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FOLDING POCKET GAME APPARATUS.

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Fig. 1.

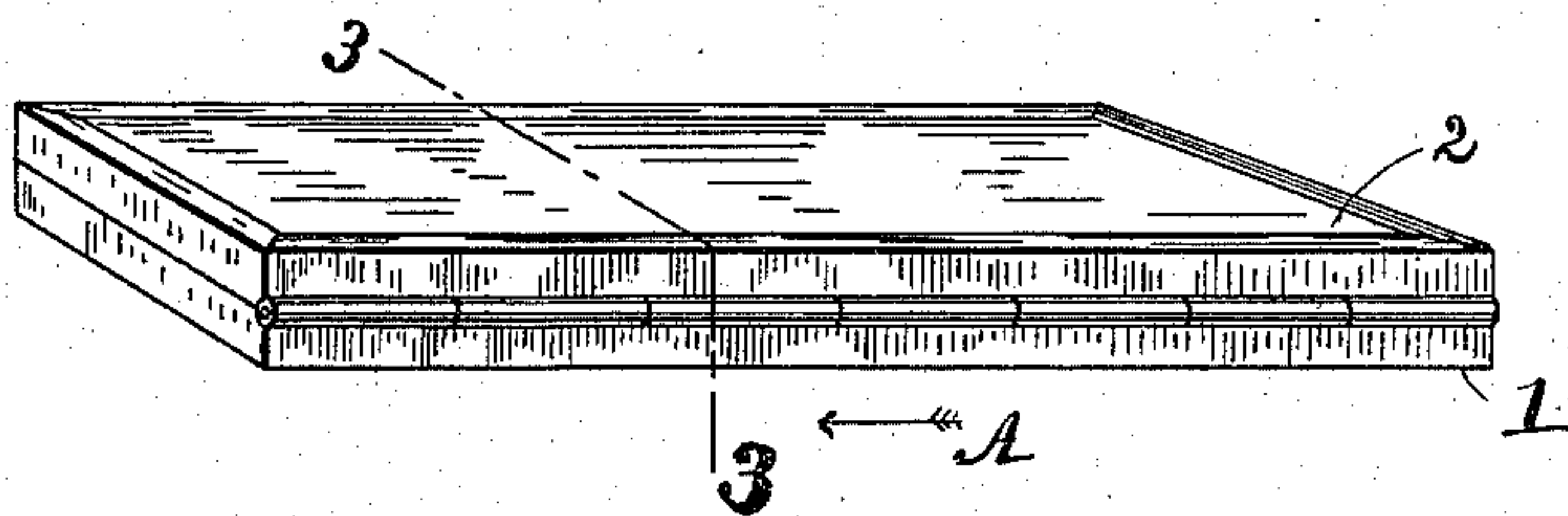


Fig. 2.

