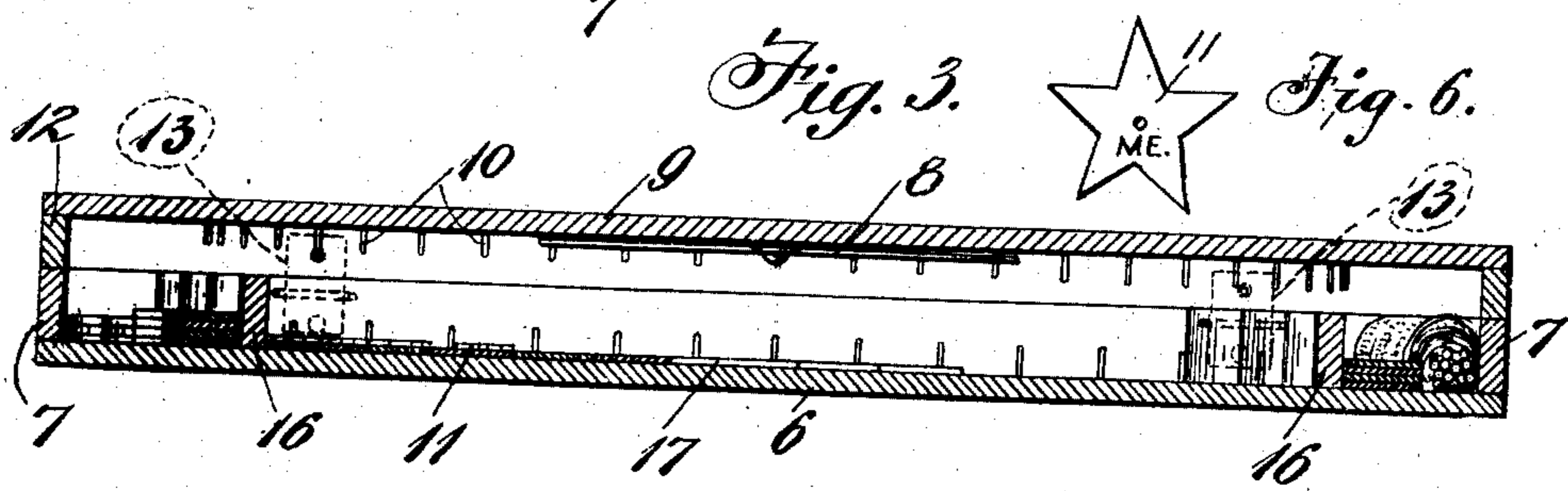
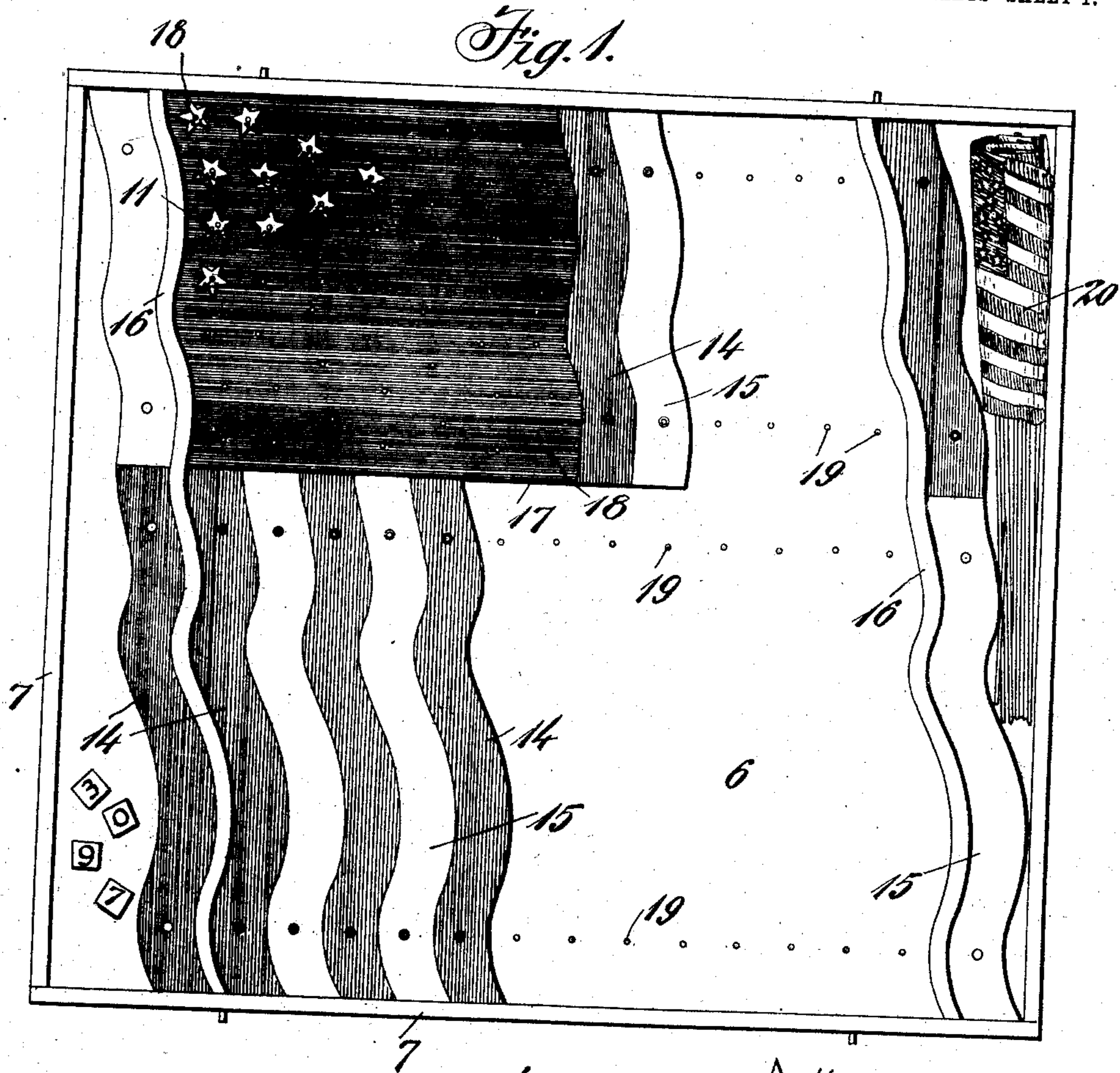


