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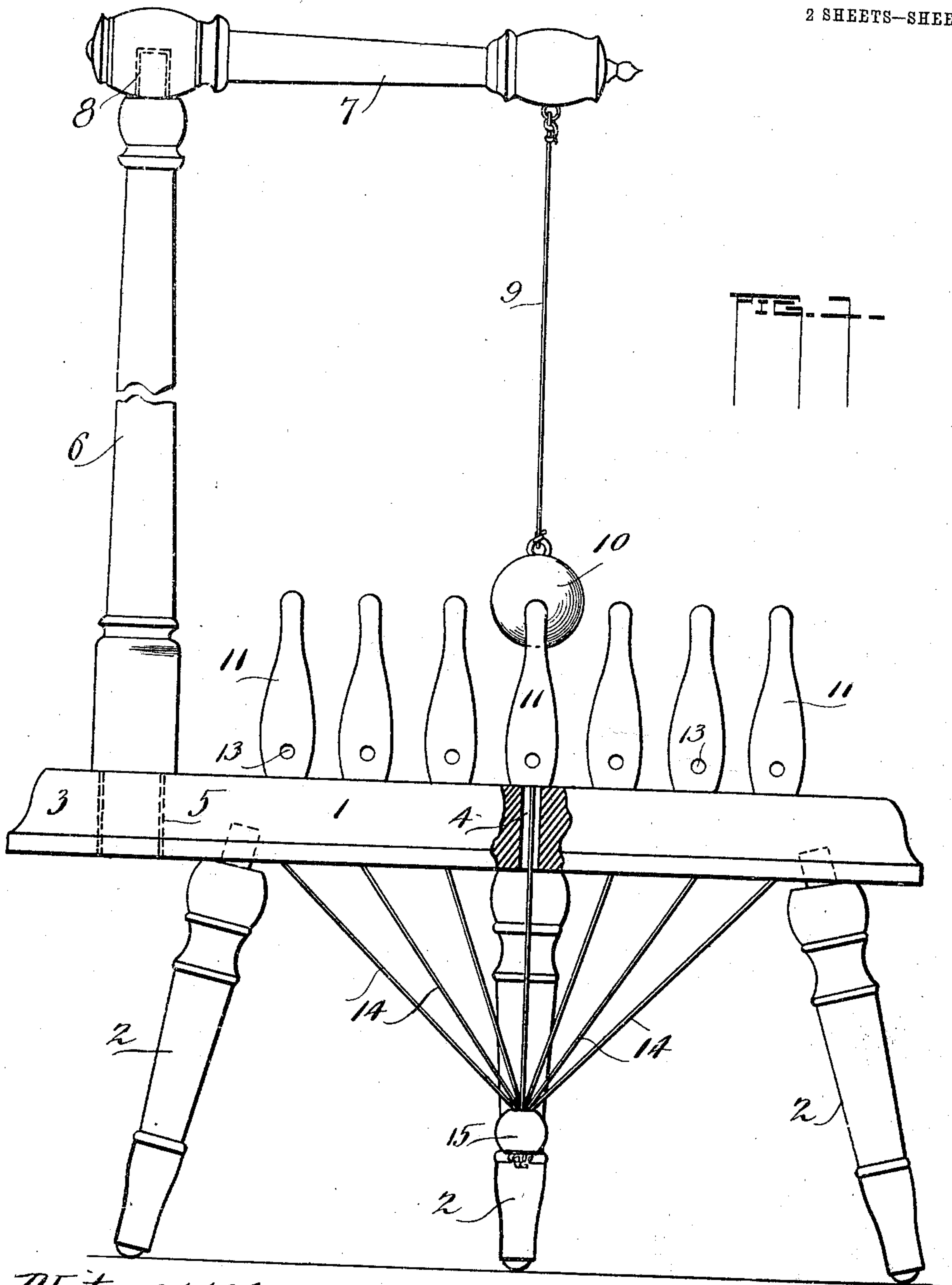
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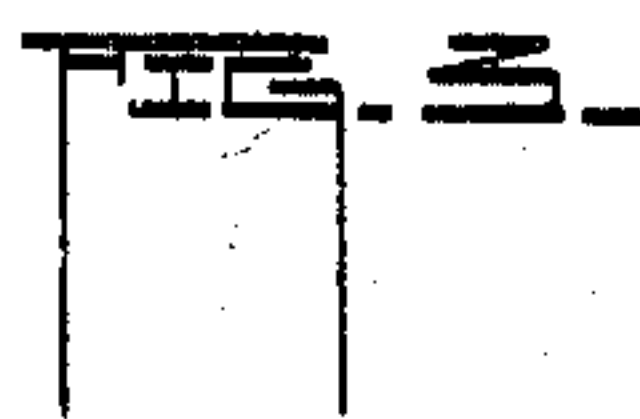
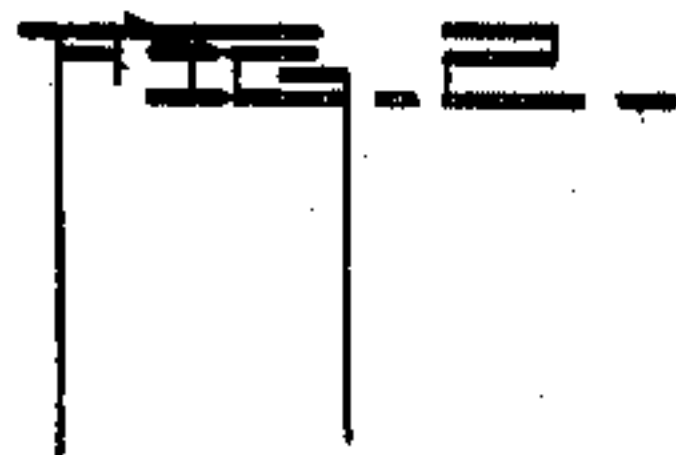
