

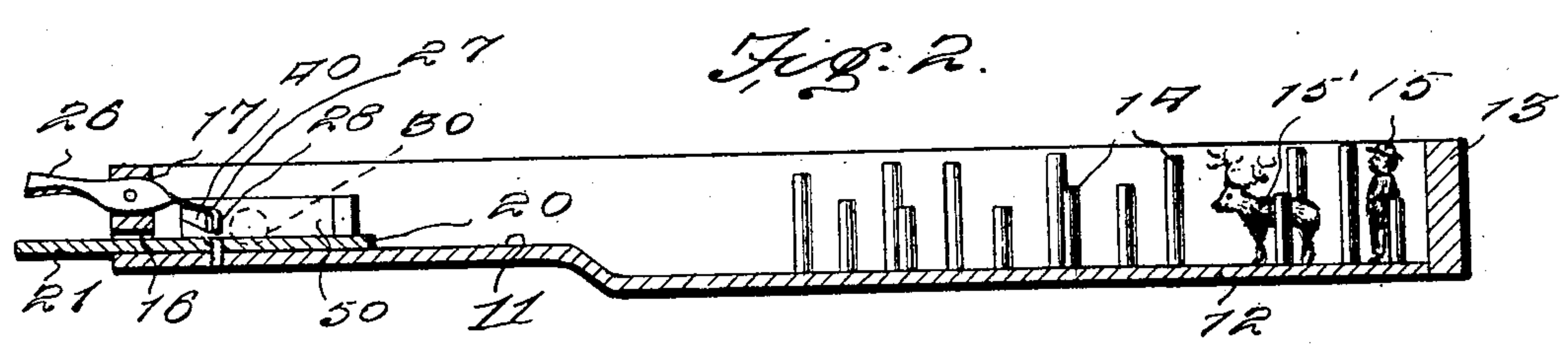
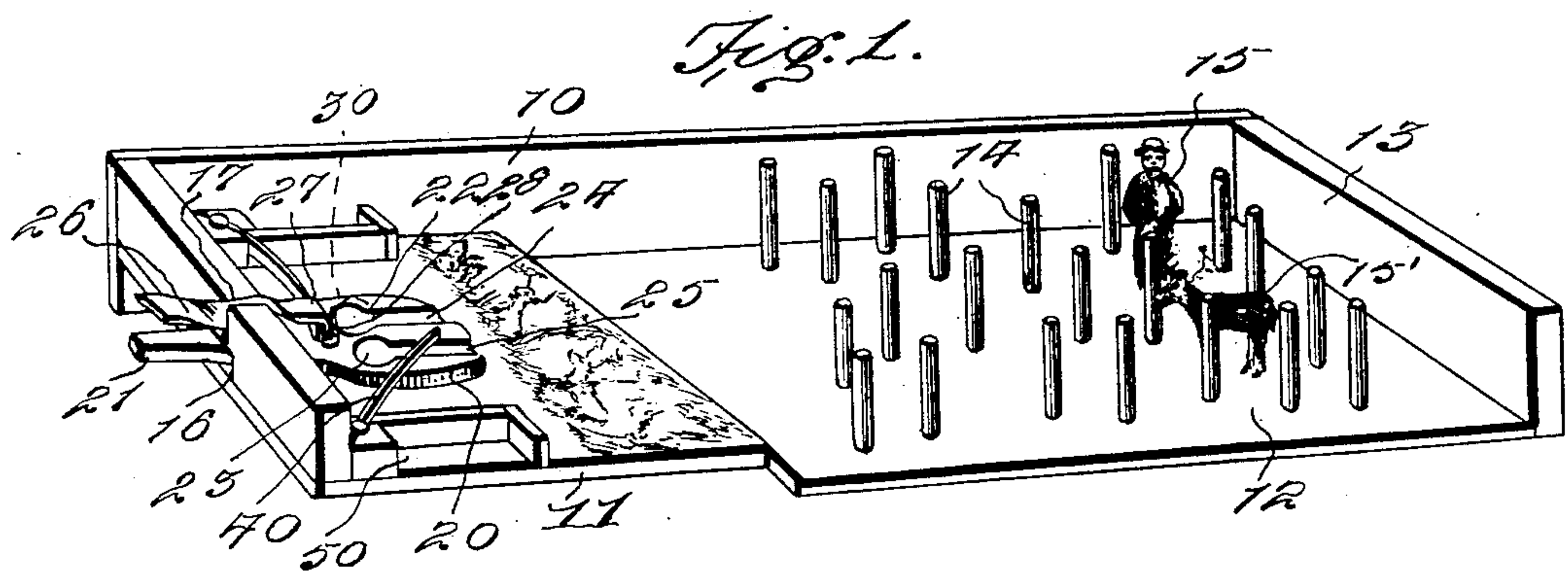
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WILLIAM GRISWOLD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Manomet, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in games and game-boards.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a game-board with means for following out as far as possible the game laws in force in any section of the country which it may be desired to represent.

