tower. If it passes over the platform and lodges in the pocket below, it does not count anything.

The object of the tower 3^a, in the center of the platform 3, is to render the playing of the game more difficult and consequently, to require greater skill on the part of the player, because it is necessary to make the greatest count, to cause the ball to rest upon the platform 3, without touching the tower. The tower therefore is an important factor in this game.

This device can be used for playing games of various kinds where skill is required. The ball used is an ordinary glass ball of about an inch in diameter, but any suitable ball may be used. It will be noticed that the ball platform, at the front incline, is made large enough to leave room for playing the ball.

I am aware that game devices have heretofore been known, in which inclined runways have been used, up which balls have been propelled while playing a game. I therefore do not claim such construction broadly, but

What I do claim is—

A game device consisting of a rectangular supporting case, having a front upward inclined ball runway, up which the ball is propelled when playing a game, a horizontal ball receiving platform at the foot of said upward inclined runway, a horizontal platform at the top of said runway, for the ball to rest upon, a tower mounted centrally on said platform, a descending ball runway provided with a ball receiving pocket at the foot, and a protecting flange surrounding the whole, substantially as described.

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