

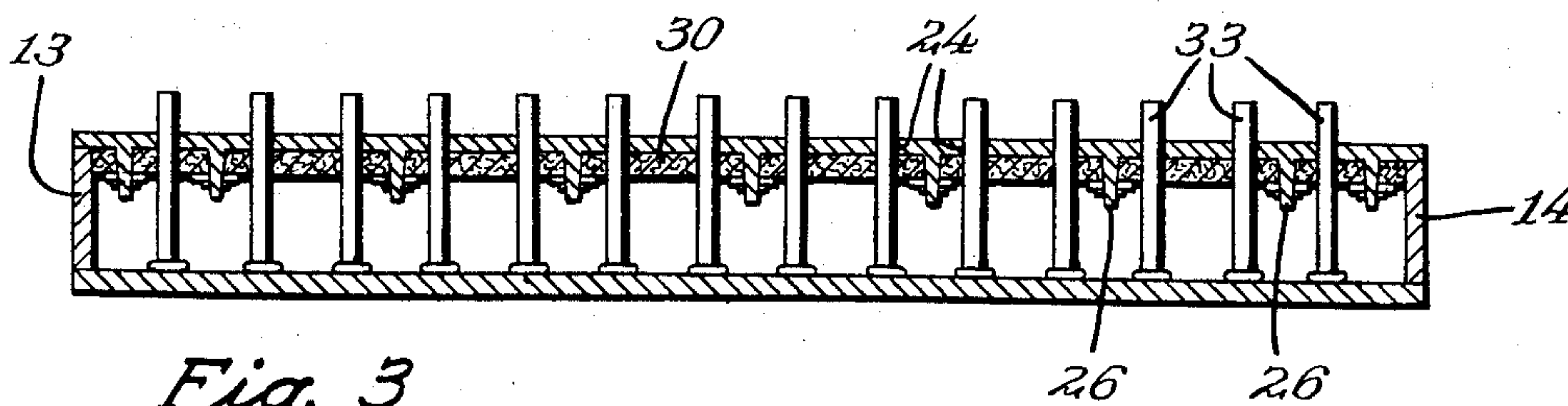
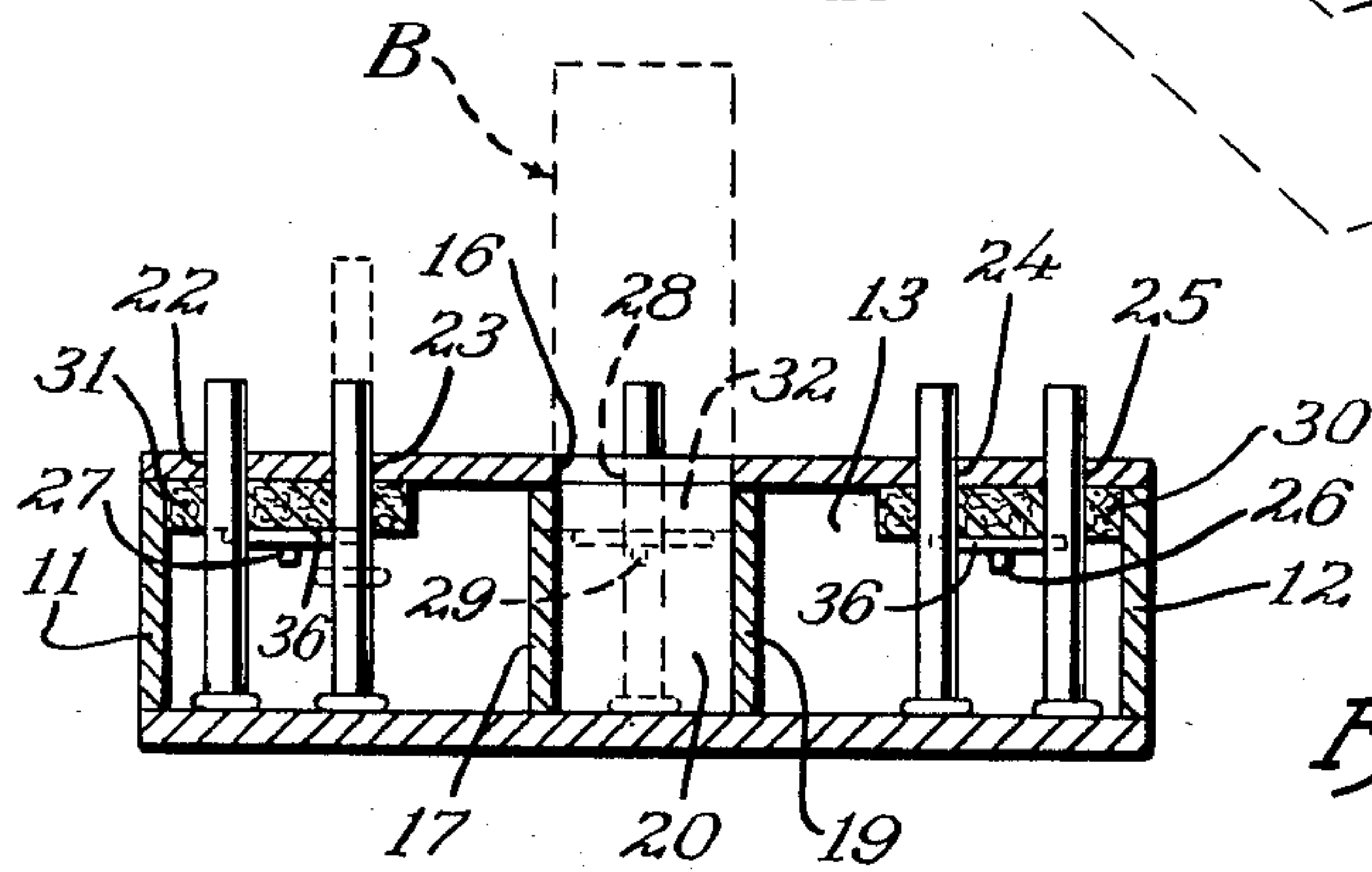
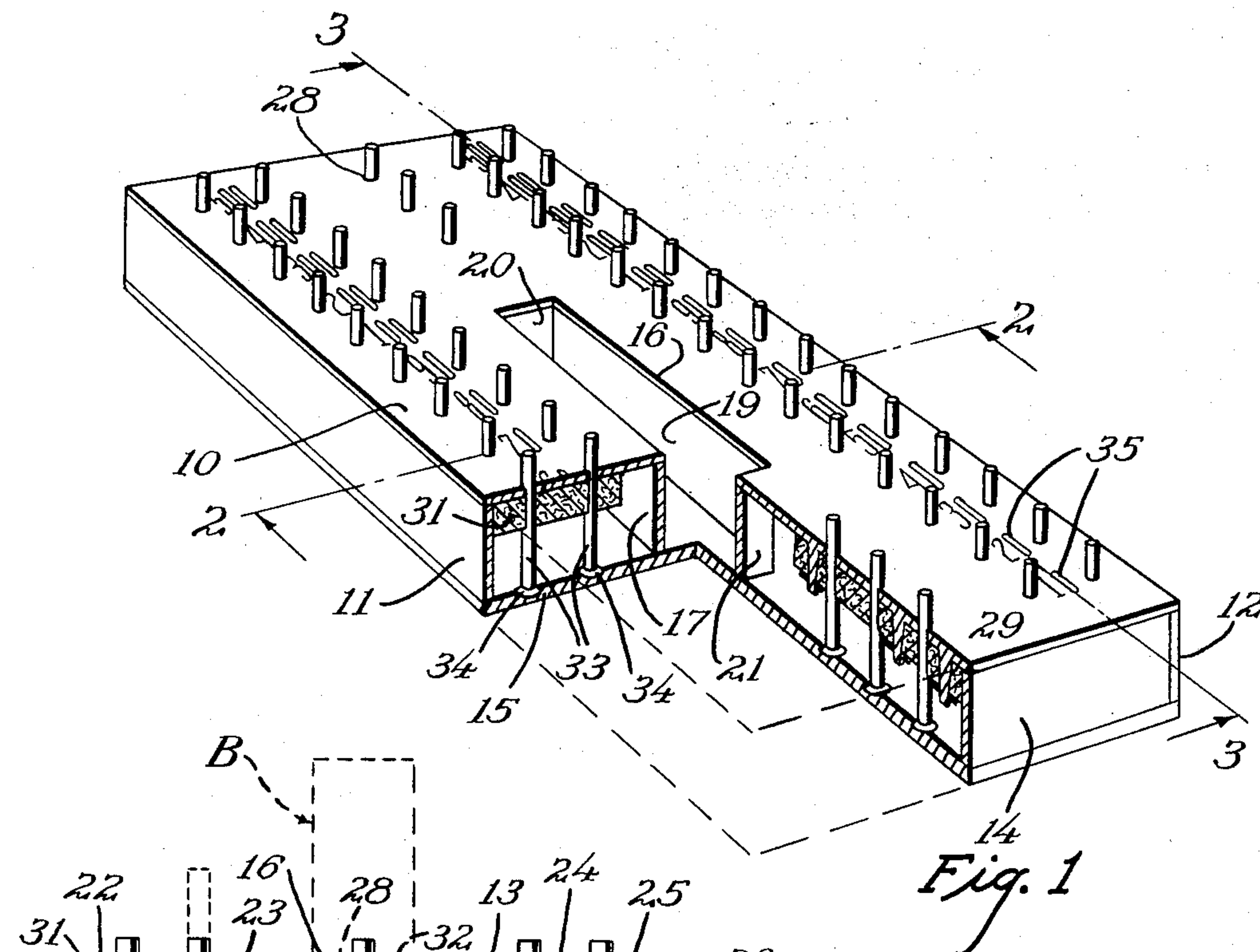
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My invention relates to an improvement in game board and deals particularly with a board supporting pegs to indicate a score.