15 The invention consists in providing a game-board at one end thereof with the representation of a forest containing game and with a propelling mechanism at the other end adapted to receive a ball to be propelled, the ball-carrying device of said mechanism being movable to permit the ball to be directed to any desired point on the board.

20 The invention consists, further, in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents a perspective view of this improved board having one of the guard-flanges removed to show the interior thereof. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal vertical section thereof.

The same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

35 The board, as shown, consists of an oblong box 10, composed of any suitable material, and has the floor at one end thereof raised to form a platform 11 for the gun. The other end represents a forest valley 12, where the game is disposed. This floor is surrounded by a marginal flange 13, the flange being quite high at the rear end of the board and at the sides adjacent to that end, as shown in Fig. 2, forming the inclosure for the forest valley 12.

45 On the lower floor 12 among the supposed trees, as 14, a man 15 is standing concealed among the trees, and at various parts of the forest animals, as 15', are disposed among the trees. These animals are in the form of separate pieces set up among the pegs representing trees, or the places where they are sup-

posed to stand may be marked with the names of various animals, such as deer, bear, bird, and the like.

On the raised platform 11 a ball-carrying 55 device or gun 20 is pivotally mounted, having its outer end 21 projected through a slot 16 in the end of the board to the outside thereof, which forms a handle for moving the gun in the direction desired. This gun 20 has 60 two concave recesses 22 and 23 formed in the upper face thereof for holding a ball 30 and raceways or grooves 24 and 25 leading from said recesses to the end of the gun. These grooves form guideways through which the 65 ball is propelled when the gun is operated. A trigger 26 is pivoted in an open vertical slot 17 in the front end flange 13 and is adapted to swing up and down therein, having one end thereof projected on the outside of the 70 board and its opposite end 27 disposed inside the board over the gun 20 and is provided with a flange 28, forming a hook for engaging springs, as 40, disposed at opposite sides of the gun 20. These springs 40 are in the 75 form of straight pieces of slender flat steel wire, which are secured in each front corner of the board and project diagonally into the box, having their free ends disposed over the gun 20. Either one of these springs 40 may 80 be used to engage the trigger by bending the free end thereof until it engages the hook 28 on said trigger, and when in this position the gun is ready for use.

The ball 30, which may be made of rubber, 85 wood, or any other suitable material, is designed for use as a bullet and is disposed in one of the recesses 22 or 23 in the gun 20. The gun 20 is then moved to point in any desired direction, aiming at some of the animals 90 in the valley below, when by pressing on the trigger 26 the spring 40 is released and striking against the ball 30 shoots it among the trees.

Inclosures, as 50, are formed in each front 95 corner of the board and are adapted to hold counters, on which are stamped name and price of each animal necessary in playing the game.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination with a game-board, of a propelling mechanism comprising a mov-

able projectile-carrier pivoted to said board, a trigger disposed adjacent to said carrier, and springs located at opposite sides of the movable projectile-carrier for actuating the projectile, either of the springs being adapted to be engaged by the trigger.

2. The combination with a game-board, of propelling mechanism comprising a movable plate pivotally mounted on the board and having an exteriorly-arranged portion forming a handle, a trigger extending longitudinally of the carrier and pivoted between its ends to the same, the outer end of the trigger being arranged above the said handle, and a spring disposed above the plane of the carrier and arranged to swing over the same and adapted to be engaged by the said trigger, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a game-board, of a propelling mechanism comprising a movable plate having recesses in its upper face for receiving a projectile, a trigger disposed over said plate, and a flat spring fastened at one end to a support and having its free end extended over said plate, said trigger having means for engaging the free end of said spring.

4. A game apparatus comprising a board

provided with pegs and adapted to receive playing-pieces, a horizontally-movable projectile-carrier pivotally mounted on the board, springs located at opposite sides of the carrier for actuating the projectiles, and a trigger arranged to engage either of the springs, substantially as described.

5. The combination with a game-board, of a propelling mechanism comprising a paddle-shaped plate pivoted thereto and having its reduced end projected through a slot in the end of said board and extending to the exterior thereof, a trigger pivoted in the end of said board and having one end thereof extending on the outside of said board and the other end extending into the interior thereof, a plate-spring fastened at one end to a corner of said board and having its free end extended over said plate and adapted to be engaged by said trigger.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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