

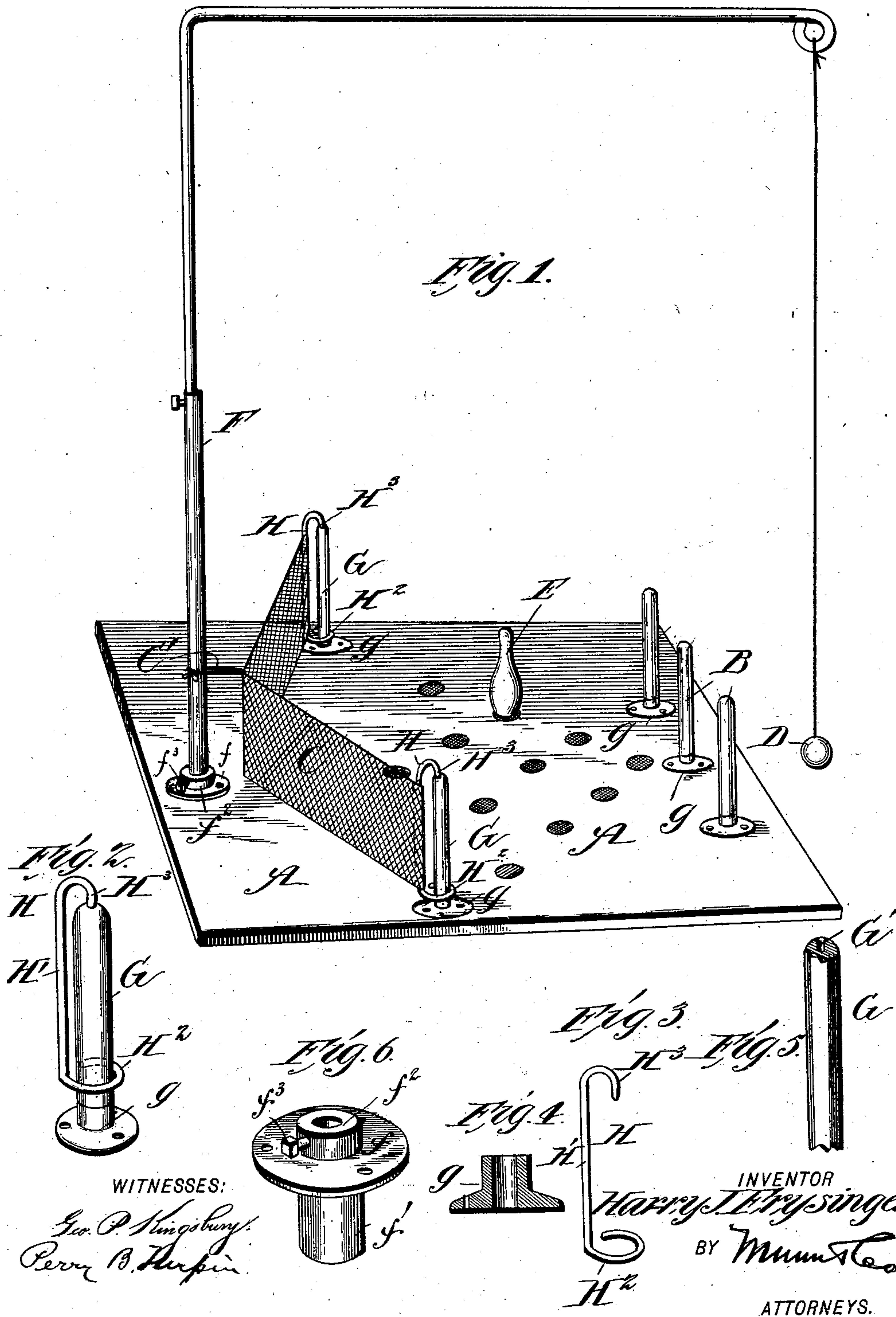
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY J. FRYSSINGER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in game apparatus, and especially in that class of game apparatus illustrated in my former patent, No. 712,923, designed for playing what is termed "royal pin-ball;" and the present invention relates to the means for securing the canvas or netting to the end posts which support the same; and it consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apparatus embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of one of the end posts with the bail or netting-holder applied thereto. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the wire bails or netting-holders. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view of one of the socket-pieces for holding the posts. Fig. 5 is a side elevation, partly in section, of one of the end posts; and Fig. 6 shows another socket-piece, which is intended to hold the frame that supports the ball.

