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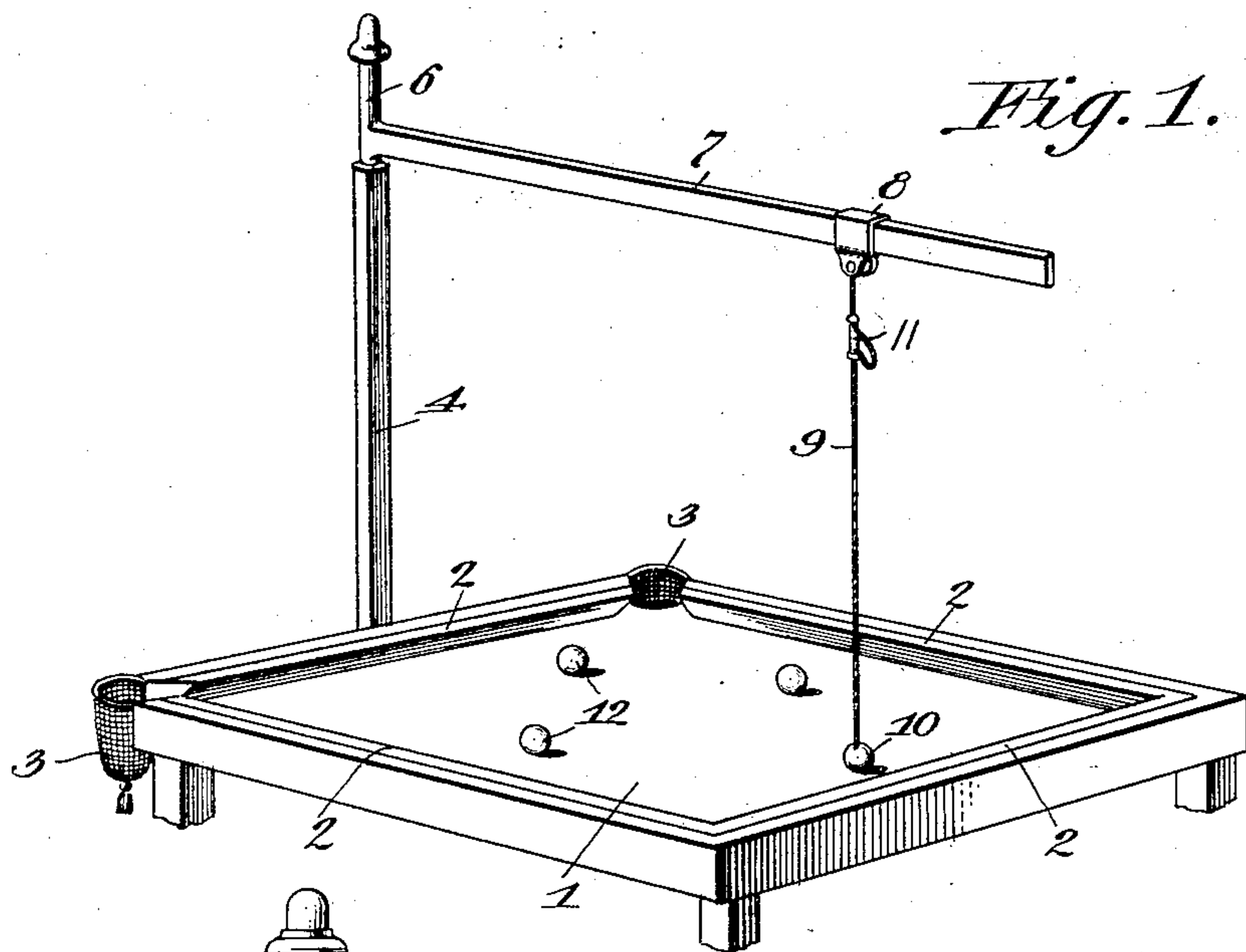


Fig. 1.