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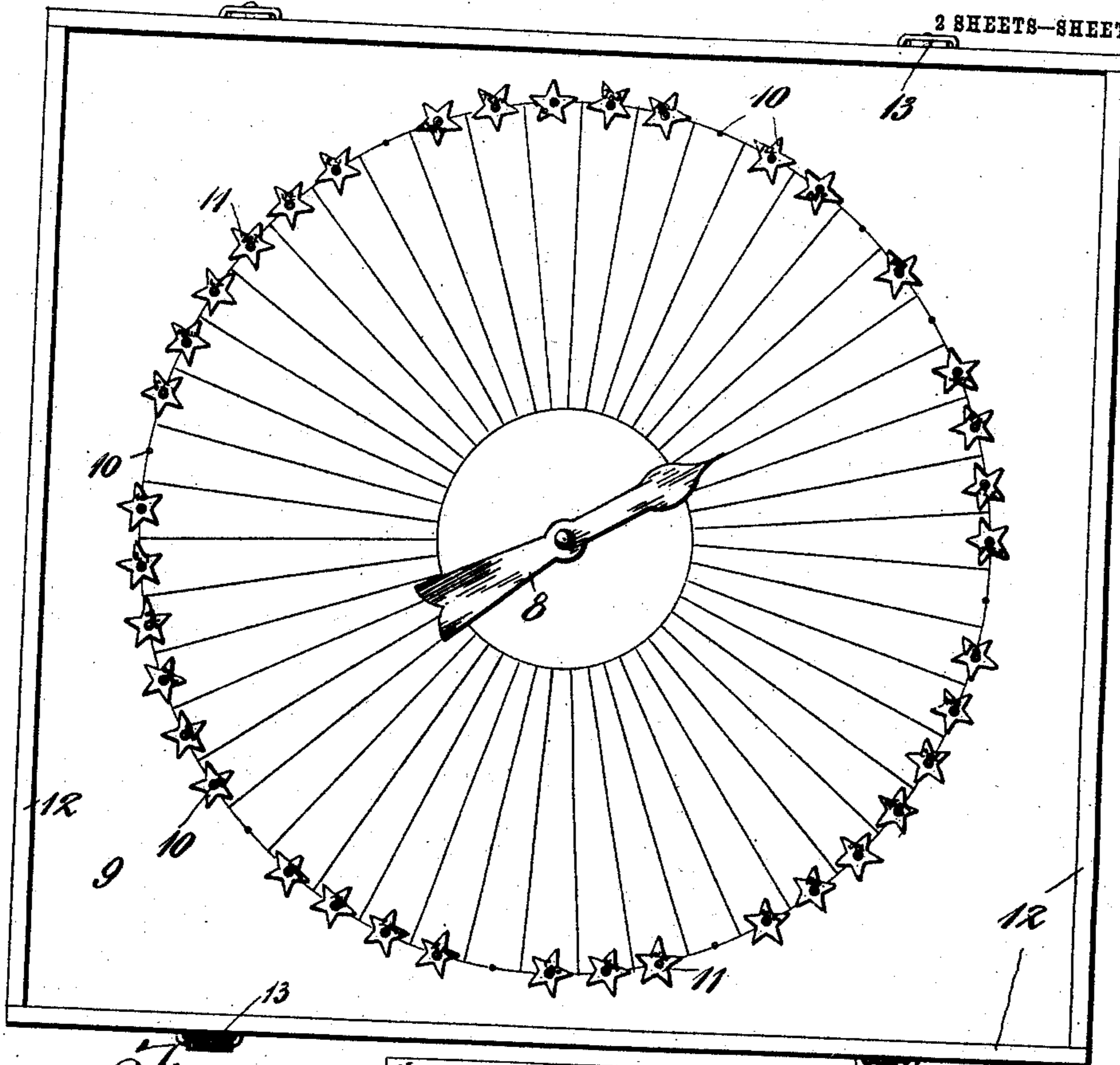


