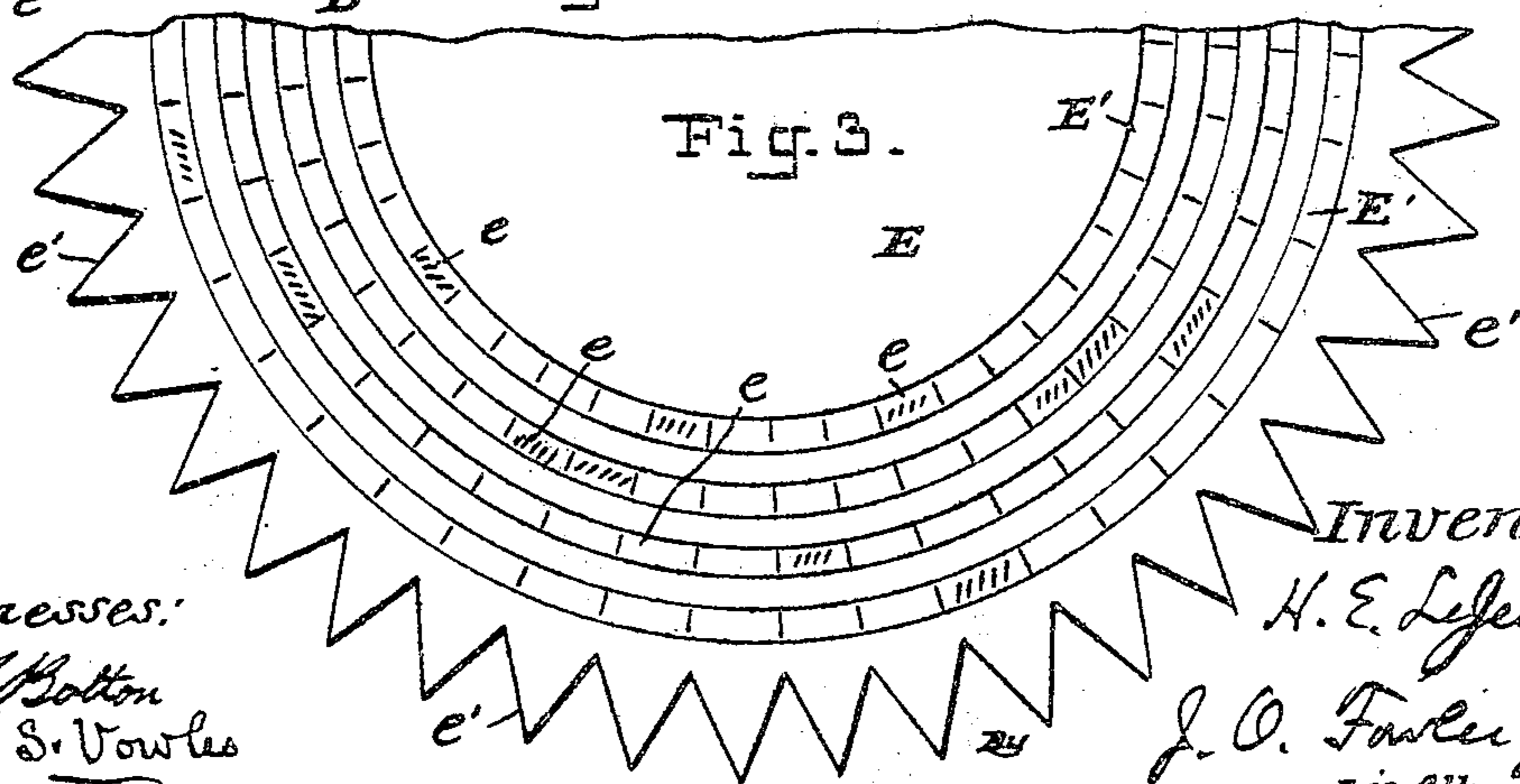
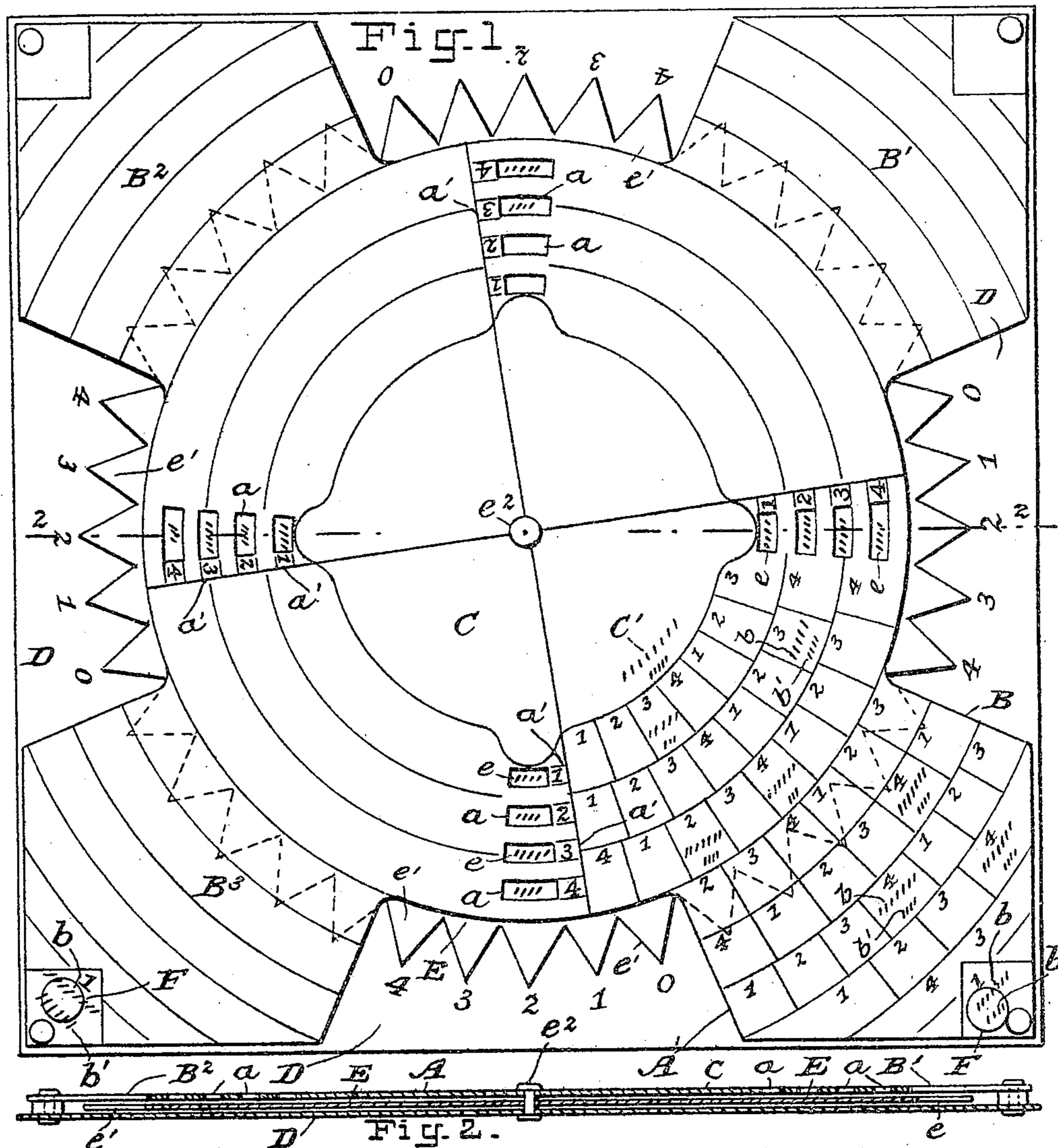


