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GAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTHA M. McCLAY, citizen of the United States, residing at Blue Island, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprehends certain new and useful improvements in game boards, the present invention being designed as an educational appliance to assist in teaching spelling and discrimination between different colors, or shades.

The invention has for its main object a simple device which may be manufactured at a relatively low cost and which will be interesting as well as instructive in the respects above noted. And the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

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 perspective view of a game board constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a diametrical sectional view thereof; and, Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are views of cards which may be employed in connection with the board.

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

My improved game comprises a board 1 which may be of any desired size, and constructed of any desired material the board being preferably circular as shown and formed with a marginal or upstanding flange or rim 2. It may be supported in any desired way. In connection with the board 1 I employ a post or tower 3 which is pyramidal as shown, the faces 3^a of the tower being variously colored, and in connection with said tower I use any desired number of spheres or marbles 4 which also may be variously colored to add to the attractiveness of the device. Preferably the board 1 displays on its upper face, a ring 5 from which the players roll the globes or marbles 4 inwardly toward the centrally located tower. In connection with the board itself, to add an educational element to the device I use a number of cards 6 or the

like, said cards being differently colored if desired each displaying a word on its opposite faces. Preferably one word on each card is a rather simple word and the other word which would be harder to spell so that the game may be used by children as well as adults.

In the preferred construction of the device, the tower 3 is so arranged that it may be turned from time to time on the board. For instance, it may be provided with a dowel 7 fitting in a socket 8 formed in the board at the center thereof. In playing the game, any number of persons over one may participate. The participants play in rotation, the object being to take one of the balls or marbles 4 and roll it inwardly to strike the tower 3. If the tower is struck one point is counted for the successful player, and at such time a card is taken from the box which holds the cards, and the player who has struck the tower is called upon to spell one of the words on the card, a simple word if a child be playing and a longer word if an adult be playing. If the word is correctly spelled, another point may be added to the credit of the player, and the player may then be called upon to call out the color which appears on that face of the pyramidal tower which is closest to him or her. The successful naming of the color may count another point, although obviously, the striking of the tower, the correct spelling of the word and the correct naming of the color may all three be counted as one point and a failure in any respect preclude the player from obtaining a point. As the tower 3 is capable of being turned, it is obvious that after one round has been made, the tower may be turned to present differently colored faces to the respective players, prior to the next turn.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawing, it will be seen that I have provided a very simple and inexpensive game, the parts of which may be easily manufactured and sold at a relatively low cost.

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

A game board provided with an upstanding marginal flange and displaying concentric to said flange and inwardly spaced therefrom on the upper face of the board a ring, a tower provided with a plurality of

facets and provided at its base with a dowel, the board being formed with a centrally disposed socket in which the dowel is adapted to fit, whereby the tower may be turned
5 around on the board to present different facets to different players, said facets being differently colored and differently colored balls adapted to be rolled over the table

toward the tower from the ring, substantially as shown and described.

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

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