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GAME APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER H. JOHNSON, citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game apparatus and refers particularly to a novel form of game board which is provided with a track, or the like, over which a movable object is moved, representing a vehicle passing over the road.

An object of this invention is to form a game board over which a movable object is passed and which is provided with a track, or intersecting road, to form a tortuous path for the object which is controlled by any adaptable form of rules which the player desires to apply to the device.

The chief object of the apparatus is to form a track which is intersected with pluralities of cross tracks in order to make it difficult to carry the movable object over the face of the game board and to carry the same to a designated point.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the complete game board. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detailed perspective view of one of the intersections positioned upon the board, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the movable object employed.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 10 designates a base board which is preferably of rectangular formation and which is in the formation of a box having the sides 11 upwardly extended about the opposite edges of the same. The board 10 is provided in its upper face with a plurality of grooves into which are fitted upwardly extended strips 12 which form a circuitous track for a movable object 13 which is positioned thereupon. The object 13 comprises a thin strip of material which can be made into any formation to designate a vehicle, or the like, and which is mounted upon a block 14 of longitudinal formation which is provided in its under

face with a central longitudinal slot 15 to enable the riding of the block 14 over the upper edges of the strips 12.

At frequent intervals upon the face of the board 10 are positioned points of intersection where the strips 12 cross one another in order to form by-passes for the movable object 13 and in order to make it difficult for the player to keep the object upon the main track or road during the operation of the apparatus. At the intersections of the strips 12 the same are interrupted at spaced points, the distance between the ends of the strips 12 being equal to the length of the block 14 to permit of the disengaging of the block 14 from the strips 12 in order to partially rotate the same to thereby register the block 14 with the strip 12 positioned at an angle to the strip upon which it was originally positioned. Circular strips 16 are engaged about the points of intersection and are registered at their inner faces with the extremities of the strips 12 and spaced from the same for the purpose of retaining the blocks 14 in position and to admit of the passage of the opposite sides of the block 14 from the circular strips 16 and to enter upon one of the upwardly extending strips 12. The track or road which is represented upon the game board is provided with a block 17 against which the block 14 abuts when the game is started and is provided with a second block or stop 18 at the opposite end of the track or road in order to designate the termination of the track and to which block the movable object 13 is adapted to be carried.

In operating the apparatus the block 14 is positioned upon the strip 12 adjacent the block 17 and moved along the strip 12 and about the board, the player endeavoring to slide the block 14 to the stop 18 in the least possible time. When the block 14 reaches one of the circular strips 16 the same slides off the end of the strip 12 upon which it is engaged when the block 13 will be rotated in order to register the slot 15 with any desired strip 12 which branches from that point of intersection. At this point the player is left at his own discretion to push the block 14 upon any one of the outwardly extending strips 12 which will bring the block 14 to the stop 18 in the least possible time.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a board

having a plurality of grooves formed in the upper face thereof, a plurality of strips engaged in the grooves in said board and extended upwardly therefrom, said strips being interrupted at frequent intervals upon the board and intersected at the interrupted portions, and segmental strips mounted upon the board and positioned about the terminated extremities of said strips to inclose the interrupted portions of the same.

2. A device as specified comprising a game board, a wall upwardly extended about the opposite edges of said board, a plurality of strips upwardly extended from the base of said board and interrupted at frequent intervals, segmental strips engaged upon the upper face of said board to inclose the interrupted portions of said strips, said strips being curved to intersect at the interrupted

portions thereof, a block positioned at one end of said strip to designate the starting of an object thereover and a stop positioned at the opposite end of said strip to designate the termination of the sliding of the object over said strip.

3. A game board as specified comprising a base portion, a plurality of strips positioned in interrupted and intersected relation upon the upper face of said base portion and segmental strips positioned about the adjacent extremities of the strips upon said board at the points of intersection.

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

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