In scoring certain games, such as five hundred and the like, it is not always convenient to use a paper and pencil for indicating the score. Accordingly I have provided a scoring board which includes a series of pegs which may be actuated to designate the score of the game.

A feature of the present invention resides in the provision of a game board having a top covering element and a hollow under portion. A series of spaced apertures are provided in the top covering element and a series of pegs are slidably supported in these apertures. Means frictionally engages each of the pegs so that one or more of the pegs may be selectively held in elevated position.

A feature of the present invention lies in the provision of a series of pegs arranged in pairs in side by side relation preferably with an identifying numeral therebetween. One of the pegs of each pair is preferably differently colored from the other so as to identify one from the other. The pegs of one color are used to indicate scores above zero, while the pegs of the other color are used to designate scores below zero.

A feature of the present invention lies in the manner in which the pegs are frictionally engaged. The pegs preferably are provided with a head at their lower end so that they can not be pulled upwardly through the apertures. The pegs extend through a thick pad of felt or similar material which engages the pegs with sufficient friction to hold them in set position. The felt is held in place by a novel means of attachment which substantially simplifies the assembly problem.

These and other objects and novel features of my invention will be more clearly and fully set forth in the following specification and claims.

In the drawings forming a part of my specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the game board, a portion thereof being broken away to show the internal construction.

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view through the game board, the position of the section being indicated by the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section through the game board, the position of the section being indicated by the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

The game board includes a top panel 10 of generally rectangular shape in preferred form. This top 10 is connected by a pair of longitudinally extending side walls 11 and 12 and a pair of trans-

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versely extending end walls 13 and 14 to the bottom panel 15. Thus in general the structure comprises a generally rectangular hollow box. A rectangular recess 16 is provided at the center of the game board. Parallel side walls 17 and 19 and parallel end walls 20 and 21 extend between the top 10 and the bottom panel 15 to form a lined recess for containing a pack of cards or the like, illustrated in dotted outline by the letter B.

The top panel 10 is provided with several series of longitudinally aligned apertures extending thereto. These apertures are arranged in pairs along opposite sides of the game board. Rows of apertures 22 and 23 are provided on one side of the central aperture 16 while rows of apertures 24 and 25 extend along the opposite side of the game board. A fifth row of apertures 28 extend between the pairs of rows previously described and are aligned with the central aperture 16 and are spaced on opposite ends of the game board.