In the playing of this game a netting is provided to catch the pins, which latter are mounted on suitable supports or spots on the board A, and baffle-posts B are arranged near one edge of the board and on the opposite side of the pin-spots from the netting or canvas C, and the ball D is normally suspended on the opposite side of the baffle-posts from the pin-spots, as will be understood from Fig. 1 of the drawings, so it may be caused to operate between said posts to knock the pins E toward the netting or canvas C. The netting or canvas C is secured at its middle, which may be by a cord or wire C' to the support F, mounted in socket *f* for the ball, and at its ends to the end posts G, mounted on the board A and preferably held at their lower ends in suitable socket-pieces *g*.

By my invention I provide means for conveniently connecting the canvas or netting with the end posts and preferably employ

the holders H somewhat in the form of bails of wire or rods of suitable strength, having the intermediate or main portion H' to receive the end of the netting C, which latter may be stitched around the portion H' or otherwise held thereon. At its opposite end the bail H is provided with means for engagement with the posts G. As shown and preferred, these means include a loop H<sup>2</sup> at the lower end of the bail to encircle the post G and a return or hook portion H<sup>3</sup> at the upper end of the bail and depending in position to enter a socket G' in the upper end of the post G, as will be understood from Figs. 1, 2, and 5 of the drawings. The return portion H<sup>3</sup> enters the socket G' in the upper end of the post G sufficiently far to firmly anchor the upper end of the bail to said post, the lower end of the bail being held by the fitting of the loop H<sup>2</sup> around the post, as shown. By the described construction the bail can be readily applied to the post G and removed therefrom, so that the netting need only be under tension when the game is being played and can be removed and replaced at will.

The socket-piece shown in Fig. 6 and applied in Fig. 1 is designed to support the frame for holding the ball. Said socket-piece *f* has a central opening to receive the tube F, forming a part of the said support, and the socket is provided with a depending portion *f'* to fit in an opening in the board A, and an opening projecting above the tubular portion *f*<sup>2</sup>, the latter having a set-screw *f*<sup>3</sup> by which to hold the tube F in any desired adjustment.

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

1. In a game apparatus, the combination of the canvas or netting, the post for supporting one end of the same and provided in its upper end with a socket, and the holder in the form of a bail having a middle or main portion to which the netting is connected and provided at one end with a loop to encircle the post and at its other end with a returned portion or hook having a depending point entering the socket in the upper end of the supporting-post, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the netting, and the post for supporting one end thereof, of

the holder having a central portion to which the netting is connected, and provided at its ends with portions slidable in the direction of length of the post into detachable engagement therewith, substantially as set forth.

3. In a game apparatus, a canvas or netting holder composed of a bail having a main portion to support the netting and provided at one end with a loop and at its other end with a returned portion or hook whereby the holder is adapted to engage at both ends with the supporting - post, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination with the supporting-post, having a socket in its end, of a holder adapted to secure netting or canvas and hav-

ing at one end a loop to encircle the post, and at its other end a returned or hook portion to enter a socket in the upper end of the post, substantially as set forth.

5. A game apparatus comprising a board, a socket-piece  $f$  fitted to the board, and having a depending tubular portion  $f'$ , a lateral flange at the upper end of the tube  $f'$  and arranged above the board and a tube  $f^2$  projecting above the flange and having a set-screw, and the ball-support fitted in said socket-piece, substantially as set forth.

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