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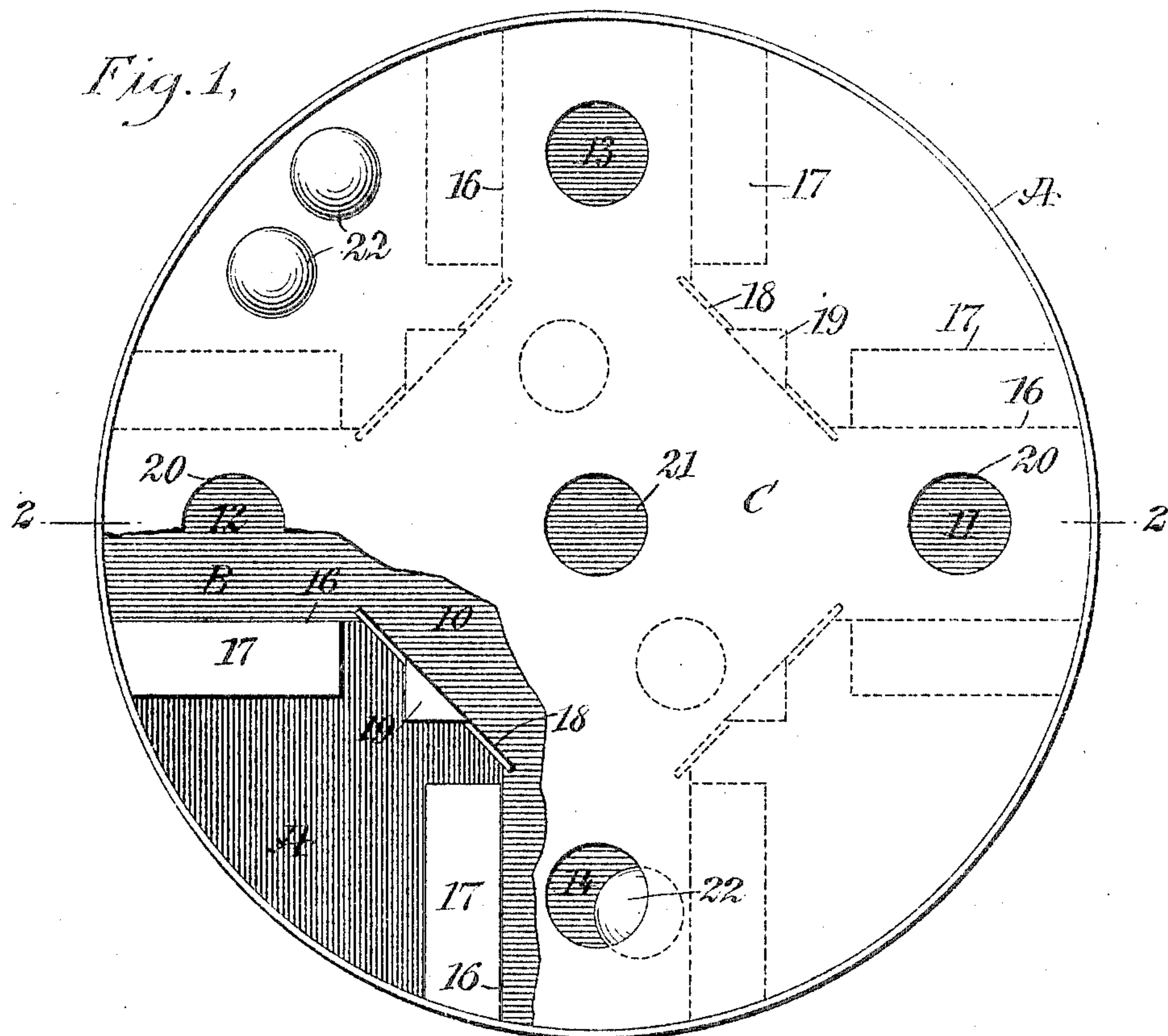
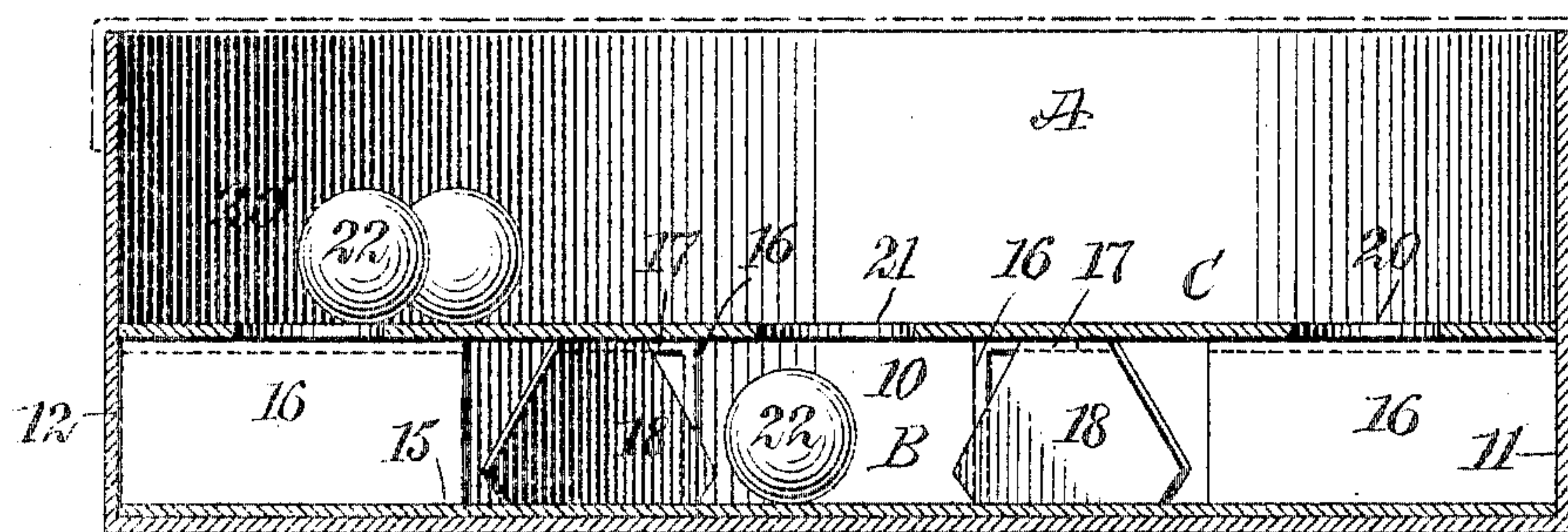


