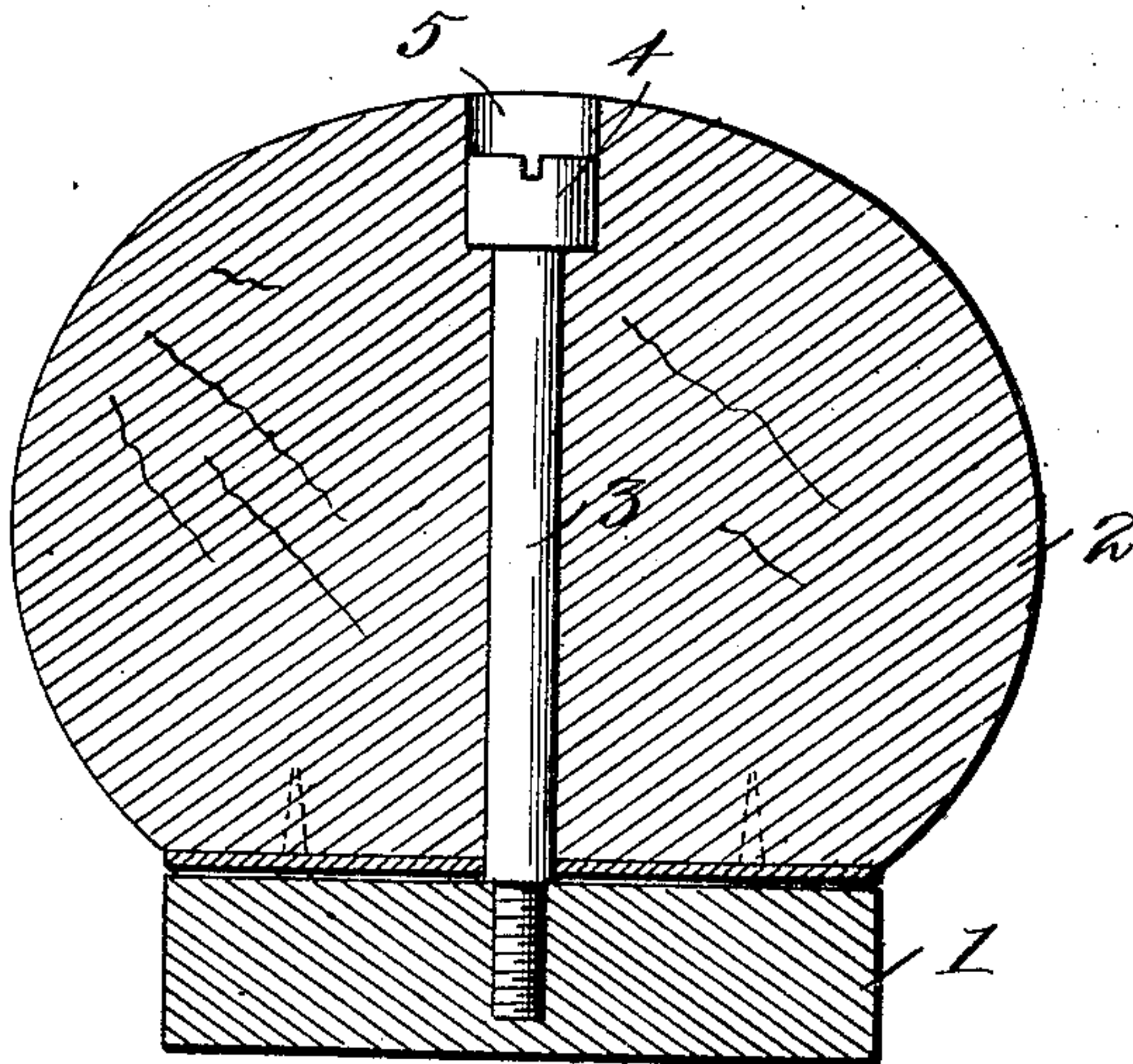


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SCHUTZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of the Bronx, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Game-Piece, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to game pieces, my more particular purpose being to provide a game piece adapted to slide along a smooth surface, such as that of a board or table, the game piece being provided with a base and with a rotund upper portion revoluble relatively to the base.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figure, which is a cross section through a game piece made in accordance with my invention.

A base 1 has generally a disk form and is made preferably of metal. Above the base is a rounded body portion 2 through which extends a bolt 3 having a head 4, this head being sunken into the hole 5. The body portion 2 is thus adapted to turn upon the bolt 3 as a center.

The game piece above described may be employed in quite a number of games which are more or less analogous to bowling. It may be also employed in games analogous to shuffling. The game pieces of my invention differ from bowling balls in that in my construction the base is slidable and the body portion, mounted above the base, has sufficient rotundity to engage the enlarged portions of pins, so that as a pin is struck by the game piece the point of contact is a little distance above the point of support of the pin. When a pin is struck by a rolling ball of ordinary construction, the surface of the ball is always turning, in a plane coinciding with the end direction in which the

ball rolls, owing to the practically continuous contact of the ball with the surface of the platform. This is objectionable, as it promotes more or less tendency to push directly forward the object struck, instead of hurling it at an ideal angle.

I find that the sliding game piece is in many respects preferable to a rolling game piece, but that the game piece used, or some portion of it, should have freedom to turn in a horizontal plane when it strikes a pin or other object. I also find that considerable skill may be developed in throwing a game piece of the type shown, owing to the fact that the upper portion of this game piece turns relatively to the base.

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

1. A game piece, comprising a base, and a revoluble member mounted thereupon and provided with a rotund surface for striking an object as said base is moved slidably upon the board.

2. A game piece, comprising a base, and a body portion mounted upon said base and revoluble in relation thereto, said body portion being provided with a surface for striking a pin as said base is moved slidably along a supporting surface.

3. A game piece, comprising a heavy base, a pin extending centrally upward from said base, and a body member revolubly mounted upon said pin and provided with a rotund surface projecting slightly over the adjacent edges of said base for the purpose of striking a pin or the like.

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

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