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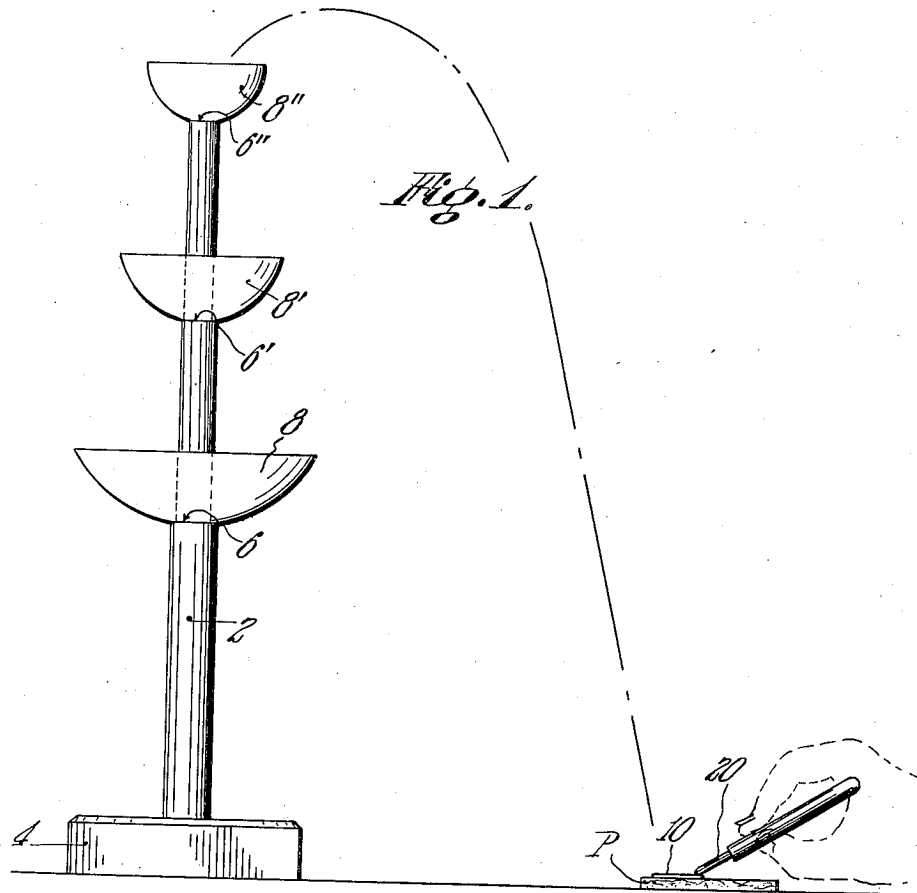


Fig. 2.

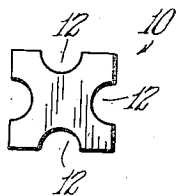
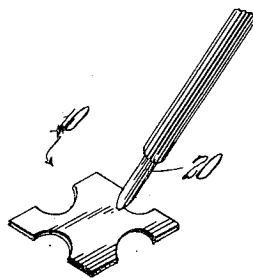


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to improvements in toy apparatus and is directed more particularly to an improved toy apparatus which includes a plurality of receptacles and one or more playing pieces adapted to be propelled by the players into these receptacles.

This application is a division from an application filed by me on September 11, 1937, and given Serial Number 163,455.

As special features thereof, the toy apparatus of the invention includes a collapsible target member consisting of an upstanding supporting member which carries a plurality of receptacles, elevated one above the other. The receptacles preferably have different values so that, in playing the game, the scores of the players will depend upon which receptacle each player succeeds in propelling his playing member into.

As appears in the above-mentioned application of which this is a division the playing members are capable of being projected upwardly rather than trajectorily. That is to say, because of the special nature of the apparatus it is desirable that the playing member or projectile be propelled substantially vertically rather than horizontally.

Another object of this invention is to provide a game in which the various members thereof may readily be assembled into a single unit or disassembled and packed into a comparatively small container such as a box.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will become more readily apparent after a reading of the following description, and reference will be had therein to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view showing the apparatus of the invention with dot-dash lines to explain how the apparatus is operated;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of one form of playing piece adapted to be used with the apparatus of the invention; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing how the playing pieces may be engaged so as to be propelled upwardly.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the invention will be more fully described.