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY E. LE JEUNE, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, the same being a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to contests for success or superiority in a trial of chance or skill, and particularly to a game apparatus in which the objective point to be attained is a pole or location on a sphere equally distant from every part of the circumference of the same; and it has for its object the production of a game simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easily learned and amusing, and instructive in practical use.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combination and arrangement of parts, all of which will be hereinafter described, and specifically pointed out in the drawings, which accompany and form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a game constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in section of the same, taken on the line 2 2, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a view in detail of a part of my revoluble plate or wheel.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the views.

This game may be designated as the "parlor" or "traveler's" game apparatus in that it is necessary for the player to reach a certain, preferably central, objective point in order to win the game. It consists of a plate A, having a series or preferably a plurality of series of concentric circularly-arranged sections, which may be designated by any suitable or desired marks or insignia, names, characters, or words (and which will be hereinafter alluded to as "names" or "characters") in order to distinguish the same each from the other—as, for example, the sections B in a group of sections may consist of fifty spaces containing the names of the United States and Territories. There may be as many groups of sections as there are players. In the present instance in the embodiment of

the invention shown in the drawings the plurality of series of concentric circularly-arranged sections are divided into four groups for four players, which groups (each group consisting in the present case of fifty sections) are designated, respectively, by the letters B B' B² B³, and each of these groups may, if desired, be distinguished from the other groups by being printed in a different color from the rest. Each section of each group may contain a specific designating name or character *b*—as, for example, the name of a State—and it may also contain another name or character *b'*—as, for instance, the name of the capital of the said State. Each section is also preferably numbered either "1," "2," "3," or "4" or other designating numeral.

In the central or polar open space C is displayed ordinarily a designating name or character C', as the name of a State, which corresponds with one of the names or characters, also as the name of a State, of a section in each of the four groups. This central space may, if desired, may be ornamented by the insertion therein of any picture or other ornamentation desired or else filled by the display therein of a calendar or any suitable reading-matter. The plate A has cut in the same a series of radial slots *a*, adjoining which are displayed characters *a'*, as the numerals "1," "2," "3," or "4," each of the slots being thus designated by its particular number, which corresponds with one of the designating numbers of the various sections. The plate A is also cut away or provided with a recess adjacent to each group of sections, as at A', whereby may be seen portions of the base-plate D, which serves in the present instance to support the plate A.

