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Fig. 1.

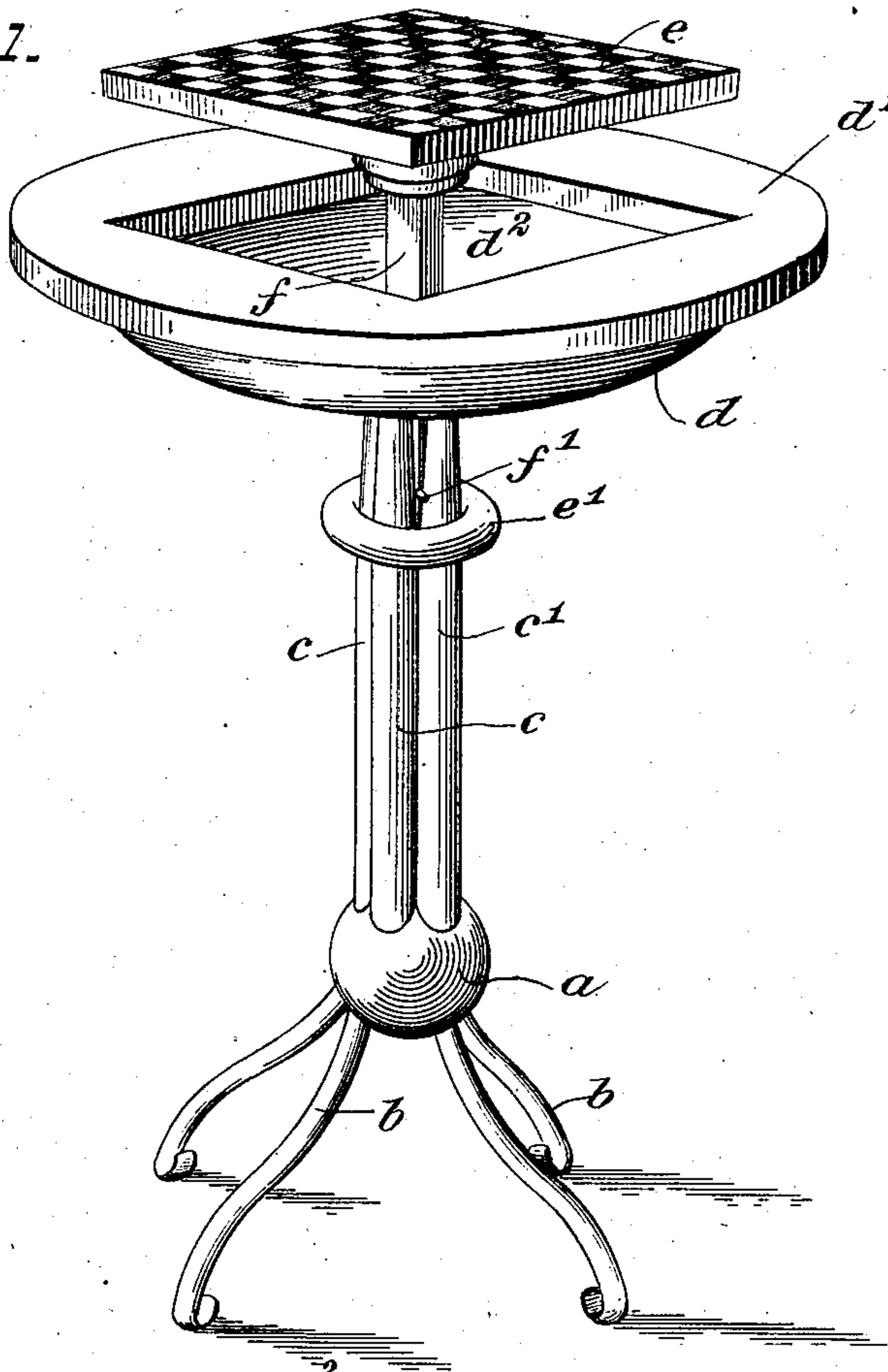
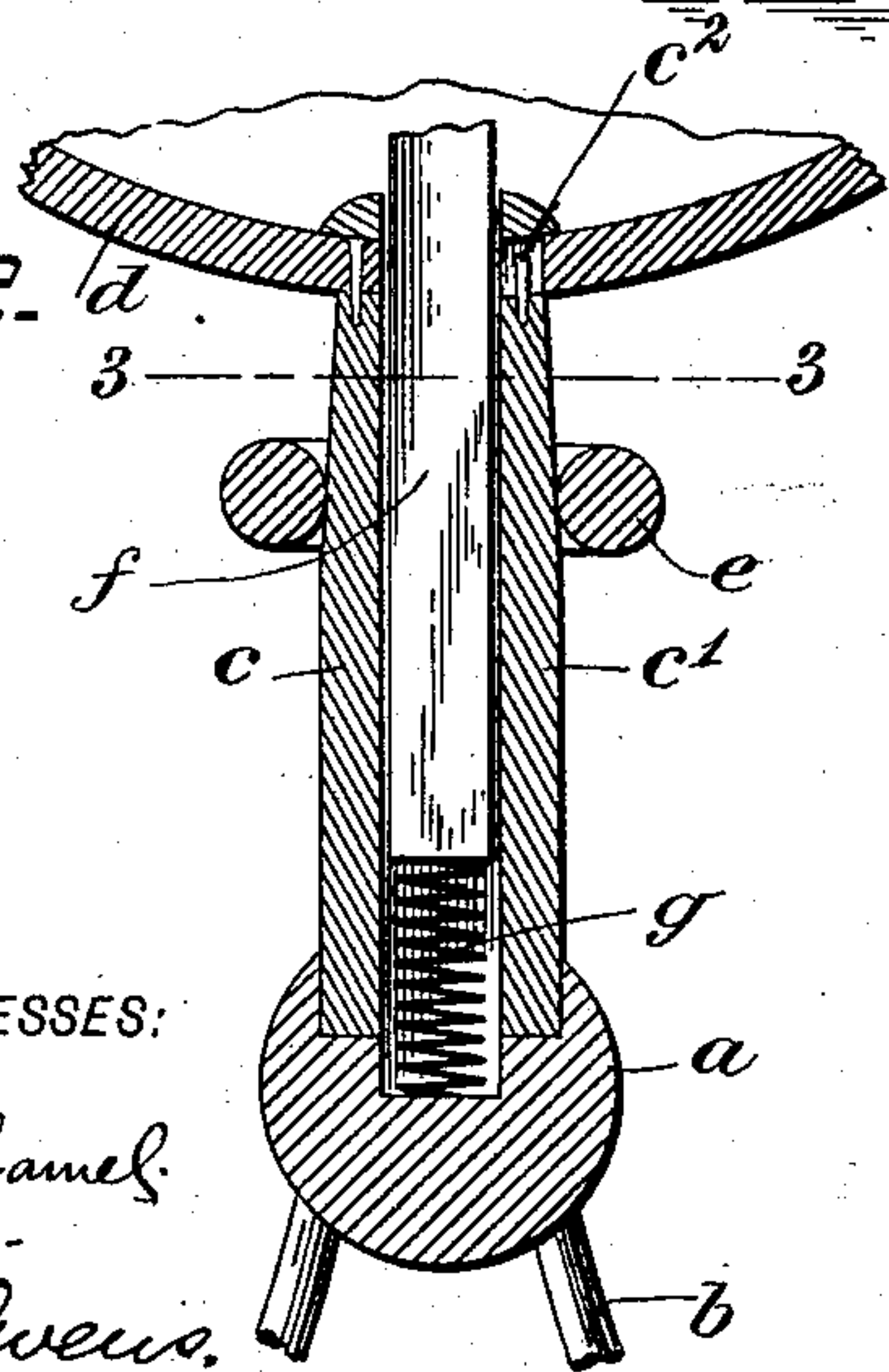


