

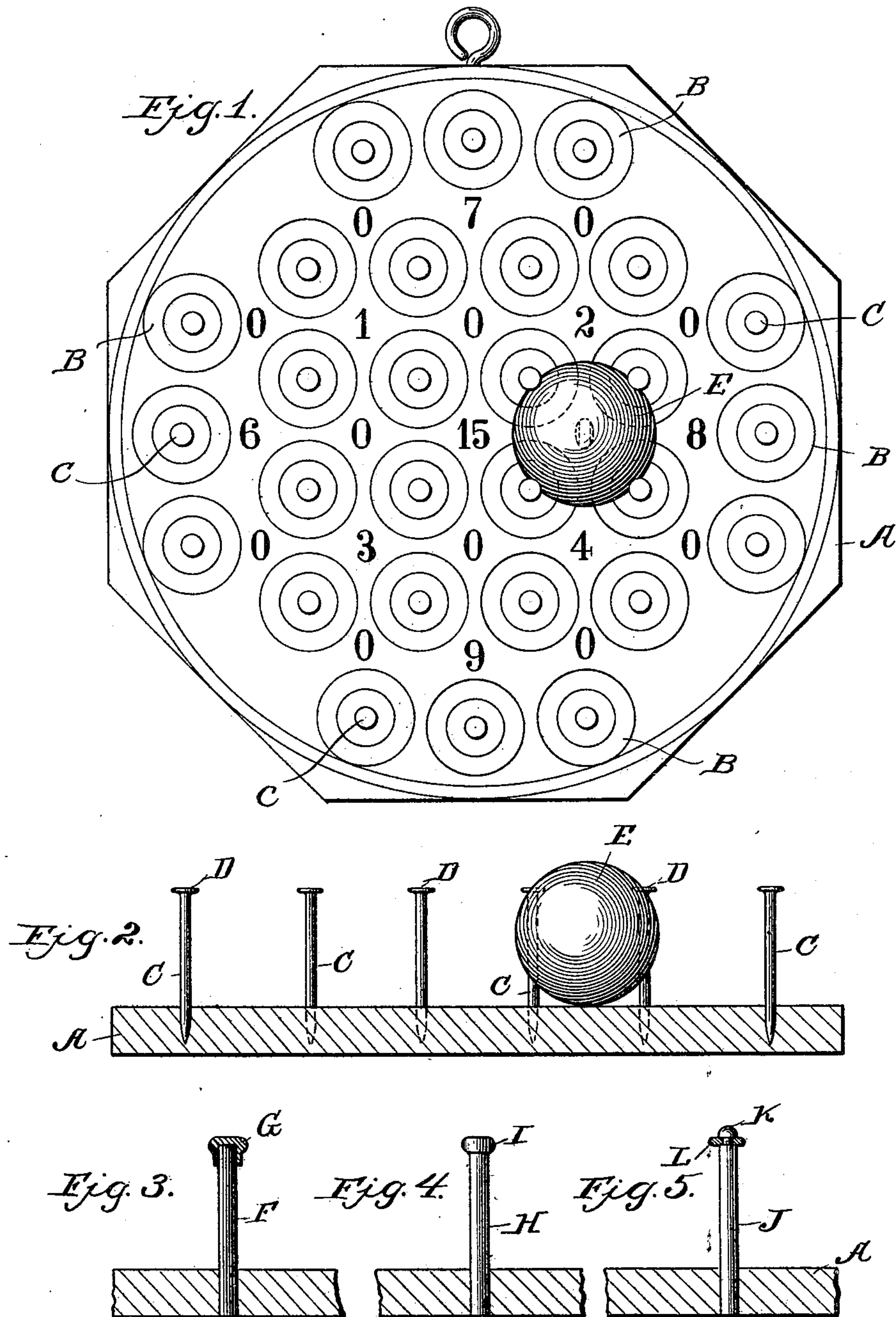
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. PARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improvement in Ball-and-Target Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is for a target, and has for one object to so construct such a device as to provide for the retention of a ball when striking the target without injury either to the target or the ball.

A further object of my invention is to so arrange the pegs for catching the ball and members relative thereto as to add considerable interest to the use of the target and provide for the scoring according to the portion of the target which is hit, the spaces between the pins being the portions carrying the indicating members.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a target made in accordance with my improvement, showing a ball caught thereon; Fig. 2, a section of the same; Fig. 3, a detail section of a portion of the target, showing the use of wooden pegs with rubber-tipped ends; Fig. 4, a similar view showing the use of wooden pegs with enlarged heads, and Fig. 5 a similar view showing a peculiar-shaped wooden pin carrying a rubber washer or disk especially adapted to catch a solid ball.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied I provide a target-board A, which may be of any suitable material, size, or shape, here shown as octagonal, and upon the front surfaces of this board are inscribed a series of circles B in the form of a cross-nowy quadrant, and in the center of each circle is placed a peg or nail C, having a head D thereon, and these nails are so located relative to each

other that when a compressible ball E is thrown against the target and strikes the same between the nails it will be caught by the heads of the nails—that is to say, the ball will first pass beyond the heads; but will not rebound therefrom, since the reaction thereof will not be sufficient to withdraw it from the under side of the heads. A ball thus caught is clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In practice a hollow rubber ball is preferable for use in connection with the target just described, and when it is thrown against the target and strikes properly it will be caught by the nails and held until it is withdrawn, and thus register the score made by the thrower, as indicated by the number over which the ball lodges.

My target is well adapted for use indoors, since the ball being hollow and light will not injure objects with which it may come in contact, and if properly thrown will be caught upon the target, and thus be prevented from striking surrounding objects.

Considerable amusement can be had by the use of this target, as well as invigorating exercise, while at the same time considerable skill will be developed in practicing in connection therewith for out-of-door use. The pegs may be made as shown in Fig. 3, each being a wooden peg F and having a compressible tip G secured thereon, said tip being made of rubber or other suitable material, and this will admit of the use of a more solid ball, since the tip will give to a certain extent and permit the passage of the ball between the pegs and then prevent its rebounding, as before described. If desired, the pegs may be made as shown in Fig. 4, each being a wooden peg H, having a head I formed thereon and of such quality as to have a limited amount of spring or resiliency, whereby the pegs will spring sidewise in permitting the ball to pass the heads thereof.

A construction which I prefer for out-of-door use and in connection with the solid ball, such as a lawn-tennis ball, is shown in Fig. 5, and consists of the peg J, having a head K formed thereon in such manner as to produce a groove in which is fitted a rubber disk L, thus making a flange which is readily deflected when the ball strikes the same, so

as to permit the latter to pass between the  
pegs, and yet will spring outward and pre-  
vent the ball from rebounding.

Of course other minor changes might be  
5 made in the details of construction here shown  
without departing from the spirit of my in-  
vention, which rests in the broad idea of pro-  
viding a target having pins or pegs project-  
ing therefrom so arranged as to catch and  
10 hold a ball against rebounding and figures  
so located as to indicate the score made by  
the thrower.

Having thus fully described my invention,  
what I claim is—

A target consisting of a suitable board hav- 15  
ing a series of circles arranged thereon in the  
form of a cross-nowy quadrant, and pegs se-  
cured within said circles, said pegs having  
heads for retaining a ball when thrown against  
the target, as specified. 20

In testimony whereof I have hereunto af-  
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