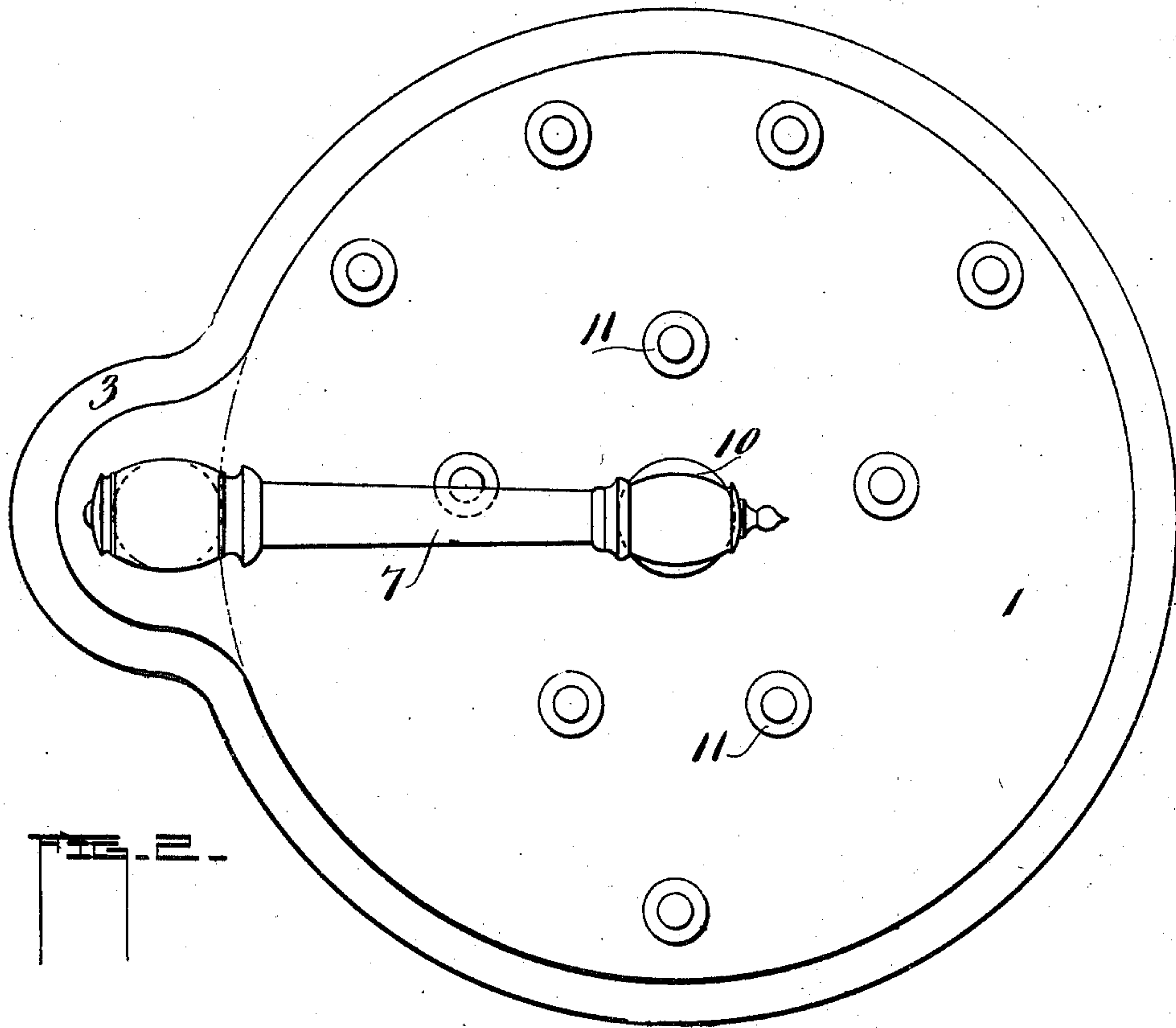
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT C. SCHNEIDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peoria, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to

