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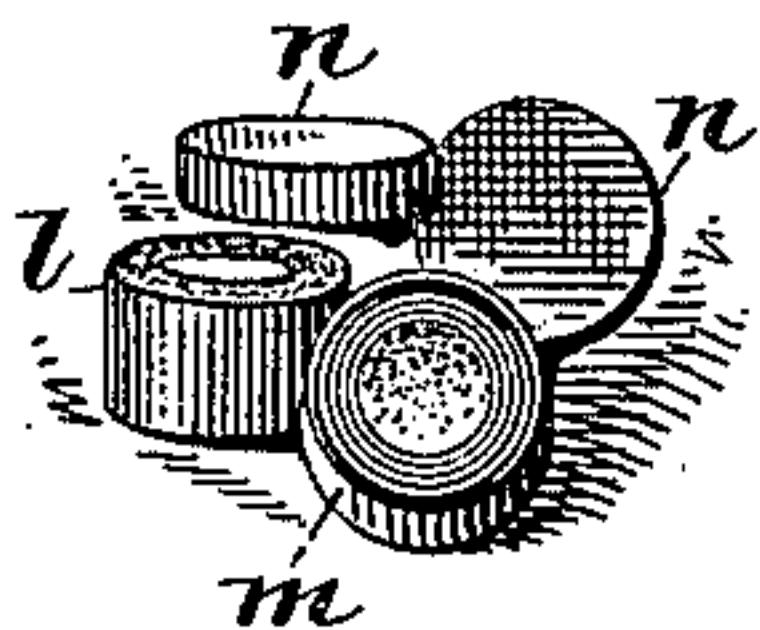
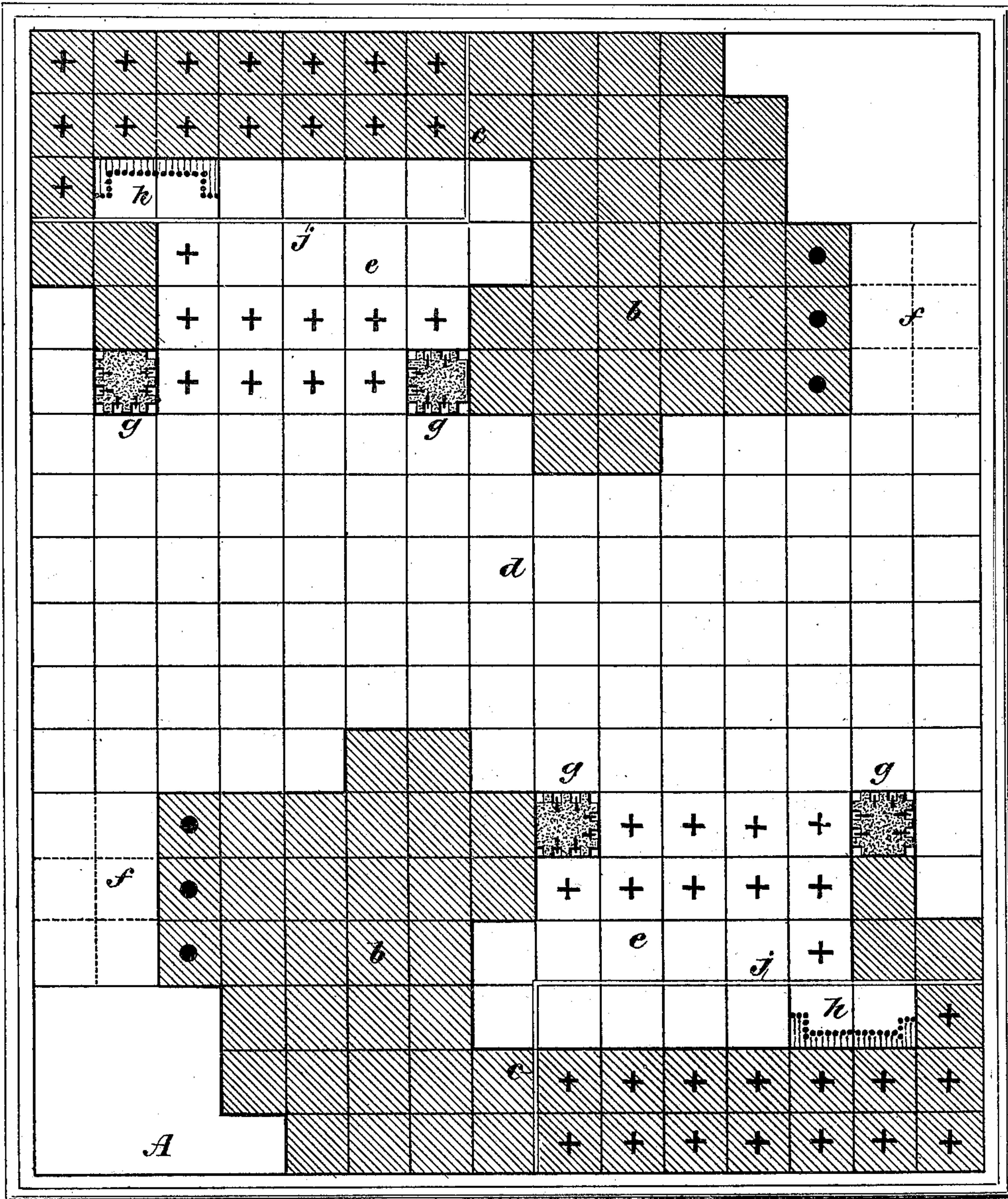
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE A. DAVIS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure is a plan view of a game-board and pieces embodying my invention.

