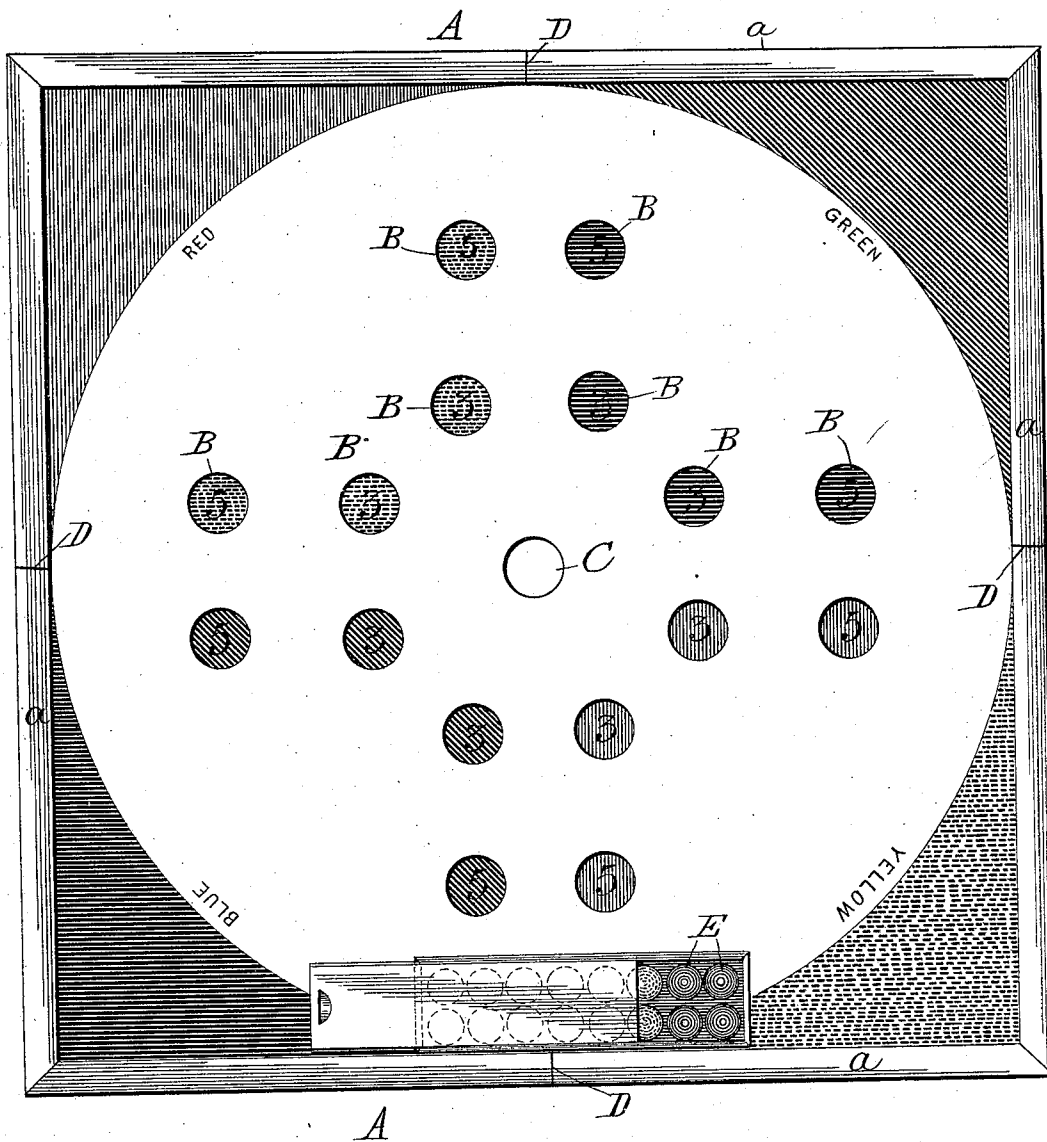


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY DOUGLAS BEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meadville, in the county of Crawford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Boards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which forms a part of this specification.

The special object of the invention is to make a game-board on which two or more persons may conveniently play with round balls or marbles, as hereinafter described.

The drawing represents in plan a game-board embodying my invention, a small box containing the marbles used in the game being shown in connection with the board.

In the drawing, A represents the board with a vertical rim or flange *a*.

B are pockets arranged in sets of four, each set a different color and for a separate player.

The pocket C in the center of the board I call the "default-pocket." It is of different color from the other pockets.

D represents lines of demarcation between what I call the "players' stations" and the rest of the board.

E are the balls or marbles.

The same color distinguishes the balls, pockets, and station of a player, each player having a different color. Each set of pockets is opposite and farthest from the station of the same color.

The balls or marbles are propelled by the player's finger from his own station, the object being, primarily, to roll them into pockets of the same color, avoiding pockets of different colors, as also the default-pocket.

Any player may, if he choose, try to shoot any ball out of any pocket or from any position on the board.

Each player in turn rolls a single ball from his station until all the balls are played, which constitutes an inning, when the number scored by each player is recorded.

Of course the score-values of the pockets may be varied without departing from the principles of my invention, but I preferably

number the pockets B with the values three and five, balls in the nearer ones of the same color counting each three and in the farther ones each five. Balls in a different-colored pocket count each one. All balls in pockets B count only for the players in whose pockets they are found. A ball in the default-pocket counts one for each player except its own.

It is obvious that my board, still embodying the same principles, may be variously shaped and constructed so as to accommodate any number of players from two upward. The number, arrangement, and score-values of the pockets may be varied and the game may be played in several different ways, to none of which do I confine myself.

What I claim as new is—

The hereinbefore-described game apparatus, the same consisting of a plurality of sets of differently-colored balls, in combination with a board having a raised rim and a plain, flat upper surface and divided marginally into a number of player's stations corresponding to the sets of balls, and respectively colored to correspond with the sets of balls, sets of shallow counting-pockets arranged near the center of the board between diametrically opposite stations and adapted to receive and lightly hold the balls, the sets of pockets corresponding in number and color to the number and color of the stations and the sets of balls, and the number of pockets in each set corresponding to the number of balls of one color, and each set of pockets being located adjacent to a differently-colored station and on the opposite side of the board from the station of the same color, and a single default-pocket arranged in the center of the board and diametrically between the stations and the sets of pockets corresponding respectively thereto, whereby any ball or balls are to be projected from each station across the board opposite the set of holes belonging to the station of the opposing player and opposite the default-pocket into the holes of the set corresponding thereto in color.

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

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