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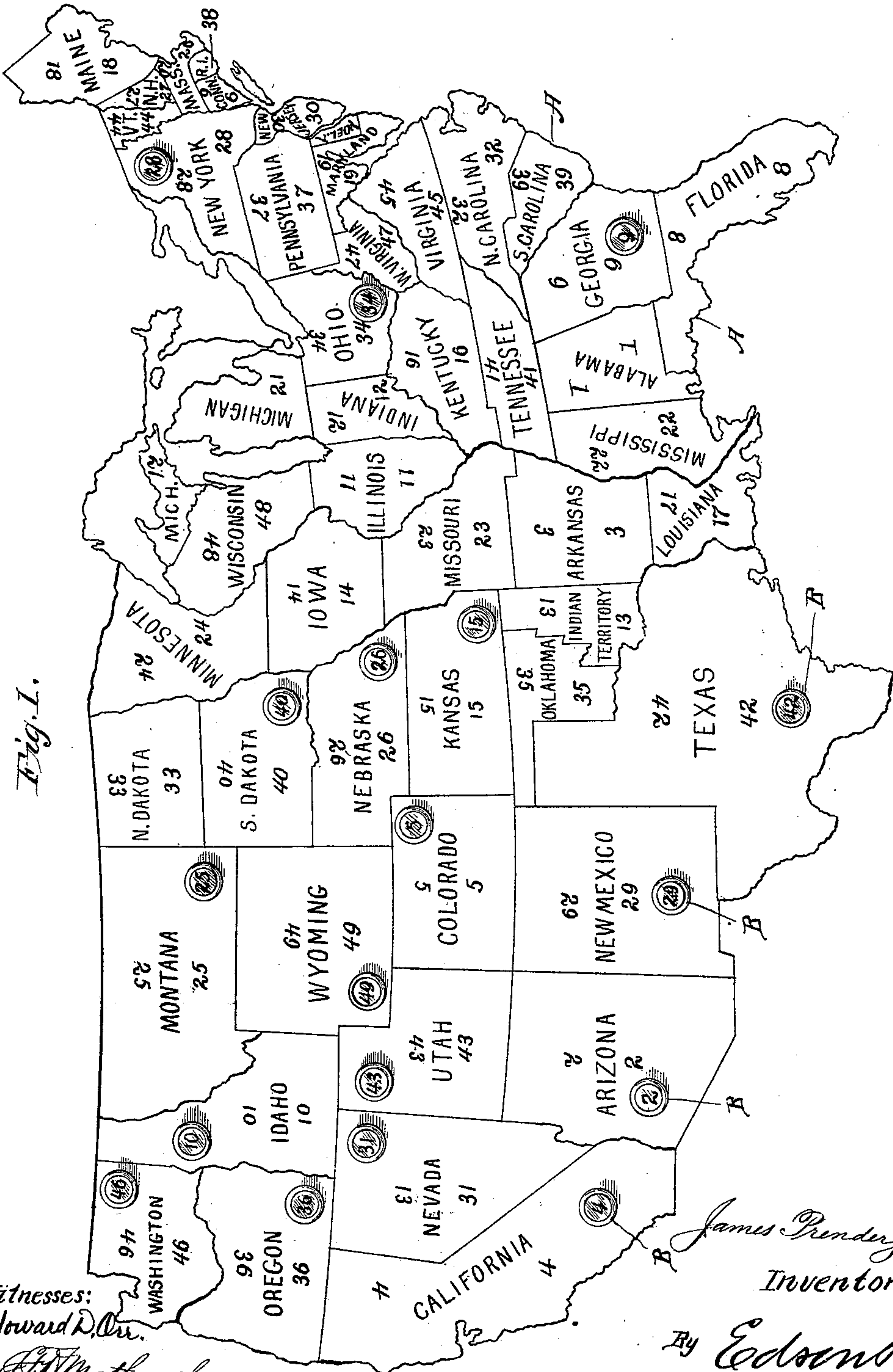
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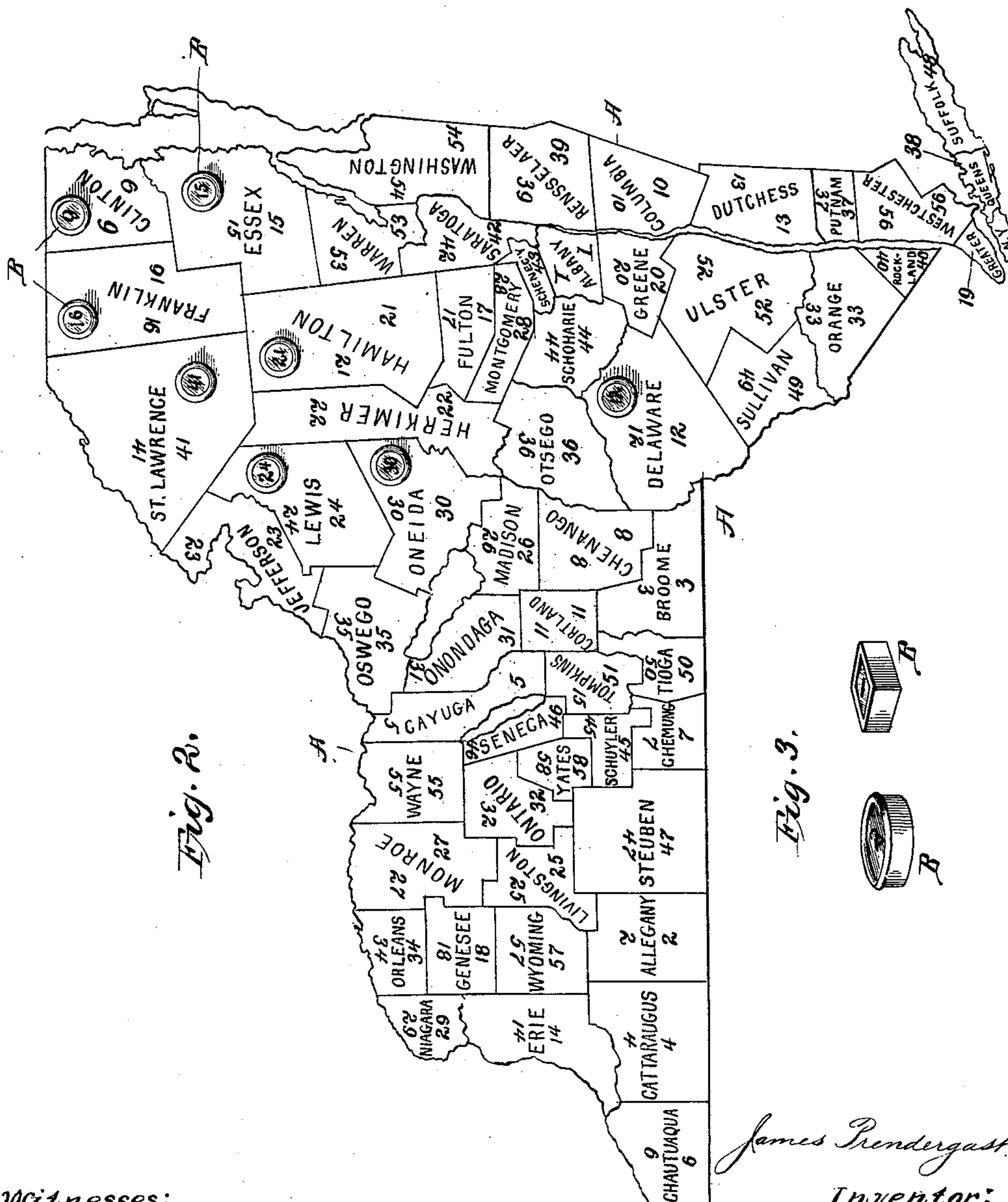
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES PRENDERGAST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Le Roy, in the county of Genesee and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-  
10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to games.

