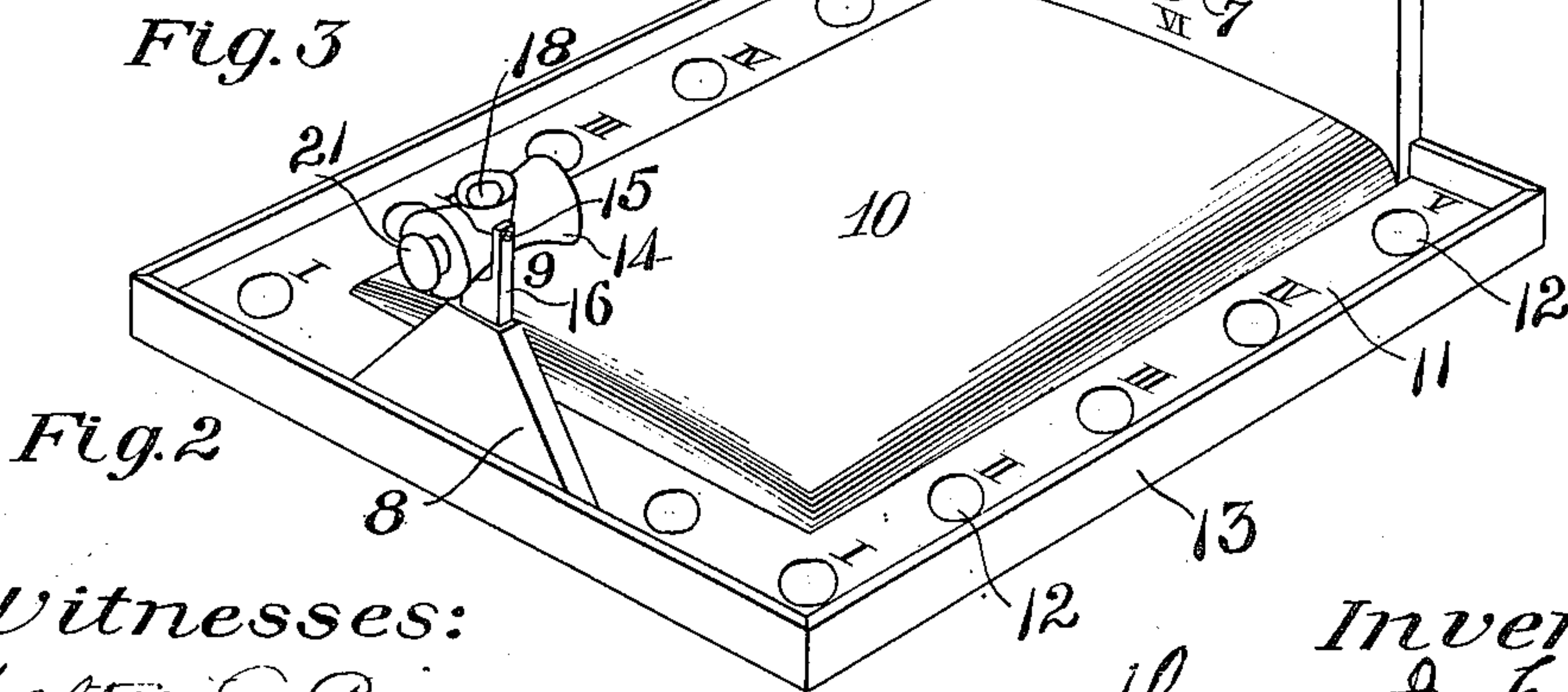
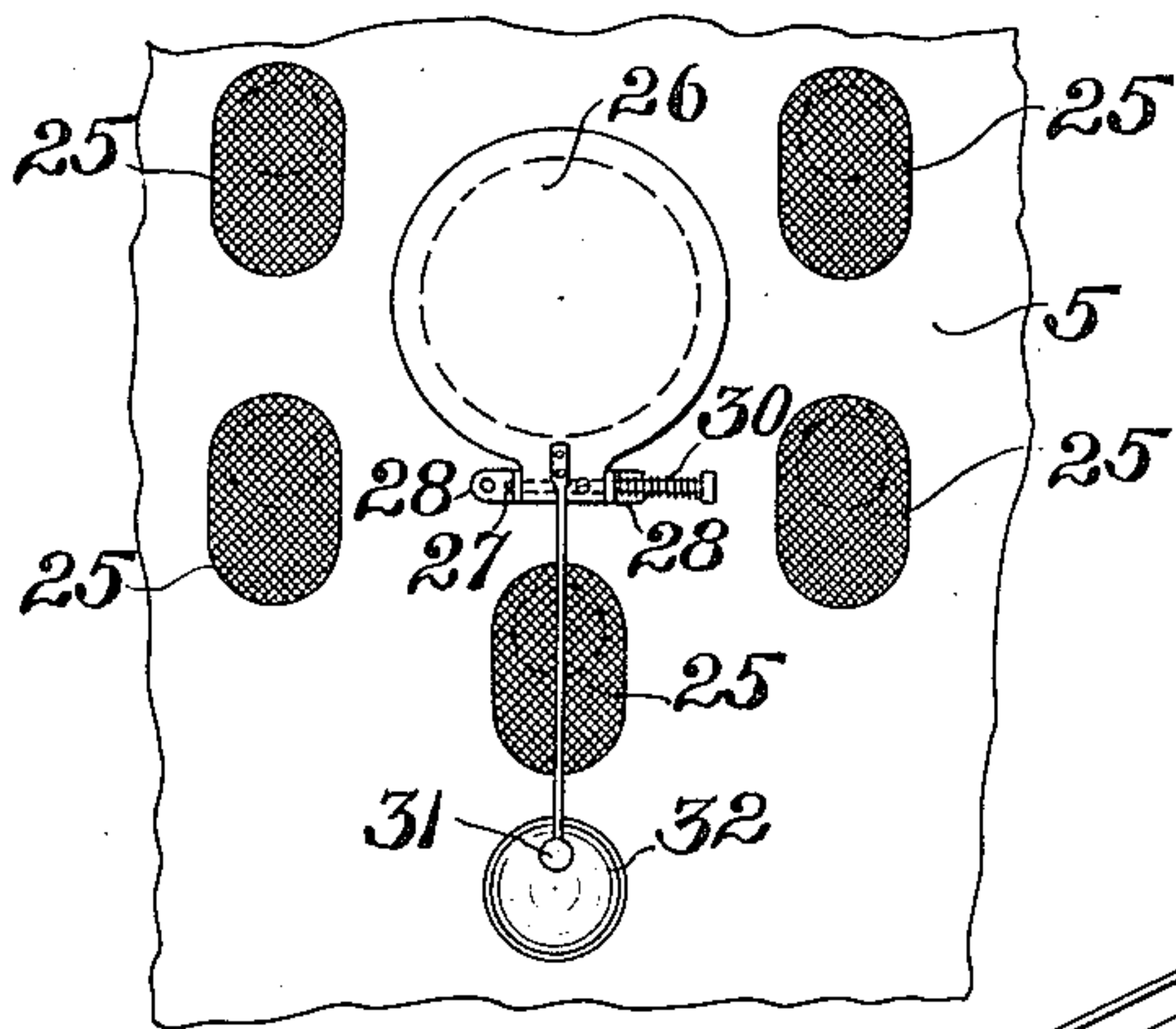