A spindle or upright member 2 is preferably removably mounted in an opening provided in a base member 4. In any event, it extends upwardly therefrom but may be removably or permanently secured thereto in any suitable manner.

It will be understood that both members 2 and 4 may vary as to size as well as to shape. Prefer-

ably, the members are formed of wood, but the material may also vary as desired.

Preferably, a plurality of reduced portions are provided on the spindle so as to form stepped shoulders 5, 6' and 6'' as shown. A plurality of cups or receptacles 8, 8' and 8'' are also provided and these may have openings to receive the spindle so that the cups are telescoped over the spindle and are spacedly supported on the shoulders as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The cups 8, 8' and 8'' preferably vary in size and are so disposed that the larger cups are below the smaller ones. The larger cups, of course, have larger openings and the cups slide down to rest on the proper shoulder intended to accommodate them. That is to say, the areas of the openings and the sizes of the shoulders are such that the receptacles are prevented from falling or sliding down further than is desired.

Playing members 10 are provided and these are preferably relatively flat and thin. They may be formed of metal, or some other suitably hard-surfaced material. While their shape may vary, their construction is essentially such that there are cutaway portions in their marginal edge portions providing edges 12 which are spaced inwardly from the periphery of the member as a whole. It is desirable that the cut-away portions in each projectile 10 be of equal size and of the same shape so that the members will be well balanced.

It is these inwardly-spaced edge parts 12 which are engaged when they are to be propelled upwardly. They may be engaged in various ways, but I have found it desirable to employ a stylus-like actuating member or play stick 20 having a hard but somewhat flexible rod-like part which is brought to bear by the player upon the members 10 at their said inwardly-spaced edge portions.

After the game is assembled in the manner above described, it is placed upon a suitable playing surface such as a table top so as to permit the players to group themselves around it and operate the playing pieces as illustrated in Fig. 1. The object of the game is to snap the playing pieces upwardly in the direction of the cups or receptacles.

The receptacles are preferably, as before stated, of varying sizes and thus they may be given varying values if it is desired. The rules of the game may provide that the uppermost and smaller cups will count more towards a player's score than the lowermost or larger cups so that the scores will generally vary, depending, of course, on the skill

of the player or players. If it is desired the various playing pieces may also be given suitable scoring numbers or values.

5 A variety of different games may thus be played with the apparatus. The receptacles and/or the playing pieces may be colored in different colors so as to provide for different scoring according to the particular rules of the game.

10 It may be desirable to add variety to the game by requiring that each player try to land his playing pieces, of a certain color, into the receptacle of a corresponding or different color. It may also be desirable to require that each player stand at a certain distance from the spindle from which to shoot the playing pieces.

15 Players may even be handicapped so that certain players are required to remain at a further distance away from the spindle when shooting. This is all to the result that as these different varieties or combinations of varieties of games are played, the resulting scores are materially affected thereby.

20 While I have described the invention in great detail and with respect to the present preferred form thereof, it is not desired to be limited therein since changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the essential characteristics thereof.

30 The present embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the

foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

What it is desired to claim and secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A toy apparatus of the class described comprising in combination, a base, an upright member mounted on said base and having successively different diameters thereon forming shoulders of successively different diameters, and a plurality of separate receptacles having centrally located perforations of successively different diameters corresponding to the diameters of the shoulders, all adapted and arranged in co-operative relationship whereby said receptacles being receivable upon said upright member about the respective shoulders thereof so as to be disposed one above the other.

2. A toy apparatus of the class described comprising in combination, a base, an upright member mounted on said base and having successively different diameters thereon forming shoulders of successively different diameters, and a plurality of separate receptacles having centrally located perforations of successively different diameters corresponding to the diameters of the shoulders, all adapted and arranged in co-operative relationship whereby said receptacles being receivable upon said upright member about the respective shoulders thereof so as to be telescopically disposed one above the other.

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