It has for its object to afford entertainment or pastime pure and simple, instructive and interesting, and a diversion from the monot-  
15 ony and worry of life.

The invention therefore consists of a geographical outline, say, of the United States, including the States and Territories thereof, or other country especially divided up into  
20 sundry subdivisions, wherein the subdivision, State, or county outlines are designated or denoted numerically or otherwise, according to their alphabetical order, said numerals, &c., being oppositely arranged, and movable  
25 points or "buttons" equal in number to said State, county, or subdivision outlines and bearing corresponding numbers or characters with the aforesaid, all substantially as herein- after more fully disclosed, and specifically  
30 pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the preferred form of carrying out my invention, Figure 1 is a view showing a geographical outline of the United States with the  
35 State and Territory outlines thereof and numbered movable blocks or disks placed upon said State and Territory outlines. Fig. 2 is a view of the geographical outline of, say, the State of New York with the county out-  
40 lines thereof. Fig. 3 is a view showing more fully examples of the numbered blocks or disks.

Latitude will be allowed to matters of detail in the embodiment of my invention, as  
45 the same may be varied without departing from the spirit or principles of my invention.

A refers to a map or geographical outline of the United States, with its State and Territory outlines marked or numbered according  
50 to their alphabetical order—in the present instance from "1" upward to "49," respectively, this being the total number of States and Ter-

ritories. In other words, the State whose initial is "A" and its following consonant next in sequence—as, for instance, Alabama—is num-  
55 bered or designated "1," and the next State in alphabetical order, which is Arizona, is numbered or designated "2," and so on. These numerals are oppositely arranged upon the States and Territories, so that the same may  
60 be readily distinguished and recognized from the opposite sides of the board at which the players sit. For each State and Territory outline I employ a point or button B and number or designate it accordingly—*i. e.*, the but-  
65 ton or point bears the number of the State or Territory it represents or upon which it is placed in playing the game.

In practicing the invention the game may be played in either of two ways, viz: Each  
70 player appropriates at a game seven or ten buttons or points as one way, and in the other way the "block-game" procedure is followed, wherein each player arms himself with  
75 only five buttons or points, this being the much shorter. Accordingly in pursuance of the first-named code or procedure each player draws from the buttons or points, say, seven  
80 or ten and plays the same, one player placing one button or point, say, on the State outline of Alabama, and the other player places a corresponding button upon the adjoining  
State outlines of Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, or Florida, if equal to the task, to compass, if possible, said point. If not, he makes  
85 another draw and plays his second hand out, with the same end in view to compass the first player's point. Successful in this, then player No. 1 again plays or places another point and  
90 player No. 2 proceeds to compass the same, and so on. The player first exhausting his "hand" wins the game. Each player keeps tally of his losses and gains, and in case of a tie they "draw" to determine the result.  
95 Thus it will be seen that entertainment and pastime are provided, instructive and interesting, pure and inviting.

It will be observed that the invention can be practiced in like manner with the county  
100 outlines of a State—as, for instance, illustrated in Fig. 2. These maps, embodying my invention, are gotten up with an enlarged showing of some particular State, Territory, or county upon the back thereof, according

to the State, Territory, or county in which it may be used or disposed of.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters  
5 Patent, is—

A game comprising a subdivided geographical outline, each division having duplicate numbers or characters oppositely arranged therein, and points or "buttons" equal in

number to said subdivisions and numbered to correspondingly therewith, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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