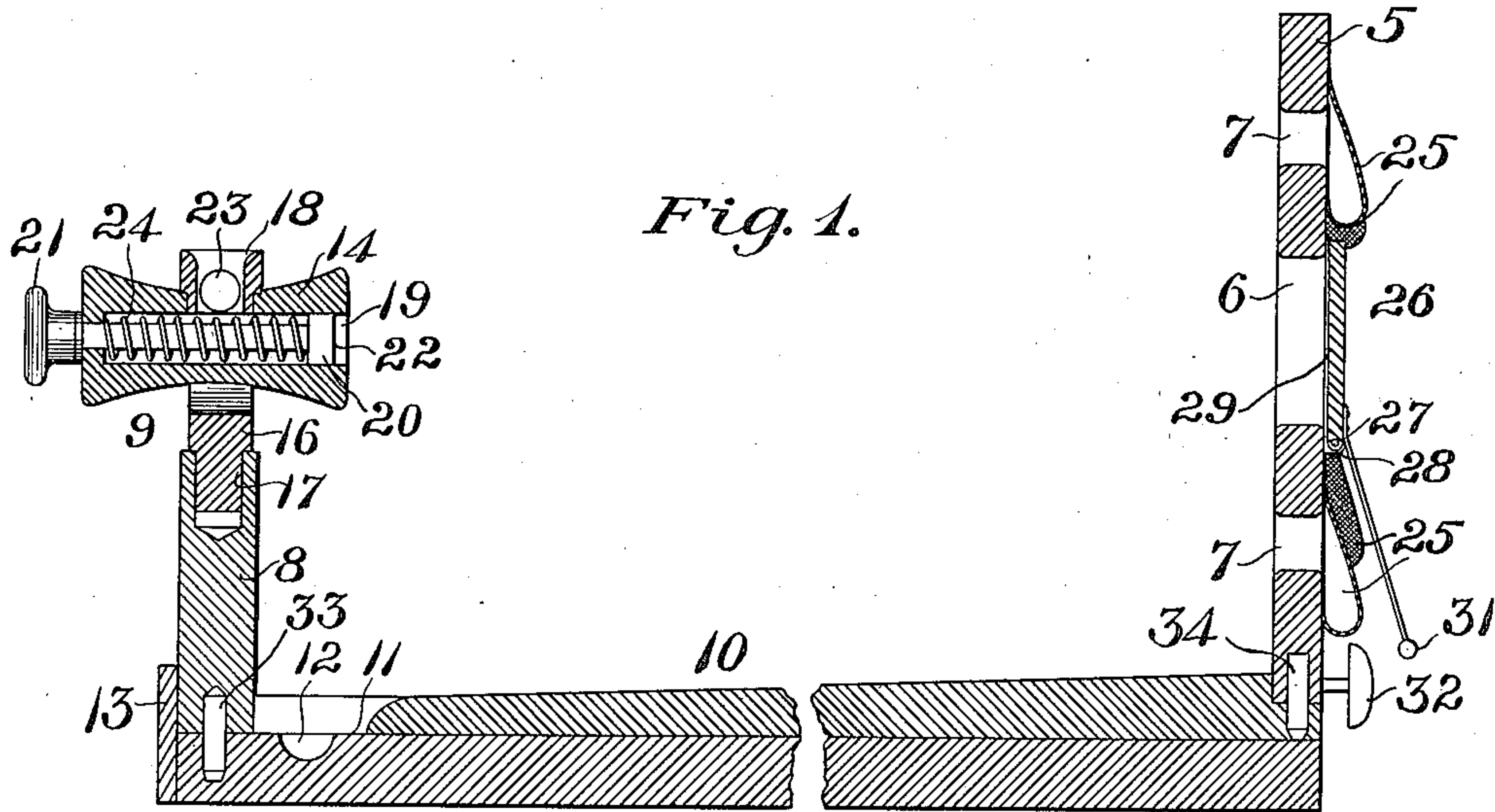