The object of my invention is to provide a game of skill simulating a warlike contest, in which two players may engage, using pieces which are moved in a specified manner, all of which is hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

Referring to the drawing, A represents my improved game-board, divided into a suitable number of squares, comprising three main divisions, which may be designated as two "bodies of land" *b*, separated by a "body of water" *d*. Each of said bodies of land represents a shore-line about a harbor *e* and a haven *f*. At the entrance of each of said harbors are two forts *g*. In the harbor are two docks *h*. There is also a surrender-line *j* *c*, running partly through the harbor and partly across the land at the rear of the harbor. The pieces *l m* consist of battle-ships and transports, adapted to move in the squares designated as "water," soldiery *n* being adapted to move on the squares designated as "land."

The board can be of any suitable size, consisting of any suitable number of squares. The outline of the shores and the relative position of the haven, harbor, and forts may be somewhat varied without departing from the principles of my invention.

Said game may be played by two players, as follows: At the beginning of the game a certain number of the pieces are assigned to each player and a certain number are kept as a reserve to be drawn from time to time. It has been found convenient to allow each player to begin with four battle-ships, two transports, and four brigades of soldiery and to place in the reserve six battle-ships and four brigades. Each player places the pieces allotted to him on suitable squares, the battle-ships in the harbor, the transports in the docks, and the soldiery on the squares at the

rear of the harbor. The object of the game is to attack the enemy's surrender-line. In order to effect this, the brigades may be carried across to the enemy's haven on the transports and thence moved toward the surrender-line. The battle-ships may be moved directly across from harbor to harbor. Any suitable system of moving may be adopted. It has been found convenient to allow the battle-ships and soldiery to move one square at a time in any direction on water and land, respectively, and the transports to move one square at a time forward to the enemy's haven and then back in a single move to the docks. The battle-ships and soldiery attack and defend every square contiguous to their own. A piece may be captured when it is attacked by a greater force of the enemy than it is defended by. Each fort has a fighting power equal to double that of a battle-ship or brigade of soldiers, while the transports have no fighting power. When a piece is captured, it is removed from the board and added to the reserve, from which it may be drawn again. Whenever a brigade of soldiers is landed on the shore of the enemy's haven, the player so landing it is entitled to draw a piece from the reserve.

It is obvious that the game may be played and the board constructed without forts or with a different number of forts, that the names by which the pieces and the various divisions of the board are designated may be varied, and that other variations may be made in both board and method of play to suit the players without departing from the general principles of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares, constituting a central section, the sides of which not bounded by the edges of said board, are of a sinuous character, and two lateral sections of equal value, but of a value different from that of said central section, certain of the squares in either or both of said sections being so designated as to be susceptible of a special value, substantially as shown and described.

2. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares, so colored or otherwise

marked, that said squares represent a body of water lying between two shores of like outline, each partially inclosing one or more harbors, substantially as shown and described.

5 3. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares, so colored or otherwise marked, that said squares represent a body of water lying between two shores, each containing one or more forts, substantially as
10 shown and described.

4. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares, so colored or otherwise marked that said squares represent a body of water lying between two shores, each partially inclosing one or more fortified harbors,
15 substantially as shown and described.

5. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares so colored or otherwise marked that said squares represent a body
20 of water lying between two shores, each partially inclosing two or more harbors, and each

containing one or more forts, substantially as shown and described.

6. A game-board divided into any suitable number of squares, constituting a central section, the sides of which not bounded by the edges of said board, are of a sinuous character, and two lateral sections of equal value and of a value different from that of said central section, certain of the squares of each of
25 said sections being so designated as to be susceptible of a special value, with pieces adapted to move upon the sections of different values respectively, substantially as shown and described.
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In testimony whereof I have signed this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 11th day of July, 1898.
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