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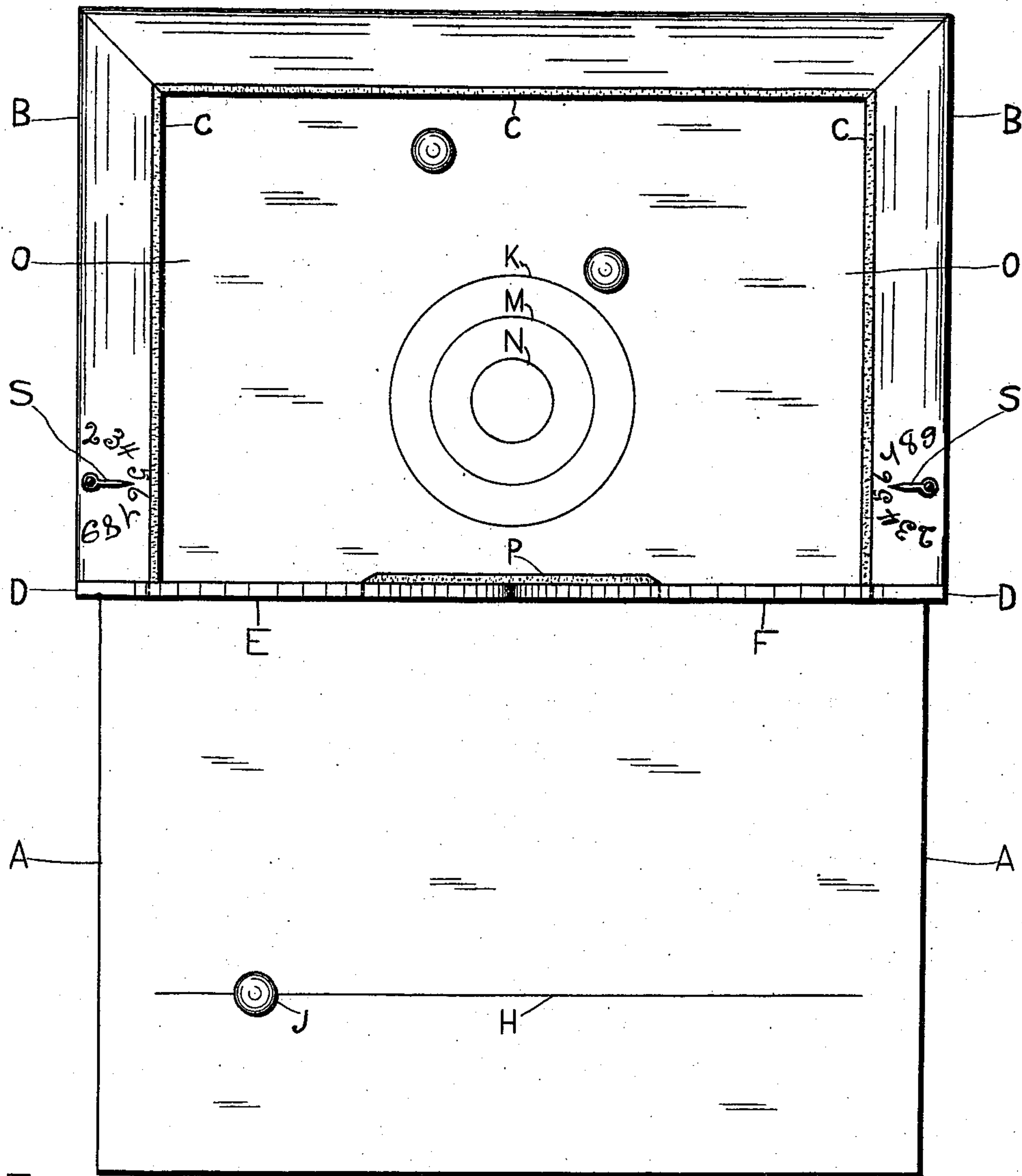


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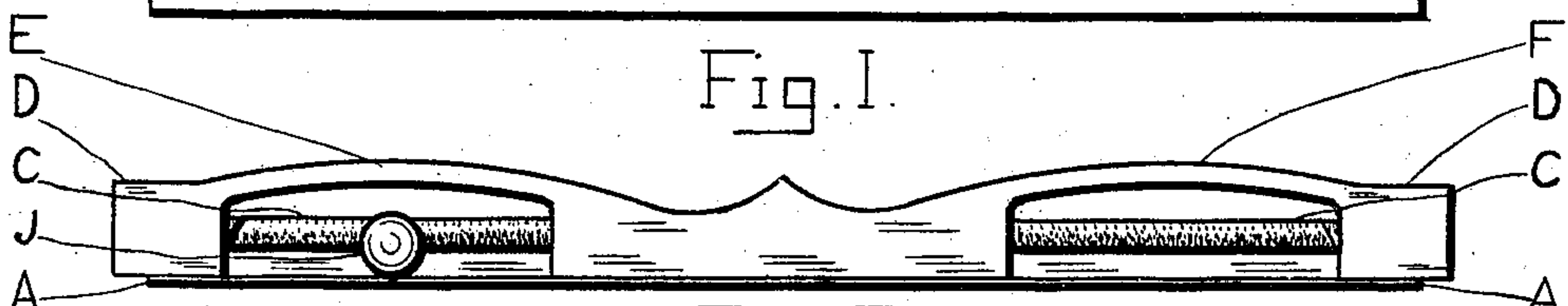