Fig. 2.

*Original Thirteen States.*

Name of STATES	Accepted the Constitution	Electoral votes
Del.	1787	3
Pa.	1787	34
N.J.	1787	3
Ga.	1788	13
Conn.	1788	7
Mass.	1788	10
Md.	1788	8
S.C.	1788	9
N.H.	1788	4
Va.	1788	12
N.Y.	1788	39
N.C.	1788	14
R.I.	1790	4

Fig. 5.

Name of STATES	Admitted into the Union.	Electoral votes
Vt.	1791	4
Ny.	1792	13
Tenn.	1796	12
Ohio	1803	23
La.	1812	9
Ind.	1816	13
Miss.	1817	10
Ill.	1818	27
Ala.	1819	11
Maine	1820	6
Mo.	1821	16
Ark.	1836	9
Mich.	1837	14
Iowa	1845	3
Wis.	1846	16
Cal.	1848	13
Minn.	1858	10
Oregon	1859	4
Nebr.	1867	4
N. Va.	1863	7
Nev.	1864	3
Mont.	1867	3
Colo.	1876	6
N. Dak.	1889	4
S. Dak.	1889	4
Mont.	1889	4
Wash.	1889	5
Idaho	1890	3
Wyo.	1890	3
Utah	1896	4
Ore.	1907	6