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. FALVEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of game apparatus known as "parlor games;" and the object is to provide an apparatus of the character described which shall enable any number of persons to engage in a competitive game which shall be entertaining and which shall develop the skill of the competitors.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification, and particularly pointed out in the claims thereof.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a central longitudinal section, partly in elevation, of my improved game apparatus, the same being partly broken away to save space in the drawings. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the target viewed from the right of Fig. 1, the same being broken away to save space in the drawings.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

In the drawings, 5 is a target provided with a large aperture 6 and a plurality of smaller apertures 7. 8 is a gun-mount upon which is mounted a spring-gun 9. The target 5 and the gun-mount 8 are detachably attached to opposite ends, respectively, of a base 10, the upper surface of which slopes downwardly from said target toward said gun-mount. The upper surface of the base 10, in addition to the slope hereinbefore referred to, is convexly curved transversely thereof. The base 10 is provided with a flat portion 11, extending around three sides thereof, said flat portion having therein a plurality of depressions 12, which are preferably hemispherical in form. A wall 13, which rises above the general level of the base 10, extends around the periphery of said base.

I may, if I so desire, omit the flat portion 11, which extends around and forms a part of the base 10, and may form the depressions 12 in the convexly-curved surface of said base. The spring-gun 9 comprises in its con-

struction a tube 14, pivoted at 15 to a support 16, said support being pivoted at 17 to the gun-mount 8. The tube 14 is provided with an orifice 18, into which a marble or other projectile may be introduced. The orifice 18 communicates with the bore 19 of the tube 14. A plunger 20, slidably mounted within the tube 14, is provided with a handle 21, by means of which said plunger may be retracted from the position shown in the drawings until the front face 22 of said plunger has passed toward the left beyond the orifice 18. The marble or other projectile 23 will then fall into the bore 19, and when the handle 21 is released a helical compression-spring 24 moves the plunger 20 past the orifice 18 to the position shown in Fig. 1, thereby propelling said projectile toward the target 5.