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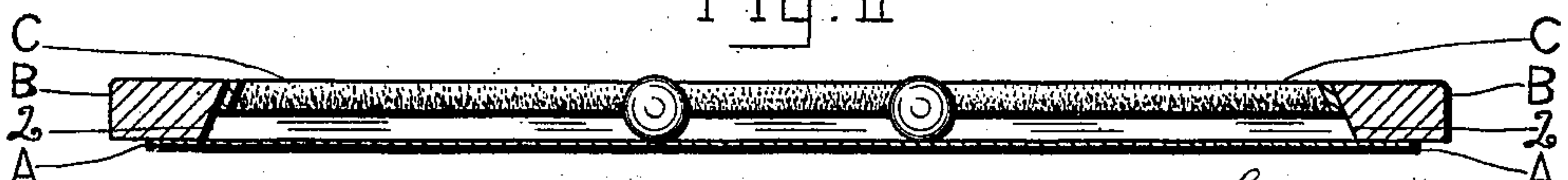


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## GAME-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WILLIAM WADDELL, a citizen of Canada, residing at Hamilton, in the county of Wentworth, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Parlor Game, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in parlor games in which a frame having three raised sides with inner beveled edges, the upper part of each said edge having a layer of thick felt or other suitable material, and the front side of said frame is provided with a barricade, leaving a bridge which forms an opening on each side. These openings are for the entrance of balls into the arena or court, said balls being shot from an outer parallel line by means of a common cue.

The object of my invention is to strike a ball in order to place the same in the center of an inner circle, which is immediately in rear of the barricade and in the court.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of the game having three circles defined in the court and immediately in rear of the barricade, also two balls in the court and an outer ball placed in position on the parallel starting-line ready to be played by means of a cue, the two balls in the court having been played. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the game, showing the outer ball, the front barricade, and the two openings formed by the two bridges of the barricade; and Fig. 3 is a front sectional elevation.

Similar letters and figures refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In order to play this game of barricade, it is necessary to place the same on a level table to facilitate the proper play of the balls, and also on account of the base A being of cloth or other fabric material, colored or otherwise.

B is the frame, composed of three raised sides having inner beveled edges 2, the upper part of which is faced with a layer of felt C or other suitable material, which is also on the bevel, in order to act as a cushion for the balls, and also that the balls may have a tendency toward the base when after striking

the felt. The front of this frame is provided with a barricade D, secured thereto and forming the two bridges E and F. Thus openings are formed, which are entrances into the court, by means of the barricade and the bridges.

The cloth base A extends out some distance in front of the barricade and has a line H defined thereon parallel with the line of barricade, and on this line or at any point in rear the ball J is placed to be played.

The game may be played by two or more persons having two or more balls each, each player having balls of a different color to his opponent. Each player plays alternately and uses the cue to strike the balls, in order to shoot his ball under either bridge, so as to lodge his ball as closely as possible to the center of the three defined circles K, M, and N, these circles being in the court or arena O in rear of the barricade, and are merely placed there or defined in order to define exactly the nearest ball or balls to the center of the circles. The barricade extends a little beyond the circumference-line of the largest circle, and is also provided with a strip of beveled felt P at its inner or court side.

In counting the game a ball placed nearest to the center of said circles and other balls placed by the same player and nearer to the center than his opponent's nearest ball counts one, two, three, or four, as the case may be. Each player has the privilege of striking each other's balls from position in the court or away from the center of the circles by means of his played balls.

The count of the game is kept on the face of the frame by means of the semicircled registers, which are numbered, as shown, and indicated by the pointed finger S, one at each side of the frame, each player or partners using one of these indicators or registers to keep account of the progress of the game.

The person or partners, as the case may be, who first scores ten is declared the winner.

Any played ball that passes out of the court is canceled.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—



The combination of the frame having inner beveled edges and provided with a layer of felt on the upper parts thereof, the front barricade formed with a bridge E, and F, on  
5 each side, and an inner beveled strip of felt, the cloth base extending out in front and having a line H, in front, defined thereon,

the three circles defined in the court O, of the game, and the two numbered registers having fingers S, substantially as described. 10

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