

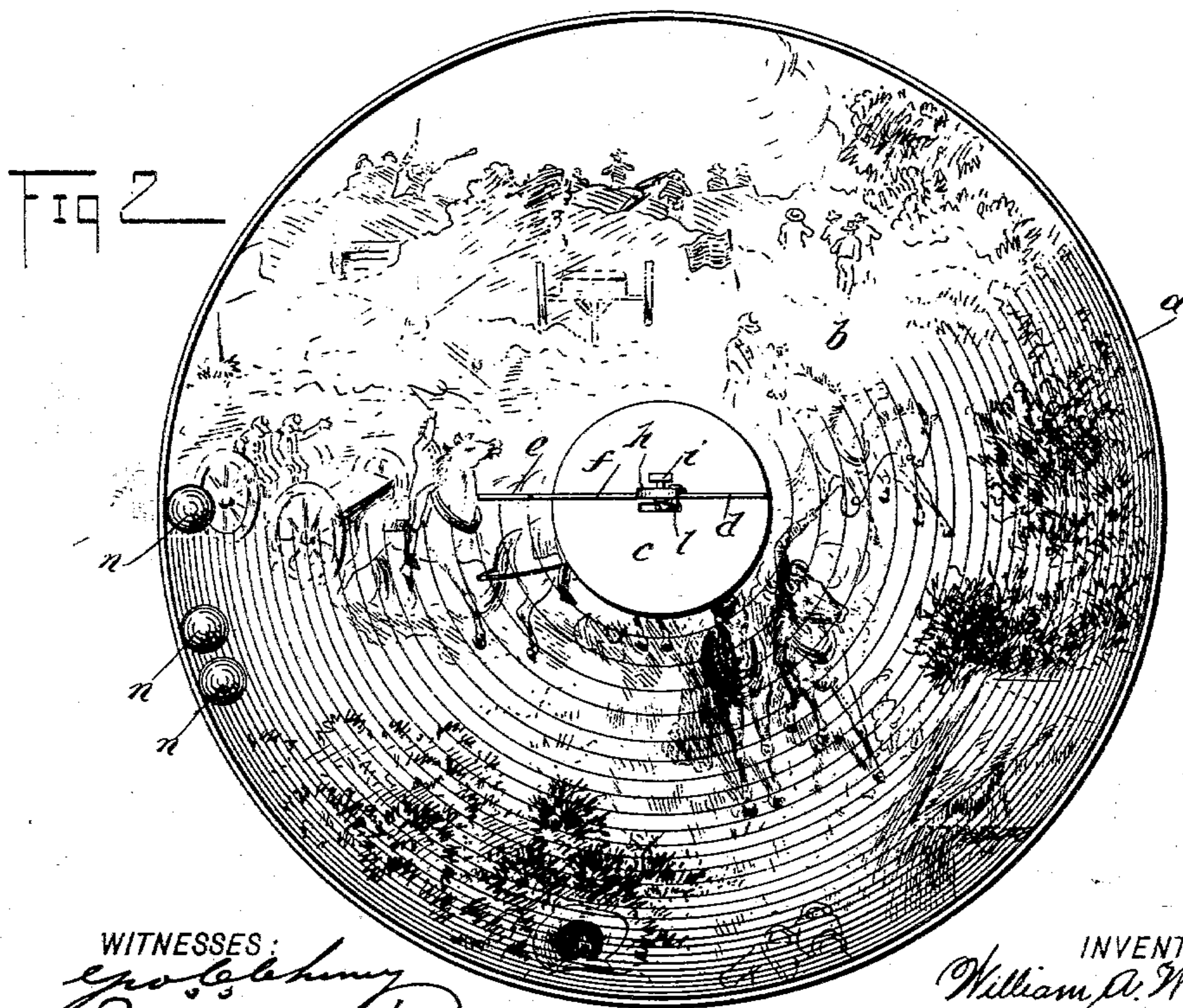
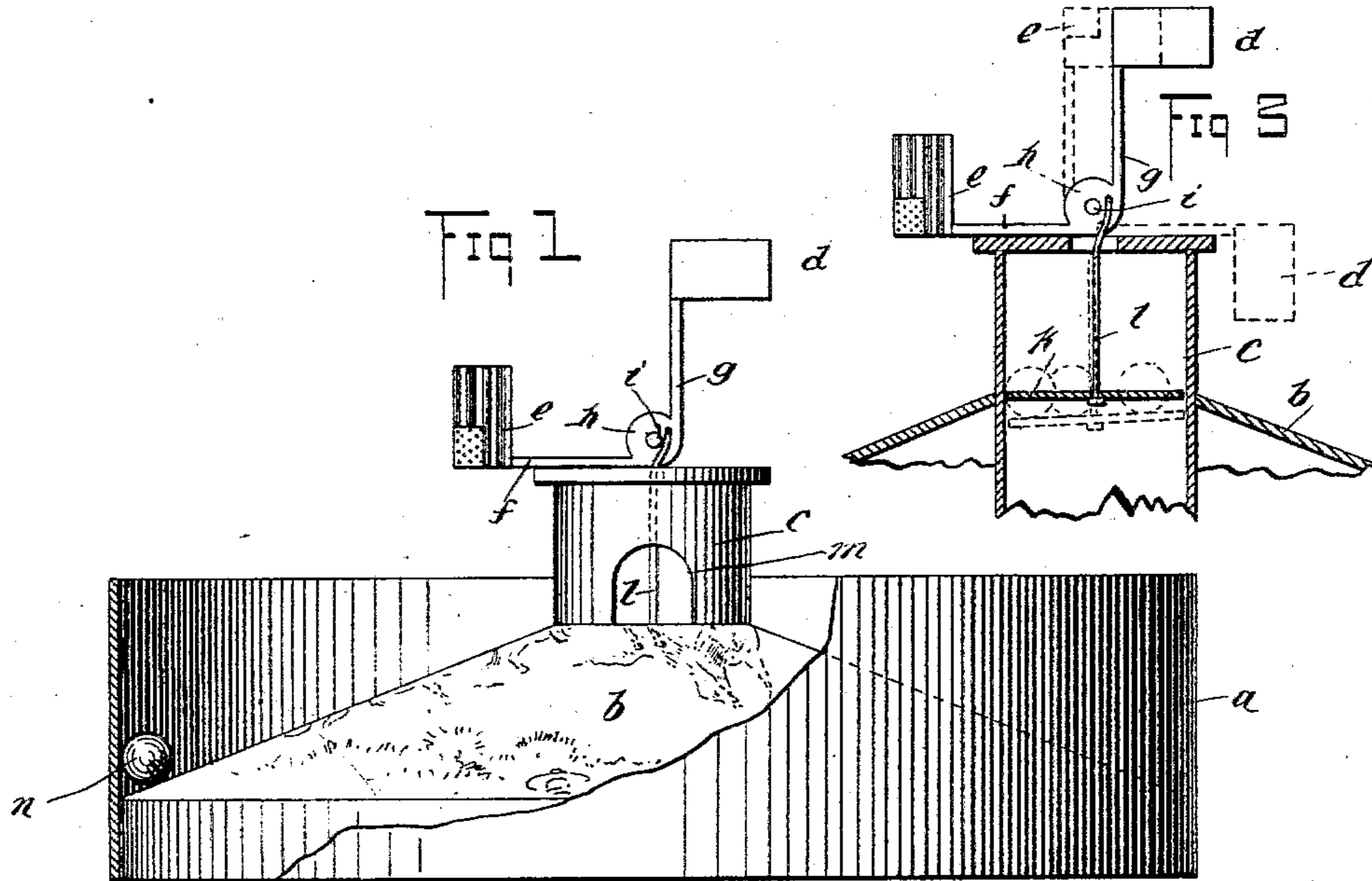
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ADOLPH WISSEMAN, of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Game, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide an amusing game simulating a battle—for example, the battle of San Juan Hill in the recent Spanish-American war—and involving a fort or blockhouse over which a hostile flag is flying, the construction being such that by manipulating a number of balls so that they will enter the blockhouse the supposed hostile flag will be automatically caused to disappear and an American flag will be raised.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claim defines the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention with parts broken away. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a detail section taken through the element representing the fort or blockhouse.