which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has reference to a game apparatus wherein a tenpin game is provided for indoor use which is compact, cheap at first cost, and very useful for the purposes for which it is designed.

The object which I have in view is to provide a game of the class described consisting of a miniature table supported upon legs, the table being substantially circular in appearance and provided with a horizontal offset forming an irregular contour of the circular edge of the table, and upon said table is arranged ten wooden pins. These pins are each connected by means of strings in a common ball or knob beneath the table, the strings being secured in their respective pins and passed through perforations in the table over which the pins are stood; and the invention consists, further, of a post extending up from the horizontal projection of the table, and connected to said post is a horizontal reach, from which is suspended a ball adapted for knocking down the pins.

The invention has for its further object details of construction and in the combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating my apparatus. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail of one of the pins employed in my apparatus.

In the figures, 1 indicates a table-body supported upon suitable legs 2, of which there are three. The table 1 has a substantially circular appearance, with the exception that there is provided a horizontally-curved extension 3, forming a part of the table-body 1, which forms an irregular contour of the cir-

cular edge of the table at this point. The table-body is arranged with a series of perforations, as at 4, (shown in cross-section in Fig. 1,) and it is designed to place these perforations in manner similar to the plan shown in Fig. 2, over which pins are placed, to be further described, and 5 refers to an enlarged perforation passing through the table-body in the extension 3 thereof.

6 indicates a suitable post designed to be detachably connected with the table-body and is seated in the perforation 5 by a reduced extension, somewhat as shown in Fig. 1.

7 refers to a horizontal reach provided at one end with a socket 8, in which it is designed to insert a reduced part of the upper end of the post and to make the post and reach detachable from each other, and the free end of the reach overhangs the center of the table-body, from which is suspended a string 9, to the lower end of which is secured a ball 10, raised a suitable distance above the upper surface of the table, as shown.

11 indicates a series of wooden pins, of which there are ten, designed to be seated upon the table above each of the perforations 4 therein. In each of the pins is provided a short vertical opening 12, leading up from the bottoms thereof, which communicate with a transverse opening 13, extending in from one side of the pins, substantially as shown in Fig. 3, and 14 indicates strings which are slipped through the openings 13 and carried down through the openings 12, and the outer ends of the strings are provided with knots to prevent the ends of the string from being pulled down through the openings 12, it being noticed that the openings 12 are less in diameter than the openings 13. The strings from each respective pin are then passed down through the openings 4 in the table-body, and all of the strings have their ends joined in a common knob 15, suspended beneath the table. The pins being placed in the positions shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the ball is thrown to cause it to engage with the pins, the object being to see how many pins may be knocked down with one throw of the ball. The provision of the strings and knob beneath the table is to provide for the resetting



of the pins in their respective places simultaneously by one pull upon the strings through the knob connected therewith.

This apparatus has been designed with a view of offering to the trade a neat, compact, and durable game of the class described, which may be sold for a nominal sum and arranged to have the parts of the device detachably connected for ease and convenience in shipping, hitherto not found in games of this class, and by the provision of the horizontal or irregular offset of the body of the table, from which extends the post, I have removed the objection common in light devices, where the ball when swinging in a circle interferes with the post from which it is suspended, as in the present device the post is removed out of the circle bounded by the main body of the table on which the pins are carried, which to a greater or less extent prevents the ball from coming in contact therewith.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a game apparatus, and in combination substantially as described, a table substantially circular in outline having the horizontal offset 3, a post detachably connected with the portion 3 of the table, a horizontal reach detachably connected with the upper end of the post and having a ball suspended from its free end, and a series of pins adapted to stand in vertical positions at given points on the table, and means for resetting the pins after being displaced from their vertical positions, for the purposes set forth.

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

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