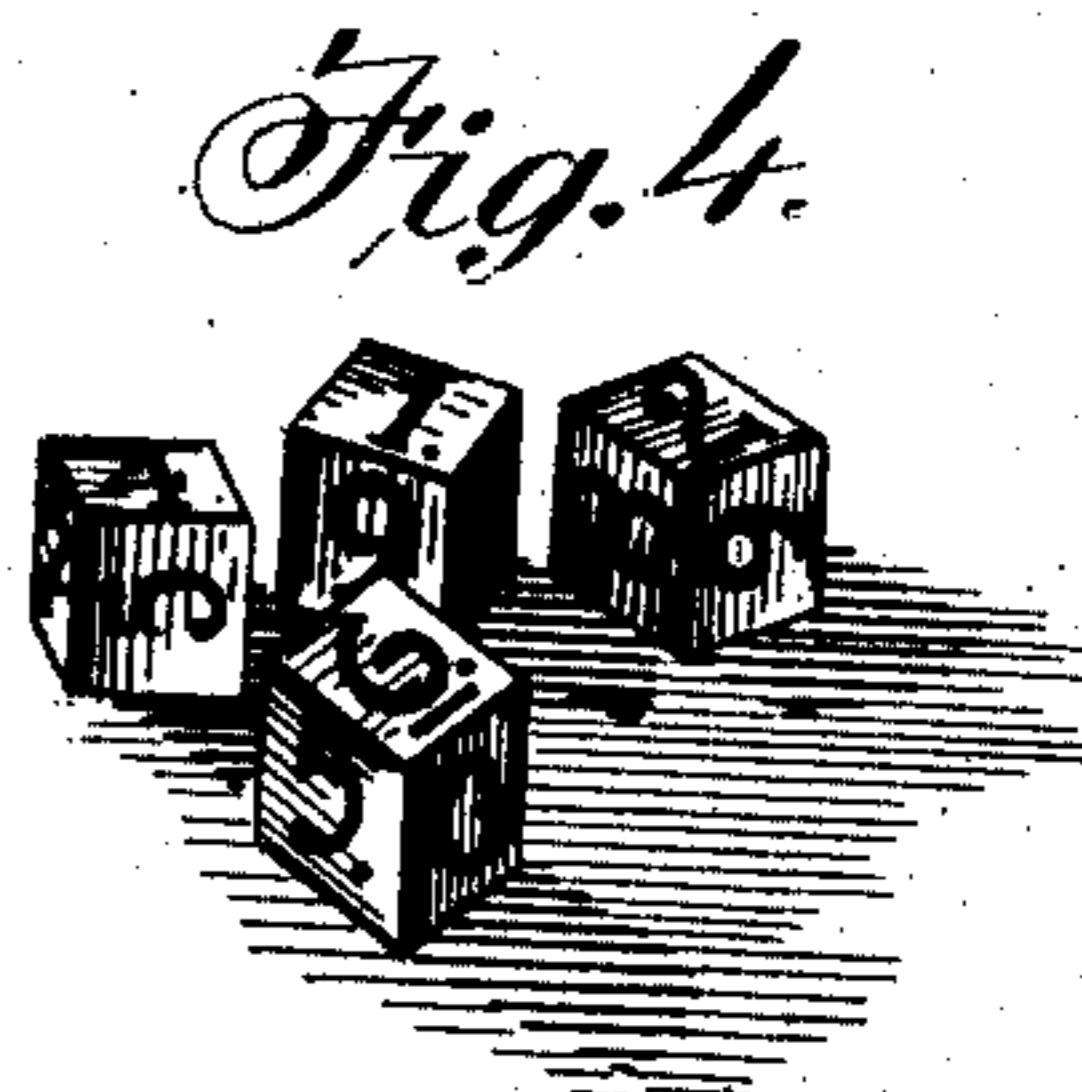


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. MAYNARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Burlington, in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game-apparatus and has for its object to provide an interesting and instructive game.

The game comprises a chance-device, and a series of game-pieces having different values and which are adapted to be combined or united to form a complete design which in the present instance is a representation of the United States flag.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a plan view of one portion of the apparatus, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the other portion. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the two parts folded. Fig. 4 shows a modified form of chance-device. Fig. 5 is a table of data to be used in connection with the game. Fig. 6 is an enlarged plan view of one of the game-pieces hereinafter referred to.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 6 denotes a base-board in which the game-pieces to be hereinafter described are adapted to be arranged to form the design. The base-board has upstanding marginal flanges 7. The chance-device is a pointer 8 pivoted to a board 9, and which indicates on a dial having a circular series of pins 10 mounted on the board 9 on which pins are adapted to be mounted star-shaped pieces 11. The board 9 also has marginal flanges 12. When not in use the boards 6 and 9 may be placed face-to-face as shown in Fig. 3 to form a box to hold the game-pieces, the board 9 forming the lid of the box. With the two boards in this position, the flanges 7 and 12 coincide. Catches 13 are provided for securing the lid to the box.