Fig. 2.

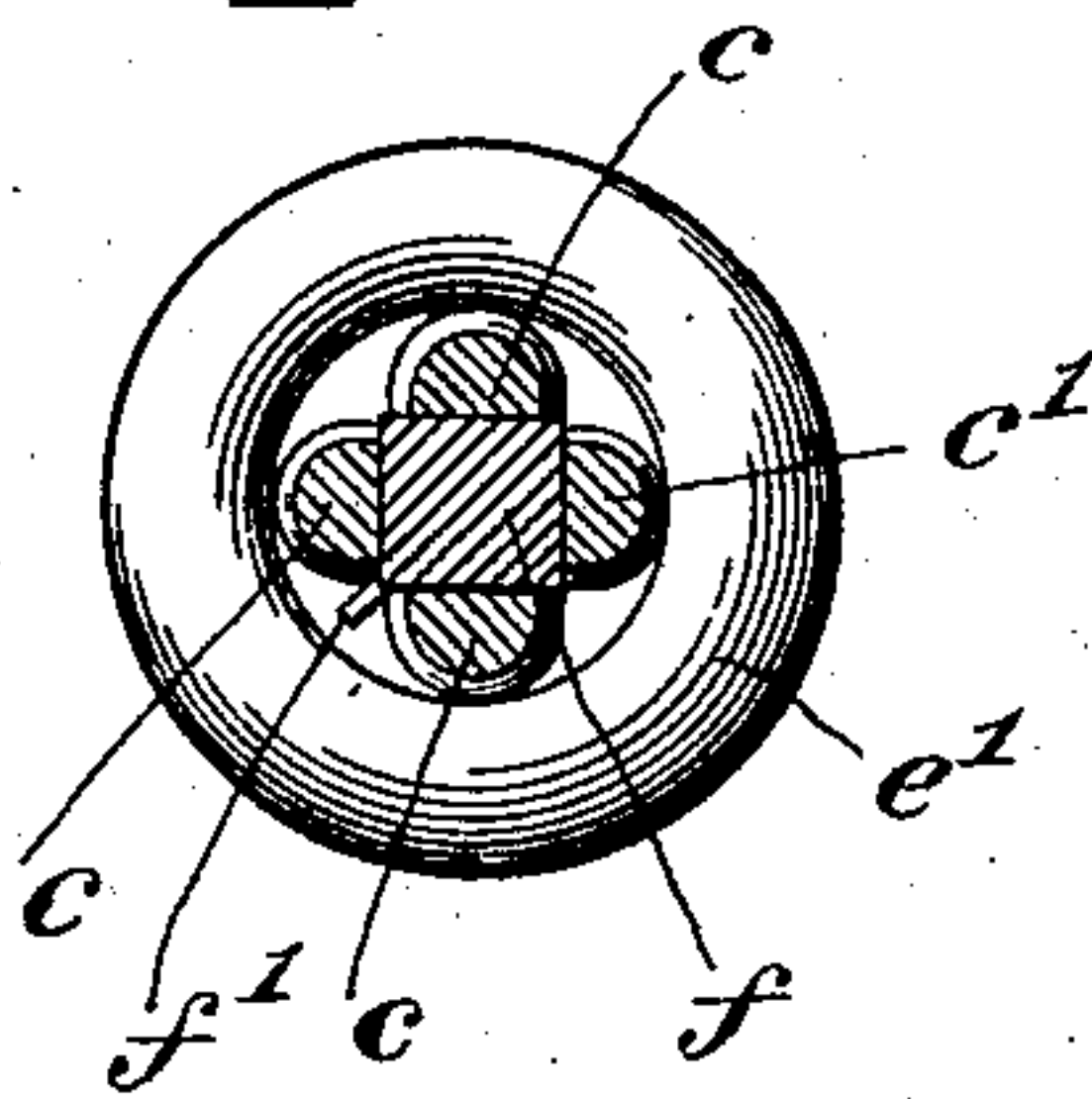


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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTEN MANFRED, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Santa Barbara, in the county of Santa Barbara and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Table, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a table designed especially to have games played thereon, and the leading feature resides in a peculiarly-arranged movable top-section which when released exposes a compartment under the top-surface of the table, in which game apparatus may be stowed.