A plurality of pockets 25, formed of netting, cloth, or other suitable material, are suspended from the back of the target 5 opposite the apertures 7, respectively. A clapper 26 is pivoted at 27 to two brackets 28, mounted on the target 5. The clapper 26 is preferably provided on its front face 29 with a pictorial representation of the countenance of a negro. The clapper 26 normally extends across and covers the aperture 6. A helical torsion-spring 30 is adapted to return the clapper 26 to its normal position after said clapper has been rocked on its pivot 27. A bell-striker 31 is fast to the clapper 26 and is adapted to strike a bell 32 when the clapper 26 is struck by a projectile and rocked upon its pivot 27. The gun-mount 8 and the target 5 are provided with dowel-pins 33 and 34, respectively, so that when the apparatus is out of use said target and gun-mount may be removed from their places and laid down upon the base 10.

It will be evident that, if desired, the spring-gun 9 may be dispensed with and the players may with their hands throw projectiles at the target 5.

The general operation of the apparatus hereinbefore specifically described is as follows: One of the persons engaged in playing the game places a marble or other projectile 23 in the orifice 18, swings the tube 14 toward the right or left, up or down, as he may desire, to aim the gun at the target 5, it being the object to hit the clapper 26 if possible, thereby scoring ten points. The handle 21

then being released by the player, the projectile 23 is propelled toward the target 5 and should said projectile strike the clapper 26 said clapper is rocked upon its pivot 27 until the bell-striker 31 strikes the bell 32, whereupon the spring 30 returns said clapper to its normal position. If, however, the projectile 23 should not chance to strike the clapper 26, said projectile may possibly pass through one of the apertures 7 and lodge in its respective pocket 25, thereby making a score of six points for the player.

If the projectile should neither strike the clapper 26 nor pass through one of the apertures 7, but should strike against the front face of the target 5, it will fall on the base 10 and by reason of the convex curvature of said base and the slope of said base from the target 5 toward the gun-mount 8 will roll on said base and may lodge in one of the depressions 12. It will be noted that the depressions 12 are provided with Roman numerals "I to V," and it will be understood that if the projectile 23 rolls into one of the depressions 12 marked with the Roman numeral "V" a score of five points is made by the player and that if said projectile rolls into one of the depressions 12 marked with the Roman numeral "III" a score of three points is made, and so on. Thus it will be seen that any number of persons may by the use of the hereinbefore-described apparatus derive much pleasure and amusement from the use of the same in competition to determine who shall secure the highest number of points.

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

1. In a game apparatus a target, a gun-mount, a spring-gun mounted on said gun-mount, and a convexly-curved base to which said target and said gun-mount are fast at opposite ends, respectively, thereof, the upper face of said base sloping downwardly from said target toward said gun-mount.

2. In a game apparatus a convexly-curved

base, a target mounted on said base at one end thereof, a gun-mount fast to said base at the opposite ends thereof, and a spring-gun pivotally mounted on said gun-mount.

3. In a game apparatus, a convexly-curved base provided with a plurality of depressions therein, a target mounted on said base at one end thereof, a gun-mount fast to said base at the opposite end thereof, and a spring-gun pivotally mounted on said gun-mount.

4. In a game apparatus a convexly-curved base provided with a plurality of depressions therein, a target mounted on said base at one end thereof, said target provided with an aperture therein, a clapper pivotally mounted on said target normally extending across said aperture, a bell, a bell-striker, said clapper adapted to actuate said bell-striker to strike said bell, a gun-mount fast to said base opposite said target, a tube pivoted on said gun-mount, said tube provided with an orifice therein adapted to receive a projectile, a plunger located in said tube, and a spring adapted to move said plunger past said orifice.

5. In a game apparatus a target provided with an aperture therein, a clapper pivotally mounted on said target normally extending across said aperture, a spring adapted to hold said clapper in its normal position, a bell, a bell-striker, said clapper adapted to actuate said bell-striker to strike said bell, a gun-mount, a spring-gun mounted on said gun-mount, and a convexly-curved base to which said target and gun-mount are fast at opposite ends thereof, the upper face of said base sloping downwardly from said target to said gun-mount.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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