The puzzle has a perpendicular side wall *a*, inclosing a bottom *b*, which is approximately conical in form and at the apex of which is mounted an inclosure *c*, representing the blockhouse or fort. To lend reality to the puzzle, the bottom *b* should be painted or printed with the representation of soldiers ascending to the inclosure *c* and engaged in battle with the supposed defenders of the inclosure. On the inclosure are mounted two flags *d* and *e*, the former representing a hostile flag and the latter representing the American flag. These flags may be mounted by any suitable means. In the drawings I have shown one form, which is illustrated simply as an example. These means, as shown in the drawings, comprise two staffs *f* and *g*, attached rigidly to a disk *h*, which is mounted on a pin *i*, supported on the top of the inclosure *c*. Within the inclosure is mounted a

support *k*, which is movable vertically in the inclosure and which has a rod *l* attached thereto, the rod extending upward through an opening in the top of the inclosure *c* and having pivotal connection with the disk *h*. The inclosure has an opening *m* in the wall thereof, and the normal position of the parts is such that the support *k* will be just level with the bottom of the opening *m*, and the flag *d* will be raised, the flag *e* being consequently thrown downward out of prominent view.

On the bottom *b* and inclosed by the wall *a* are a number, preferably three, balls *n*, which are to be rolled over the bottom, and by tilting the apparatus the balls may be worked into the inclosure *c* through the opening *m* thereof. Considerable dexterity will be required to so manipulate the balls; but when the weight of the three balls is placed upon the support *k*, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 3, the support will be caused to drop, thus partly turning the disk *h*, throwing down the flag *d* and raising the flag *e*, thus indicating that the game is won. It will be seen that the game thus constructed provides an interesting and instructive simulation of an actual battle, particularly the notable one of San Juan hill, in which the American troops gallantly charged up the hill and captured a desperately-defended blockhouse.

I desire it understood that various changes in the form and arrangement of the elements of my invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit thereof. This is particularly true of the means for mounting the flags, which means are particularly subject to inessential variations.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A game apparatus having a body with vertical side walls and with a bottom approximately conical in form, the bottom being adapted to have balls rolled over the same and the balls being confined by the side walls, an inclosure mounted at the apex of the cone and having an opening through which the balls may be passed, a support forming the bottom of the inclosure, the support being

movable vertically in the inclosure, a rod on which the support is hung, the rod passing upward through the top of the inclosure, and visual members connected with each other  
5 and pivotally mounted on the top of the inclosure, the rod having pivotal connection with said members so as to throw the same

as the support drops from the weight of the balls.

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