This specification is a specific description of one form of the invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the table, showing the said movable section raised. Fig. 2 is a detail section taken vertically through the stem of the table, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The base of the table comprises a member or base proper, *a*, and legs *b* of any desired form for sustaining it. A stem is mounted on the base and is formed of a number of parallel bars *c* and *c'*, here shown to be four in number. Of these bars the three designated *c* are rigidly attached to the base and to the body *d* of the table, while the fourth bar, *c'*, is rigidly attached to the base and carries at its upper end a pin *c²*, which is movable in a slight slot formed in the body *d* of the table, so that the free end of said bar *c'* is slightly movable toward and from the center of the stem.

e' indicates a clamping-ring which is fitted to slide vertically on the stem, its lowermost position being illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and the bars *c* and *c'* at points above this position being slightly reduced or tapered, so that when the clamping-ring *e* is moved down it forces the movable bar *c'* inward for a purpose which will hereinafter appear.

The body *d* of the table has a top or table surface *d'*, and it has formed centrally therein a cavity or compartment *d²*, which forms

the receptacle for the game apparatus, as above referred to.

e indicates the movable section of the table-top. This section, as here shown, is formed with checker-marks thereon, so that the table itself may be employed as a checker-board. The section *e* is shown in open position in Fig. 1, and thus the compartment *d²* is exposed. This section *e* is, however, capable of being moved downward to lie over the compartment and cover it, said section *e* fitting snugly in the opening formed in the top *d'* of the table.

The section *e* is carried by a shank-bar *f*, which passes downward through an opening in the body *d* of the table, as best shown in Fig. 2, and is fitted to slide between the sections *c* and *c'* of the stem.

f' indicates a stud to limit the movement of the shank-bar.

g indicates an expansive spring, which is placed between the base and the shank-bar *f* and which tends to throw upward the movable section *e* through the medium of the bar *f*.

When the section *e* is pressed down so as to lie flush with the top of the table and close the compartment *d²*, the spring *g* is compressed, and when the clamping-ring *e'* is moved downward the bar *c'* is forced inward to tightly pinch the shank-bar *f*, and thus the movable section *e* is held down and the table may be used in the usual manner; nor does it even appear externally that the table is of any more than ordinary construction. To reach the interior, however, it is only necessary to raise the ring *e'*, whereupon the spring *g* throws up the section *e* and exposes the cavity *d²*.

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of my invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the scope of my claims.

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

1. In a table, the combination of a base, a stem mounted thereon and comprising a yielding part, a table-body rigidly attached to the rigid part of the stem and having a movable

top-section, a shank-bar attached to the top-section and slidably carried by the stem, and a clamping device mounted on the stem and capable of moving the said yielding part of the stem against the shank-bar, to hold it.

2. The combination of a base, a hollow stem mounted thereon and having a yielding part, a table-body rigidly fastened to the rigid part of the stem and having a movable top-section, a shank-bar attached to the said movable top-section and slidably fitted in the stem, and a clamping-ring working on the stem and adapted to press said yielding part thereof against the shank-bar.

3. The combination of a base, a hollow stem mounted thereon and having a yielding part, a table-body rigidly fastened to the rigid part of the stem and having a movable top-section, a shank-bar attached to the said movable top-section and slidably fitted in the stem, a clamping-ring working on the stem and adapted to press said yielding part thereof against the shank-bar, and a spring bearing on the base and extending into the lower part of the stem to engage the shank-bar and press the same upward.

4. The combination of a base, a stem mounted thereon and having a yielding part, a table-body fastened rigidly to the rigid part

of the stem, a top-section movable relatively to the table-body, a shank-bar attached to the movable top-section and sliding in the stem, and a clamping-ring movable on the outside of the stem, the said yielding part of the stem having an inclined surface against which the clamping-ring bears, for the purpose specified.

5. The combination of a base, a stem mounted thereon and having a yielding part, a table-body fastened rigidly to the rigid part of the stem, a top-section movable relatively to the table-body, a shank-bar attached to the movable top-section and sliding in the stem, a clamping-ring movable on the outside of the stem, the said yielding part of the stem having an inclined surface against which the clamping-ring bears, for the purpose specified, and a spring bearing on the base and lying in the lower portion of the stem to engage the lower end of the shank-bar and press the same upward.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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