The game-pieces comprise a series of stars 11 already referred to, and thin strips 14 and 15, respectively. The strips are made of pasteboard or other suitable material. The strips 14 are red and the strips 15 are white. The stars 11 are white. These pieces are adapted to be combined to form a representation of the United States flag. This design is built up on the board 6 in a space having the outline of the flag. This space is formed by the flanges 7 on two opposite ends of the board 6, and by upstanding cross-

strips 16 secured to the board and extending between said flanges. The strips 16 extend across the board in a wavy line and the strips 14 and 15 are shaped accordingly so that the design will be that of a waving flag. In one corner of the flag-space is a thin strip 17 of pasteboard or other material which is colored blue to form the star-field of the flag. In the star-field are upstanding pins 18 arranged in proper order and adapted to receive the stars 11, the latter having holes for this purpose. In the other portion of the flag space are upstanding pins 19 on which the strips 14 and 15 are to be mounted, said strips having holes for this purpose. Two rows of strips are used in view of the irregular outline of the space in which they are placed, and the pins 19 are arranged accordingly. Two pins are provided for each strip. One row of strips is placed below the bottom of the star-field and the other row is placed to the side of said field. On each star 11 is inscribed the name of a State. There are as many stars as there are States in the Union, and a corresponding number of pins 18 are provided.

The game which can be played by two or more persons is played as follows: First, place the stars on the circular series of pins 10 with the inscription on the stars exposed. Remove the strips 14 and 15 from the pins 19. The first player spins the pointer around so that it will turn one or more times. When the pointer stops, the player takes up the star indicated by the pointer and marks down on a piece of paper below his or her name the name of the State appearing on the star, and then places the star on one of the pins 18. The next player then spins the pointer around and takes up the star which it indicates and also makes note of the State thereon and places it on one of the pins 18. This is repeated until all the stars have been removed from the circle of pins 10 and placed on the pins 18 in the star-field 17. When a player wins a State which was one of the thirteen original States, he or she is entitled to put one of the strips 14 or 15 on the pins 19, beginning with the red strip, and also receives a small flag, a bundle of the latter being indicated at 20 in Fig. 1. The number of electoral votes of a State represent the points of the game. When the game is ended count the number of votes each player has won. The one having the most votes wins the game, and the one having the most flags

20 is the next best. The tables shown in Fig. 5 accompany the game. It is a list of the States with the number of electoral votes of each, and also showing which were the original thirteen States.

The game can also be played with four cubes shown in Fig. 4. The face of the cubes are numbered. Each player shakes four times and endeavors to make up the year in which the States were admitted in the Union, and places the stars and stripes as heretofore described. The tables shown in Fig. 5 also give the date each State was admitted and the date the original thirteen States accepted the Constitution. As an illustration of the method of playing the game in this manner, if on the first shake the player gets a 7, he leaves the 7 and shakes the other three cubes. If he gets another 7 he leaves the same also and shakes the remaining two cubes. In the next shake he may get a 1 which is left. Upon shaking the last cube if it is an 8 the player would have thrown four different numerals which combined read 1787. This is the year in which the State Delaware accepted the Constitution and the player is therefore entitled to three votes or three points. If the same year appears in connec-

tion with more than one State the player is entitled to the first State of such group.

When not in use the strips can be placed in the box on the outside of the flag-field and the box may then be closed as shown in Fig. 3. The flags 20 can also be placed in the box as shown in Fig. 1. This arrangement affords convenient means for storing the various loose pieces used in connection with the game and guards against their loss.

I claim:

A board provided with suitable holding pins, a plurality of strips simulating the red and white stripes of the flag of the United States of America and perforated to removably engage said pins, and a plurality of star shaped pieces also perforated to removably engage said pins and each having indicated thereon the name of a State, the whole, when assembled, forming a representation of said flag.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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