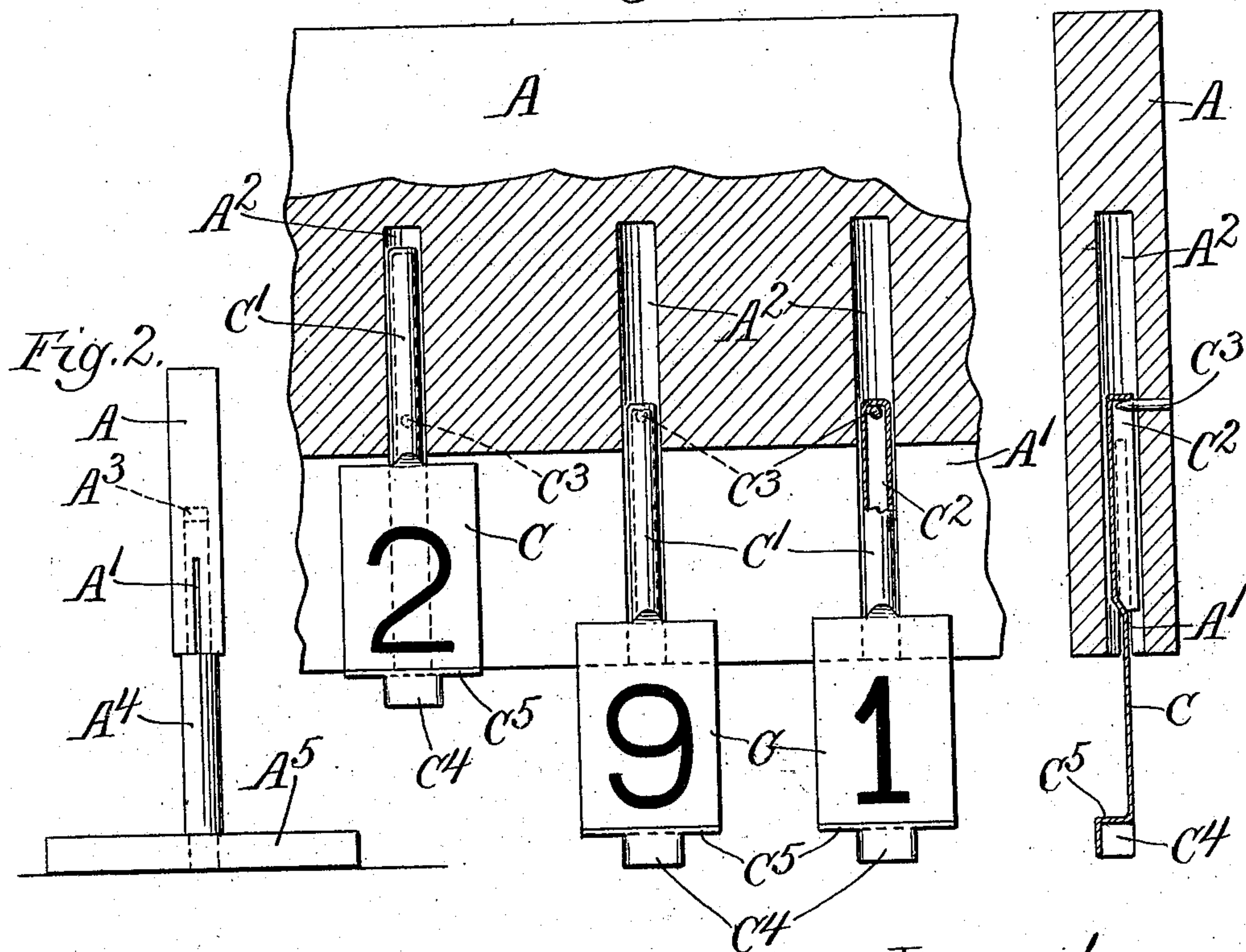


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. GROUNDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a game apparatus and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, Fig. 2, an end elevation; Fig. 3, a detailed front view with parts broken away; Fig. 4, a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Like parts are indicated by the same letter in all the figures.

A is the body which consists of a single board, or of two boards set together preferably with a slot A¹ and holes A², A³. The end holes A³ are preferably enlarged to receive the legs or standards A⁴. Each leg is provided with the foot piece A⁵.

B, B are indicator numerals on the lower front edge of the body each associated with one of the holes A² or placed approximately in front of the same. Indicator slides are provided, one for each hole. The slide preferably consists of the body C on which is placed an indicator numeral to correspond with that immediately above on the body. It is also provided with an upwardly extending portion C¹ having the slot or channel C² into which is received the end of the pin C³ which limits the excursion of the vertically movable indicator slide. At the lower end of this slide is a socket C⁴ preferably open as indicated on the back side.

D, D are a series of pins or supports adapted to rest on the floor or table and to have their upper ends received into the sockets of the associated indicator slides so as to hold the latter in their upper and concealed positions. In some cases the socket could be dispensed with and the off set C⁵ alone be used, though I prefer the form in which this off-set is used and shown, and the socket is formed in the bottom thereof. Both off-set and socket could be dispensed with but in this case the pins would be a little less stable. The hole receives the grooved extension on

the slide for the body of the slide is received into the slot. The off-set engages the lower edge of the body or board.

It will be understood of course that I have intended to show my invention roughly and to merely suggest some of the ways in which it may be utilized.

It is obvious that the parts may be greatly varied in size, proportion and construction without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The use and operation of my invention are as follows:—The apparatus as indicated in Fig. 1 is in play. When it is set up for the beginning of the game, the slides are all raised so as to be out of sight, and each is supported by its pin D as indicated in respect to the several slides. The players now take turns with marbles, balls or other devices for striking the pins, the object being to knock down that pin which is associated with the highest indicator. When the pin is removed the indicator falls down as indicated in Fig. 1, and this indicates the amount which is to be placed to the credit of the player. The game continues in successive turns by the various players until all the pins have been knocked down and all the indicators are exhibited. The figures or indicators are so arranged that as far as possible each large figure has on each side of it two relatively small ones.

I claim:

A game apparatus comprising a body portion with a lower vertical slot and a series of holes extending upwardly therefrom, provided with a series of indicator numerals which are associated with such holes on the body, a series of indicator slides, each having a lower flat portion with an indicator numeral thereon adapted to move in the slot and an upper stem portion vertically movable in one of the holes, the upper stem like portion channeled or slotted with a stop at the upper end of such channel or slot, and a pin in the body projecting into such channel.

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