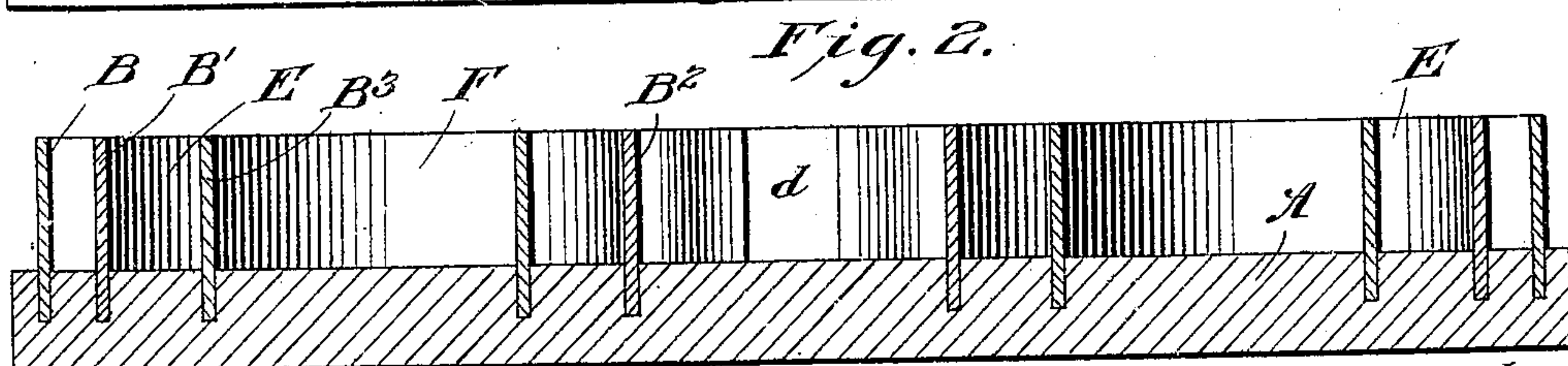
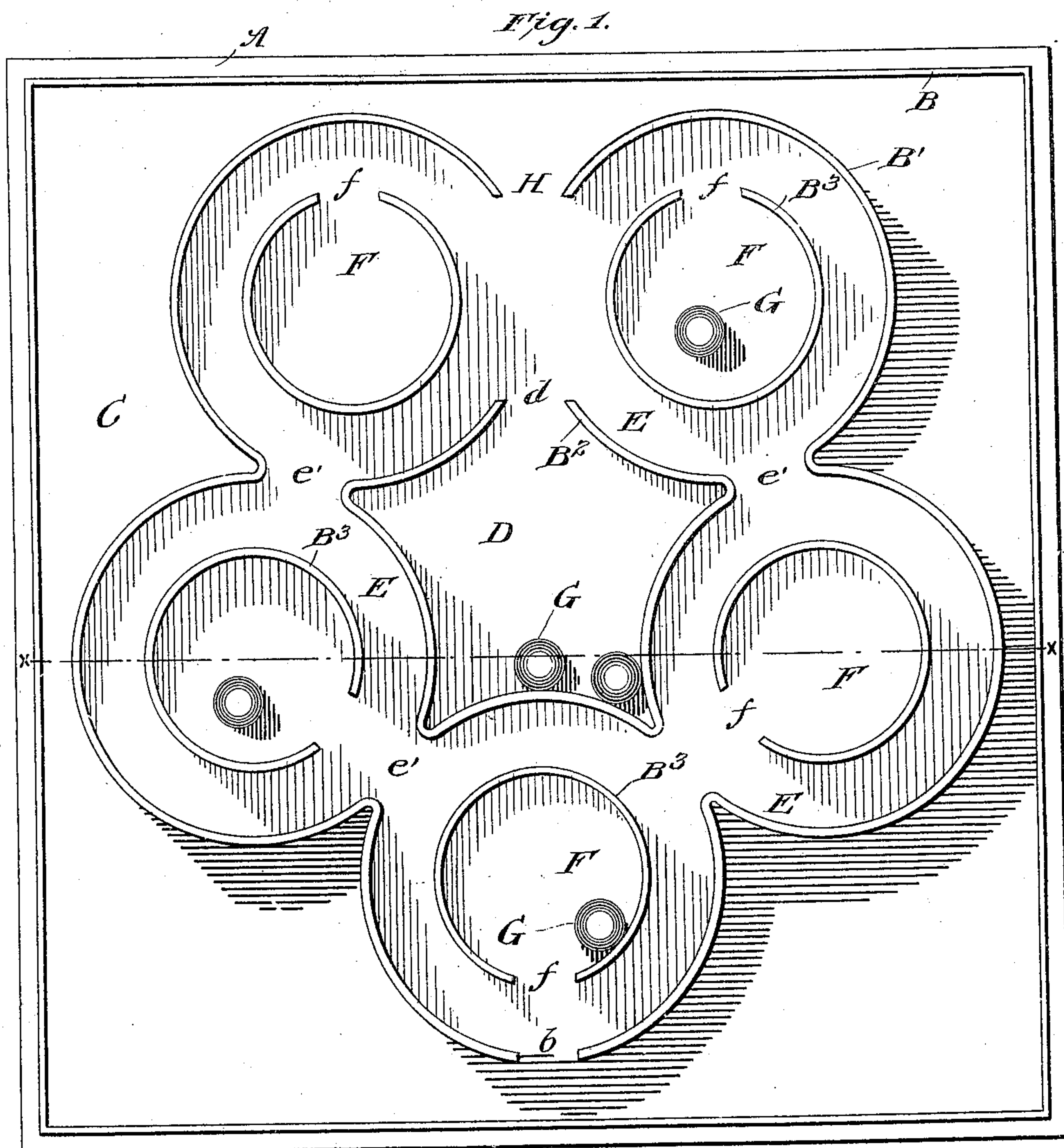