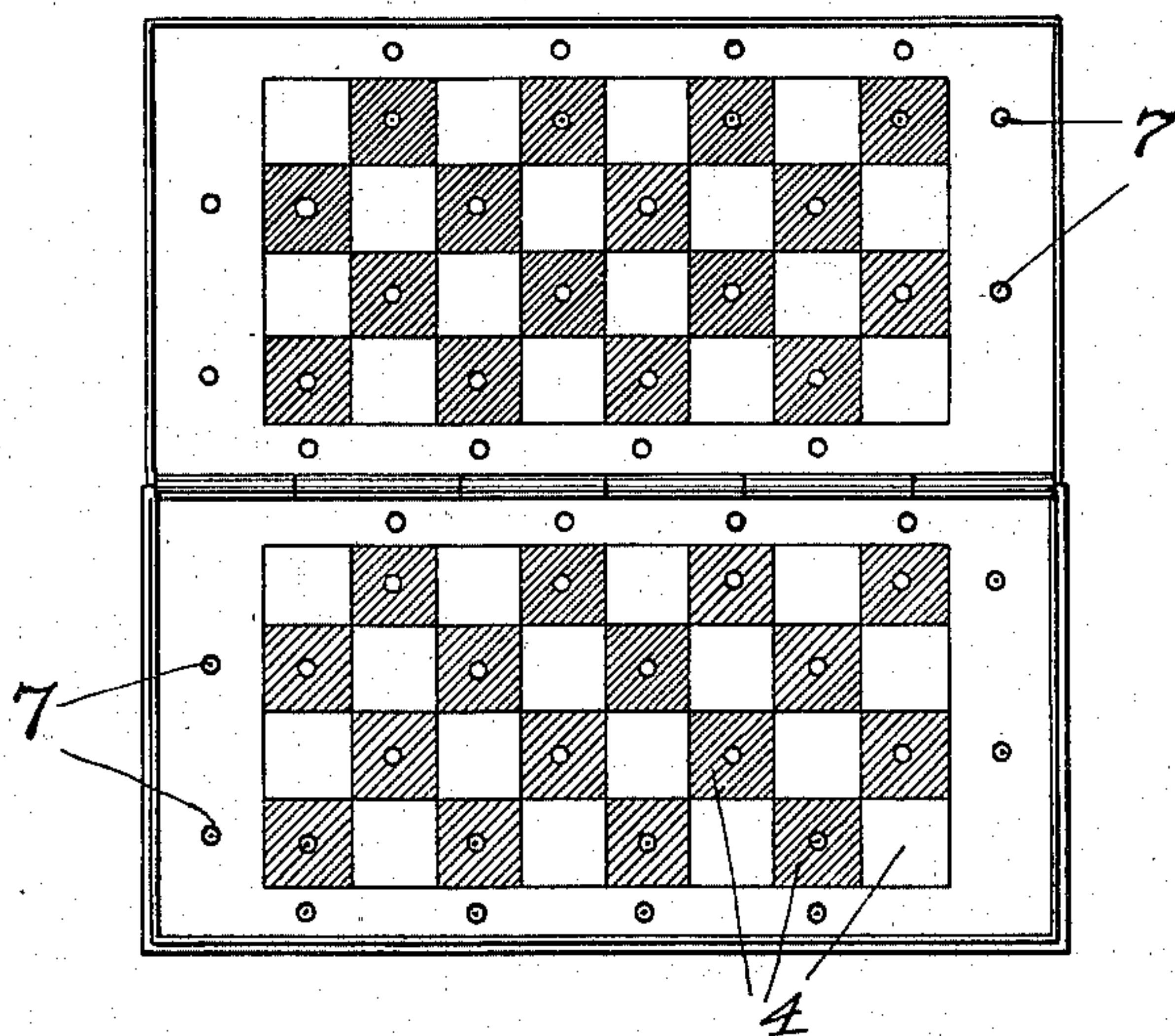


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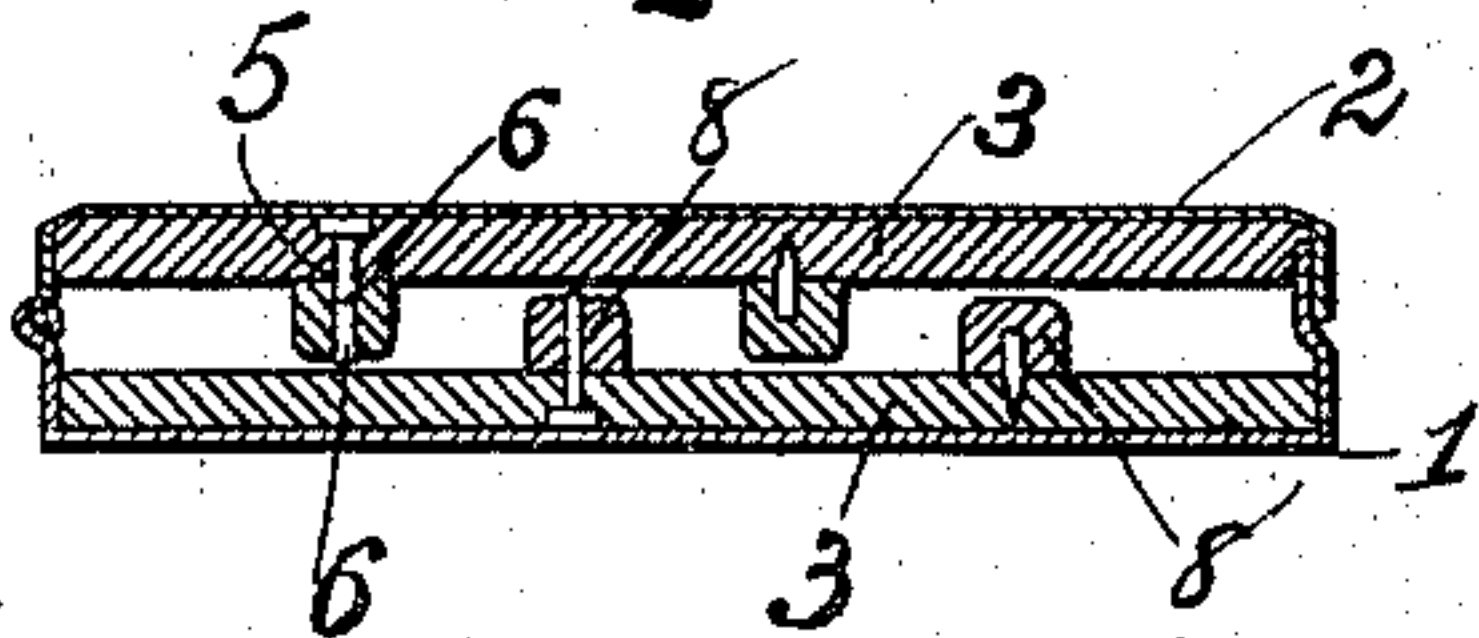


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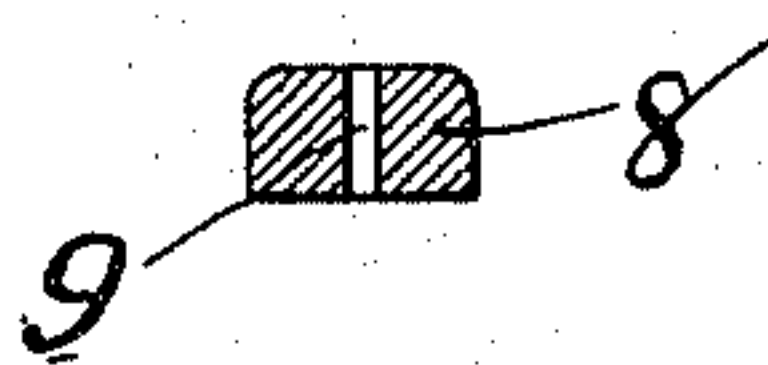
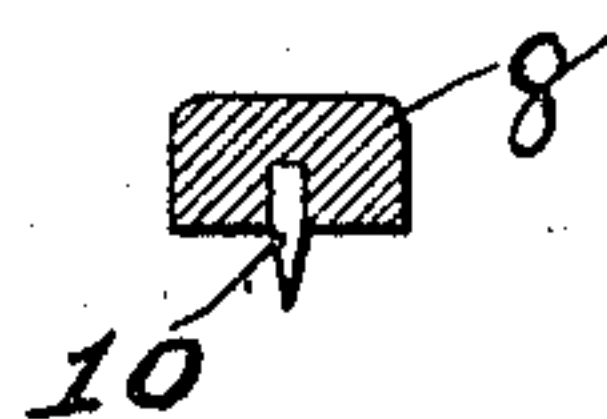


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK D. GILDERSLEEVE, of the city of Maplewood, and FREDERICK H. ROGERS, of Kirkwood, St. Louis county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Pocket Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