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Franklin, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of the invention is to provide an exceedingly interesting and amusing game and one that will tax the patience of the player, in the playing of which game it is required to transfer marbles or other rolling objects from a tunnel or subway to a plane surface above it, which surface is provided with openings communicating with the tunnel, said transfer to be made by shaking the device until all of the objects have been passed through the openings one at a time, it being required to keep the extracted objects upon the plane surface until all of the objects have been landed.

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

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 both the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the game device, a portion of its upper member being broken away, and Fig. 2 is a central vertical section taken practically on the line 2 2 of Fig 1.

A represents a box which may or may not be provided with a cover, and while said box may be given any desired contour it is preferably made round, as illustrated in the drawings. Within this box a tunnel B is located, resting upon the bottom of said box and fitting more or less snugly against the inner face of the sides of the box. Above said tunnel, covering the same, a plane member C is located the edge of which is in continuous engagement with the inner wall of the sides of the box, as is shown in Fig. 1. The said member C and the tunnel or subway B may be constructed of any suitable material; but preferably cardboard or strawboard is employed for the purpose.

The tunnel or subway B may be given any shape that fancy may dictate; but preferably the said tunnel or subway is substantially of cruciform shape, comprising a central body-

section 10, which is more or less diamond-shaped, and four wings 11, 12, 13, and 14, which extend from the corner portions of the diamond body 10. The bottom of the tunnel is designated as 15 and rests upon the bottom portion of the box, and the material at each side of each wing is bent upward, forming the side walls 16 for the said wing-sections of the tunnel. The material of said side walls at the top is bent outward to form horizontal flanges 17. The side walls for the diamond body 10 are formed by bending material cut more or less triangularly, as shown in Fig. 2, from the bottom of the said diamond body-section at the points between the wing-sections, thus providing the necessary side walls 18, and outwardly-extending horizontal flanges 19 are formed at the upper edges of the said body side walls 18, as is best shown in Fig. 1.

The cover member C is made to rest upon the flanges 17 and 19 and is secured thereto by an adhesive material or in any other approved manner, and when the said cover member C, whose upper surface is plain, is in position in the box A said cover member lies some distance below the upper edge of the box. Said cover member C is provided with openings 20 therein located over the wing-sections of the tunnel or subway and with a central opening 21, which is over the diamond body-section 10.

In connection with the game device just described five marbles or rolling objects 22 are employed, the number of marbles or rolling objects corresponding to the number of openings in the cover member C. Preferably the tunnel or subway B and its attached cover-section C may be lifted out from the box A.

In playing the game the marbles are placed in the subway or tunnel, and it is then required of the player to shake the box in such manner as to cause one marble or ball at a time to pass up and out through an opening in the cover member C and to remain on said cover member until the second ball or marble has been made to pass out through an opening in said cover member. After the last ball or rolling object has been successfully taken from the tunnel or subway and is received upon the cover member C, all of the other balls or rolling objects having been retained on said member, the game will have been won.

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

5 1. A game device, comprising a box, a tunnel or subway constructed in connected sections and located at the bottom of the box, fitting to the inner side thereof, a cover for the said tunnel or subway, engaging continuously with the inner side of the box and provided with openings leading into the several
10 sections of the subway or tunnel, and rolling objects located in the subway or tunnel, which objects are to be passed out therefrom through the said openings in the cover member as described.
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2. In a game device, a box, a tunnel or subway of substantially cruciform shape, constructed in the bottom portion of the box, a

cover member for the said tunnel or subway, secured thereto and engaging continuously 20 with the inner side face of the box, the upper surface of said cover member being smooth and said cover member being provided with five openings therein, the central opening leading to the body portion of the tunnel or 25 subway and the other openings one into each of the wing-sections of the tunnel, and rolling objects located in the said tunnel or subway, for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 30 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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