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER G. SECKINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game devices or puzzles, and particularly to that class in which a board is provided having certain inclosures or compartments formed thereon provided with gates or openings leading into each other, so arranged as to make it a matter of difficulty to cause the balls which are used to play the game to enter the compartment located as a goal.

The invention has for its object to provide a game apparatus of this character wherein it shall be extremely difficult to so manipulate the board as to direct the marbles used from the starting point into the goal compartment without said marbles being trapped or caught during their course.

In the drawings I have shown an embodiment of my invention Figure 1, being a plan view of the board, and Fig. 2, a section thereof on line *x—x* of Fig. 1.

A designates a base of wood, pasteboard or other suitable material, and B, B', B<sup>2</sup>, B<sup>3</sup>, a series of walls extending upward from the base, but preferably open at the top. These walls form or inclose the several compartments or passages through which the marbles used to play the game must pass, and are preferably formed of strips of pasteboard inserted in grooves in the base.

B designates the exterior or outer wall which practically incloses a square field C. Within this field is the wall B' which is formed into a series of semi-circles, said semi-circles being arranged at about the center of the board so as to form a complete inclosure except at the points *b* and H where openings are left to permit the entrance and exit of the marbles as will hereinafter appear. There are five of these semi-circular divisions of the wall B'.

The center of the board within the walls B' is surrounded by an inner wall B<sup>2</sup> having in plan view approximately the shape of a star, the sides of the inclosure so formed between the points of the star being inwardly curved and disposed respectively in arcs of the same circles as are the divisions of the walls B', so that the semi-circular

sections of the wall B' and the curved sides of the wall B<sup>2</sup> together form a series of circular compartments E communicating with each other and arranged about a central space D. As will be seen from the figure these compartments E open into each other at *e'* and are continuous around a central space on the board. At a point opposite the entrance opening H, the wall B<sup>2</sup> is broken as at *d*, to form an entrance to the compartment D. Inclosed within each of the compartments E is the circular wall B<sup>3</sup> which is open at one side as at *f* and forms a trap compartment F. It will be noted from Fig. 1 that the two uppermost trap compartments are open toward the side of the board and away from the openings *e'* and the opening *d*, while the lowermost compartment opens downward and toward the entrance *b*, and the two middle compartments open toward the openings *e'*.

Any desired number of balls or marbles G may be used to play the game. These are first placed within the field C at any portion thereof and then so manipulated that they enter at the opening *b* and are then conducted through the various compartments until they enter the opening *d* into the central pen or inclosure D. It is obvious also that as a variation of the playing of this game, the marbles may be placed in the central pen D and then by manipulation brought out through the opening *b*.

At H I show an opening which may be made in the wall B' through which the marbles might by accident escape in the field C. This opening might be located at any other point in the wall B', but I regard this as a favorable position for its location.

My game is simple, requires very skilful manipulation to perform, and may be very cheaply manufactured.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A game apparatus of the character described comprising a base and a series of strips secured to said base, and forming a circular series of compartments, the adjacent compartments communicating with each other, and one of said compartments communicating with a central space.

2. A game apparatus of the character described comprising a base and a series of curved strips secured to said base and forming the walls of a series of circular com-



partments and a central space, each of said compartments having openings leading to the next adjacent compartments on each side, and two of said compartments having  
5 a common opening leading into the central space.

3. A game apparatus of the character described comprising a base, an outer wall thereon, a series of curved strips secured to  
10 said base and forming the walls of a series of circular compartments and a central space, each of said compartments having openings leading to the next adjacent compartments on each side, two of said com-  
15 partments having a common opening leading into the central space, and one of said compartments having an opening leading into the space between said series of compartments and the outer wall.

20 4. A game apparatus of the character de-

scribed comprising a base and a series of curved strips secured to said base and forming the walls of a series of circular compartments and a central space, each of said  
25 compartments having openings leading to the next adjacent compartments on each side, two of said compartments having a common opening leading into the central space, and curved strips secured to the base within the circular compartments forming  
30 trap compartments, each having an opening in its wall communicating with its circular compartment.

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

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