A series of lugs project downwardly from the game board as best indicated in Figure 3 of the drawings. These lugs are designed for use in attaching strips of felt or similar material to the undersurface of the top panel. One series of spaced lugs 26 extend between the rows of apertures 24 and 25. Another longitudinally spaced series of lugs 27 project downwardly from the panel 10 between the rows of apertures 22 and 23. A third series of lugs 29 are provided between the apertures 28. The lugs 26 are designed to extend through a strip 30 of felt or similar material. The lugs 27 extend through a similar strip of felt 31. The lugs 29 extend through another strip of felt 32. The strips of felt 30, 31 and 32 are wide enough to extend beneath all of the apertures of the adjacent rows with which the fastening lugs are associated. Thus the strip 30 extends entirely across the rows of apertures 24 and 25 and somewhat beyond these apertures. The strip 31 similarly extends beneath the rows of apertures 22 and 23 and extends somewhat wider than these apertures. The strip 32 extends to either side of the apertures 26.

Pins 33 are provided in all of the apertures of all of the rows. These pins 33 are provided with headed lower ends 34 and are of such length as to project somewhat above the top panel 10 when the heads 34 are resting upon the bottom panel 15. The pins 33 extend through the corresponding strips of felt, the holes made in the felt being ordinarily somewhat smaller than the diameter of the pins. As a result the felt provides sufficient friction against the pins to hold these pins either in elevated or in lowered position.

The felt strips are located somewhat above the



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level of the bottom panel 15 so that each of the pins may be moved upwardly an appreciable distance. Thus when it is desired to indicate a score, one or more of the pins is elevated and remains in elevated position until manually depressed. The elevation of the pins is sufficient so that each elevated pin may be readily distinguished from the others.

In the particular form of construction illustrated, each of the rows of apertures 22, 23, 24 10 and 25 include fourteen apertures and correspondingly fourteen pins. Indicia 35 is provided between the pins of each pair so as to identify these pins. In preferred form the pins of one row of each pair of rows are of different color 15 than the pins of the adjacent row. For example the pins located in the rows of apertures 23 and 24 may be red in color and may indicate minus scores or scores below zero. Scores in increments of ten points are provided up to one 20 hundred. When scores above one hundred are to be indicated, the pin indicating one hundred remains elevated and the additional score is indicated by the elevation of a second pin. When a score of two hundred is reached the pin opposite 25 the numeral one hundred is lowered and the pin opposite numeral two hundred is elevated. In this manner scores up to a total of five hundred may be scored on the board.

I have found that because of my particular way of supporting the felt my board may be 30 produced at low cost. In usual practice the board is molded complete, except for either the top panel or the bottom panel. The remaining panel is separately molded. In assembling the board, the felt strips are applied upon their respective lugs and metal retaining elements 35 provided with apertures slightly smaller than the lugs 27 are wedged onto the lugs to hold the felt in place. The pins 33 are next inserted through the holes 40 in the top panel and the remaining panel of the assembly is added and attached to the remainder of the body with cement or other suitable attaching means.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of construction and operation of my game board, and while I have en-

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deavored to set forth the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that obvious changes may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A tally board including a hollow body having a top panel, said top panel being provided with a series of apertures therethrough, a series of lugs projecting downwardly from said top panel, a series of strips of soft fibrous material underlying said top panel and impaled by said lugs, individual means on said lugs for holding said fibrous material in place against said top panel, said means encircling said lugs in an offset fashion with respect to said apertures, and pins extending through said fibrous material and through said apertures and frictionally held in place by said fibrous material, said lug encircling means having their edges spaced sufficiently from said apertures to provide a cantilever flexing of the fibrous material adjacent each pin receiving aperture.

2. A tally board including a hollow body having a top panel being provided with a series of apertures therethrough, a strip of soft fibrous material underlying said top panel, fastening means for securing said strip of fibrous material against said top panel, said fastening means being offset from said apertures, and pins extending through said apertures and frictionally held in place by said fibrous material, said fastening means being spaced sufficiently from said apertures to provide a cantilever flexing of the fibrous material adjacent each pin receiving aperture.

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