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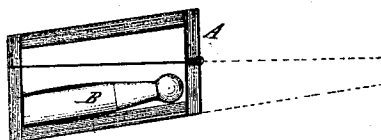
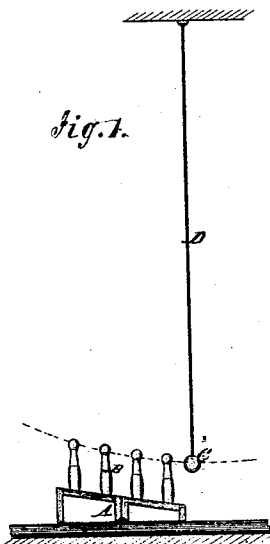
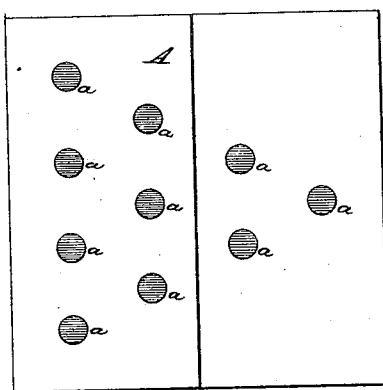


Fig. 3.



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GAME-BOX FOR TEN-PINS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BENEDICT FOWLER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful adaptation of the old and favorite Game of Ten-Pins, whereby the same is rendered available for parlor or indoor use, as hereinafter fully shown and described.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a side sectional view of my invention, the capsular platform being the part in section.

Figure 2, an enlarged transverse section of the capsular platform, closed or folded to form a box.

Figure 3, an enlarged plan or top view of the capsular platform or box, unfolded for use.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

A represents a box of rectangular form, and so made that, when unfolded or opened, its top and bottom surfaces will serve as an inclined platform, as shown clearly in fig. 1.

B represents the pins which, when designed to be used, are placed upon the inclined platform, the latter being inlaid or painted with spots *a*, on which the pins are placed, the number of spots corresponding, of course, to the number of pins, (see fig. 3.)

C represents a ball which is suspended from the ceiling by a cord, D, at such a point that, when the ball is at rest, it will be directly in front of the center of the platform, at its lower or depressed side, as seen in fig. 1. This ball is at such a height that it will, as it swings, come in contact with the head of every pin it strikes. For this reason the platform is neces-

sarily inclined, the heads of the pins thereby conforming nearly to the arc in which the ball swings, (see dotted curved line in fig. 1.)

The operation will, of course, be readily seen. The player grasps the suspended ball, and steps back a suitable distance from the platform, and, in an erect position, sights the ball with the pins, and then allows it to swing, the ball sweeping over the surface of the platform, knocking down one or more pins, and returning to the hand of the player, who again sights it and releases it as before.

It is designed that this game be played with two or more players, the same as the ordinary game of ten-pins. No alley is required, and but one ball, the cord of the latter being attached to the ceiling in such a manner as to admit of being readily detached after playing, so that it may be deposited in the capsular platform or box with the pins.

I do not claim, broadly or separately, a suspended ball, for that has been used in connection with pins, but arranged in different ways from that shown in my invention.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the suspended ball C, the detached pins B, and capsular platform or box A, all being constructed and arranged substantially in the manner as and for the purpose specified.

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