On the base-plate D and within the contour of the recesses or cut-away portions of the plate A are arranged a series of numerals reading "4 3 2 1 0." A revoluble plate or star-wheel E is supported by and preferably pivoted, as at *e*², between the two plates A and D, and is provided with four concentric belts or zones E', the names or characters appearing in each of the groups of sections B, B', B², and B³ being displayed, as at *e*, in the four rows of belts or zones on the face of the wheel E in such a manner that the several names or characters in each of the four rows will appear

seriatim in their respective slots when the plate or wheel E is rotated. The periphery of the star-wheel E is serrated or provided with radially-disposed points e' , and the belts or zones E' are constructed and arranged to register with the slots a of the plate A, and the parts are so adjusted that when four names or characters e appear in their respective slots a the points e' of the wheel E will register with the numerals "4 3 2 1 0" of the plate D.

The principle upon which the game apparatus is designed is to present the idea of a number of travelers starting from different places with a common objective point in view and to determine by the playing of the game apparatus which one of the travelers will reach the desired place first. Thus in the present embodiment four travelers are supposed to start from the four sections of each of the four groups of sections farthest away from the center of the plate A and located in the present instance in the corners of the plate A. Each group of sections is supposed, as stated, to represent the States and Territories of the United States. The four sections representing the starting-points may designate different places—as, for example, the States of New York, Oregon, California, and Maine—and the central or polar space may represent another State, as the State of Missouri. Each player has a checker F, which is placed on the outermost section of the particular group of sections he is supposed to work his way through. Suppose that the section which represents the State he starts from is numbered "1." Then he moves the point e' of the plate or wheel E that lies opposite the cipher "0" to the numeral "1," and looking at the slot a , numbered "1," he reads therein the name of another State. He then moves his checker to the State (in his own group of sections) thus indicated, which may, for instance, be numbered "3." The next time that it is his time to play he moves the point of the plate or wheel E opposite the cipher "0" to the numeral "3" of the plate D, and after reading the name of the State displayed in the slot a , numbered "3," he moves his checker to the section which contains the name of the said State. Each player in succession thus moves his checker to the section displaying the name of the State he is entitled to cover in his own particular group until one of the players finally sees in the slot a the name of the State displayed in the central or polar space C, whereupon he places his checker in the said central space and is declared the winner of the game.

This game apparatus may be constructed so as to be not only amusing, but instructive as well. For example, a group of sections may be utilized to display the names of the States of the United States of America, as stated, and the central or polar space may

be designated as "Missouri," and the several travelers may be supposed to be going to the World's Fair at St. Louis, or the various countries of the world may be indicated in the several sections, and in the same may be printed the capitals of each sovereign power, or else a number of articles in ordinary commercial use may be displayed—as, for instance, cork, coral, caoutchouc—together with the names of the parts of the world in which the same are produced.

As it is evident that many changes in the construction, form, proportion, and relative arrangement of parts might be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, I would have it understood that I do not restrict myself to the particular construction and arrangement of parts shown and described, but that such changes and equivalents may be substituted therefor, and that

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of names or characters displayed thereon and also provided with a slot, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*.
2. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of names or characters displayed thereon and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*.
3. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of names or characters, each designated by a number, and also provided with a slot, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters corresponding with those first named and constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*.
4. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of names or characters, each designated by a number, and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*.
5. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of names or characters displayed thereon and also provided with a slot, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*,

and also provided on its periphery with a series of teeth each located in the same radial line as one of the said names or characters.

6. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character, a common central portion also displaying a name or character, and also provided with a slot, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*.

7. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character, a common central portion also displaying a name or character, and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots, in combination with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*.

8. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character and each designated by a number, a common central portion also displaying a name or character and also provided with a slot, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*.

9. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character and each designated by a number, a common central portion also displaying a name or character and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots, in combination with an intermediate revoluble part also provided with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*.

10. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character, a common central portion also displaying a name or character, and also provided with a slot, in com-

bination with a revoluble part also provided with a series of names or characters constructed and arranged to register with the said slot *seriatim*, and also provided with a series of peripheral teeth constructed and arranged to register at will with a series of numerals displayed on said base-plate adjacent to the points of the said teeth and spaced apart the distance of the teeth.

11. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character and each designated by a number, a common central portion also displaying a name or character, and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots, in combination with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*, and also provided with a series of peripheral teeth constructed and arranged to register at will with a series of numerals displayed on said base-plate adjacent to the points of the said teeth and spaced apart the distance of the teeth.

12. In a game apparatus, a base-plate, a part having a series of groups of spaces, each divided into a number of sections each displaying a name or character and each designated by a number, a common central portion also displaying a name or character, and also provided with a series of radially-arranged slots the numerals of the same corresponding with the numbers displayed by the sections, in combination with a series of concentric zones or belts each provided with a series of names or characters, the names or characters in each belt or zone being constructed and arranged to register with one of the said slots *seriatim*, and also provided with a series of peripheral teeth constructed and arranged to register at will with a series of numerals displayed on said base-plate adjacent to the points of the said teeth and spaced apart the distance of the teeth.

In testimony of the foregoing specification I do hereby sign the same, in the city of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, this 5th day of December, 1904.

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