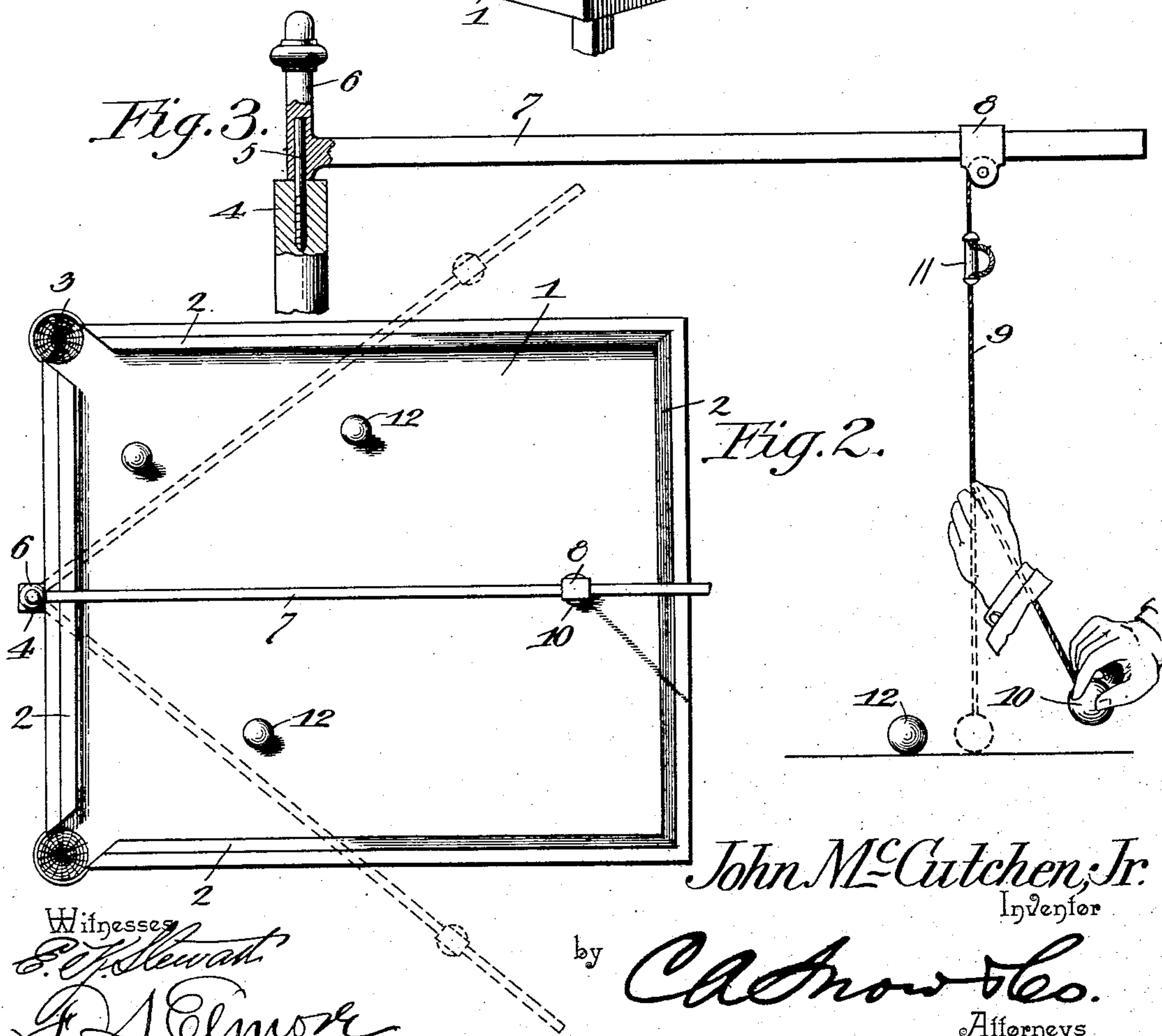


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN McCUTCHEN, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Enid, in the county of Garfield and Territory of Oklahoma, have invented a new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to game apparatus, and has for its objects to produce a device of this character which will be simple of construction, efficient in operation, and one with which a variety of games may be played.

To these ends the invention comprises the combination, with a board having pockets, of an arm sustained above the board and adapted to swing horizontally thereover and a ball suspended from the arm.

The invention further comprises the details of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detailed sectional elevation.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates a board of any suitable dimensions, having its upper surface smooth and horizontal and preferably covered with a suitable fabric, such as felt or the like. The board, which may be supported by legs or in other suitable manner, is provided at its edges with a vertical upwardly-projecting flange having suitable cushions 2 applied thereto, which latter may be composed of rubber, springs, or otherwise, and at two of its corners suitable pockets 3.

4 indicates a vertical standard preferably secured to the table by clamping or otherwise and centrally of its edges between the pockets 3. The standard is provided at its upper end with a vertical spindle 5, having pivotally mounted thereon a suitable sleeve 6, which carries an arm 7, projecting horizontally therefrom and adapted to swing on the pivot horizontally over the face of the board, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Slidingly mounted on the arm 7 is a metallic clip 8, which has suspended therefrom by means of a flexible connection 9—such, for example, as a cord or the like—a suitable play-ball 10. The clip 8 is adapted to slide freely upon the

arm 7 in order to adjust the play-ball toward and from the standard to bring the same to a desired position over the board, and the height of the ball from the board may be adjusted by means of the cleat 11.

12 indicates a series of object-balls, adapted in practice to be shot over the face of the board 1. These balls may be of any suitable material—such as celluloid, ivory, or wood—as may also the play-ball 10, and the number of the object-balls may be varied to meet the conditions of the game which is being played. The other parts of the apparatus may of course be of any suitable material, but are preferably composed of wood as far as practicable.

In practice it is intended to shoot the object-balls over the table by striking them with the play-ball, and to either pocket the balls or carom the balls one upon another. In making a shot the flexible connection 9 is grasped at a suitable point by the player with one hand, and with the other hand the play-ball is drawn back and swung into contact with the object-ball, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The play-ball may be brought to any desired position for shooting any desired object-ball by swinging the arm 7 on its pivot and moving the clip 8 back and forth upon the arm.

It will be obvious that with the apparatus a large variety of games may be played and that the conditions and rules of the game may be widely varied at the will of the players.

It is to be understood that I do not limit or confine myself to the precise details herein shown and described, for while I believe the apparatus as herein illustrated to be the best adapted for the purposes in view, still in practice it may be found desirable to change the details of construction of the same, and such changes are not to be construed as a departure from the limits or scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with a game-board, of an arm pivoted above the same and adapted to swing horizontally thereover, a member slidable on the arm, a ball suspended therefrom by a flexible connection, and means car-

ried by the flexible connection for adjusting the height of the ball from the board.

2. The combination with a game-board, of a vertical standard provided at its upper end
5 with a spindle, a sleeve mounted on the spindle and carrying an arm adapted to swing horizontally over the board, a member slidable on the arm, a ball suspended therefrom by a flexible connection, and means carried

by the flexible connection for adjusting the height of the ball. 10

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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