Our invention relates to an improved folding pocket game apparatus; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of our folding pocket game apparatus. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the game apparatus open and in use. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken approximately on the indicated line 3 3 of Fig. 1 and looking in the direction as indicated by the arrow A. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of one form of the counters or buttons of which we make use in carrying out our invention. Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view of a modified form of counter or button. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of a peg that is used as a counter in our game apparatus.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, 1 indicates an ordinary box that may be constructed of sheet metal or any suitable material, and to said box is hinged in any suitable manner a cover 2. Located within the box 1 and cover 2 and fixed to the inner faces thereof are blocks of wood or analogous material 3, said blocks being approximately half the thickness of the box and cover, thereby allowing a space between the block in the box and the block in the cover when said cover is closed upon the box.

Printed, stamped, or fixed upon the faces of the blocks 3 in any suitable manner is a series of rectangular spaces 4, thus giving the faces of said blocks an appearance similar to that of an ordinary checker-board. The alternate squares or spaces are uniformly colored or marked, and in the centers of said colored squares are apertures 5, through which pass pins 6, said pins 6 protruding a slight

distance beyond the top surface of the faces of the blocks 3.

Located at suitable distances around the edges of the blocks 3, adjacent the walls of the box and cover, is a series of pins 7, the same being outside of the checker-board faces upon the blocks 3. The colored squares or rectangular spaces are so located relative one to another on the opposite checker-board faces that the pins in the centers of said colored spaces will be located directly opposite an uncolored space or square when the box is closed.

8 indicates one of the counters or buttons that is used in connection with the preferred form of our game apparatus, said counter being a disk or block formed of any suitable material and constructed with a centrally-arranged vertical aperture 9. Said counters or buttons 8 are, by means of these apertures 9, located directly upon the pins 6, and said apertures 9 being slightly larger than said pins 6, the counters can be readily removed from one pin and located upon another during the progress of the game.

During the progress of certain games played upon a checker-board a number of counters or buttons are at various times removed from the faces of the board, and for this purpose we have provided a series of pins around the edges of said board to receive said removed counters or buttons. Said pins, to receive the removed counters or buttons, must necessarily be so located as not to come in contact with each other when the box is closed.

In some instances the pins 6 are dispensed with, and when this is done the counters or buttons 8 are provided with pins, such as 10, and said pins 10 are located in the apertures 5 when being removed from one square to another. Pegs or pins, such as 11, may be also used in place of the counters or buttons 8, that are constructed with the pins 10.

If, during the progress of a game that is being played upon our apparatus, it is desired to leave said game and to preserve the counters or buttons in the exact positions after the last move, the players merely close the cover over the box in such a manner that none of the counters or buttons will fall from their respective pins or resting-places.

In thus closing the box the counters or buttons located upon the pins on the opposite sides of the checker-board faces will alternate with each other and allow said box to completely close. Said box may now be carried in the pocket or laid to one side until it is desired to resume the game, and when said box is again opened the counters or buttons will be in the exact positions they were when the last move was made.

A game apparatus of our improved construction is very compact and may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

If desired, advertising matter may be located upon the uncolored spaces of the checker-board faces and also upon the exterior of the box.

What we claim is—

The improved folding pocket game apparatus, comprising the deep sheet-metal box 1, a deep sheet-metal mating cover 2 corresponding in size to the size of said box, hinges by means of which the adjacent edges of the box and its cover are connected to permit contact of said edges throughout their lengths when the box is closed, two solid bodies of material 3 separate from the metal of the box

and secured one body upon the interior of the box and one upon the interior of its cover and having checker-board squares or spots stamped or printed thereon in such a manner as that when the box is closed each square or spot of a given color carried by the said cover will rest directly opposite a square of a different color, a series of pins 6 fixed in position at the center of said squares or spots and projecting therefrom a distance so that when the box is closed adjacent ones overlap in a longitudinal direction and alternate with each other in the space between the solid bodies of material, and a series of playing-pieces 8, whereby the box may be closed tightly and carried in the pocket while the said playing-pieces are in engagement with said series of pins during temporary interruption of the game, substantially as herein specified.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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