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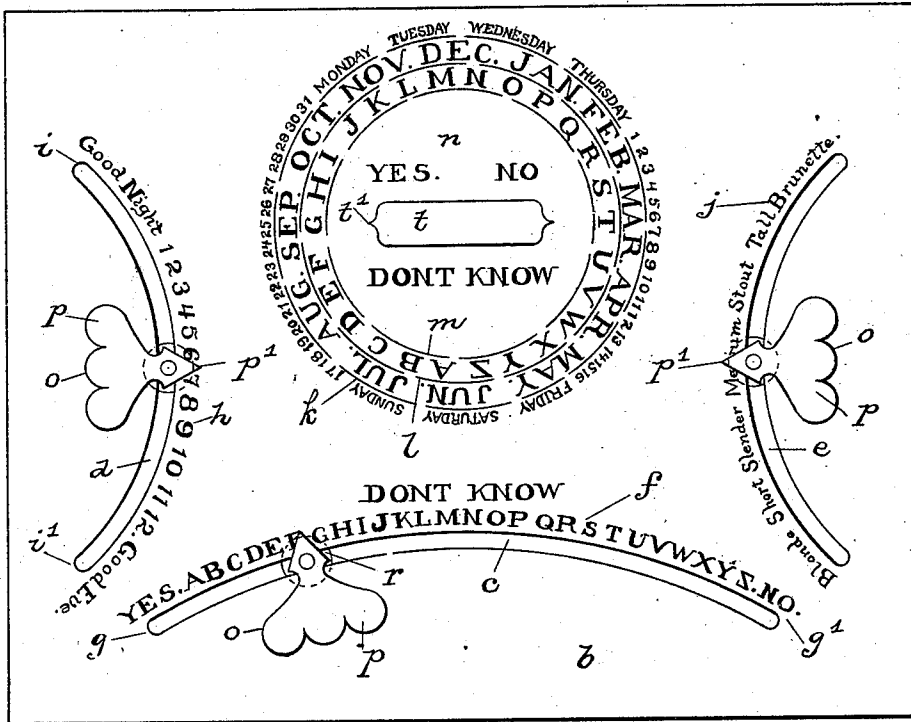


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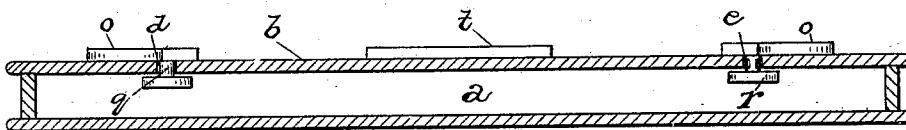


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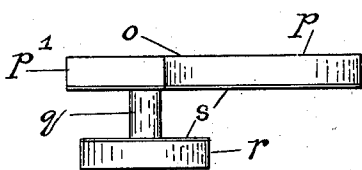


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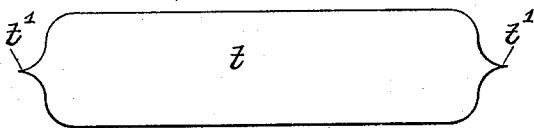


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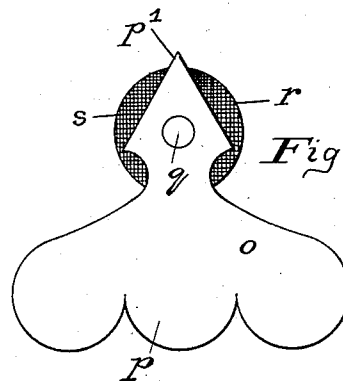


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE H. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in magic game apparatus; and the object of the invention is to provide a game apparatus of this character by which one or more persons can amuse themselves by asking questions of any kind and have them answered by the device operated by the touch of the fingers, the answer being designated by numerals, letters, and interesting words on the top board of the cabinet.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved game apparatus. Fig. 2 is a transverse section thereof. Fig. 3 is a detail side view of one form of indicator employed. Fig. 4 is a plan view thereof, and Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of another form of indicator.

The game apparatus comprises a preferably rectangular cabinet or box *a* of suitable length, breadth, and depth. The top *b* of the cabinet is provided with a plurality of slots *c d e*, preferably three in number and of segmental form. One slot *c* extends along one longer side of the top *b*, and the other two slots *d* and *e* are shorter than the slot *c* and extend along the two adjacent sides of the top *b* in a general direction at right angles to the slot *c*. Along one side of the longer slot *c* are arranged in order all the letters of the alphabet, (designated by reference-letter *f*.) At one end of the slot *c*, as at *g*, is the word "Yes," and at the other end *g'* of the said slot is the word "No." Above and close to the alphabet *f*, and preferably at about the middle of the slot *c*, are arranged the words "Don't know." Along one side of the slot *d* are arranged the numerals from "1" to "12," designated by reference-letter *h*, and at one end *i* of said slot are the words "Good night," while at the opposite end *i'* are the words "Good eve." The words "Blonde," "Short," "Slender," "Medium," "Stout," "Tall," "Brunette," are designated by the reference-letter *j* and are arranged in the order named

along one side of the other slot *e*. On the top *b* in the space between the three segmental slots *c*, *d*, and *e* are three concentric circles *k*, *l*, and *m*. Around the outer circle *k* are arranged the names of the days of the week and numerals from "1" to "31" for the days of the month. Around the middle circle *l* are arranged the abbreviations for the twelve calendar months, and around the innermost circle *m* are arranged the letters of the alphabet. On the center space *n*, within the innermost circle *m*, are the words "Yes," "No," and "Don't know."

In order that questions may be answered by reference to the letters, words, and numerals arranged along one side of the segmental slots *c*, *d*, and *e*, I have provided indicators *o*, which are guided in their movement by said slots. Each indicator has a finger-piece *p* with pointed end *p'*, adapted to move over the upper surface of the top *b* and register or coincide with said letters, words, or numerals, as may be. Rigidly secured to the pointed ends of the finger-pieces *p* and depending therefrom are guide-pins *q*, which take down through the slot and guide the finger-pieces, and on the lower end each guide-pin *q* has within the interior of the cabinet *a* a retaining-button *r*, which confines the finger-piece to its respective slot. The opposing faces of both the finger-piece *p* and the retaining-button *r* are provided with some suitable means for reducing friction and preventing noise. As illustrated, this means comprises pieces of woolen cloth or felt *s*.

In order to answer questions by reference to the letters, words, and numerals arranged around the three concentric circles *k*, *l*, and *m*, I have provided, as shown in Figs. 1 and 5, an elongated two-pointed indicator *t*, which is free to be moved over the surface of the top *b*. It is provided with two points *t'*, so that several answers may be indicated by it at the same time or so that either point may be used to indicate an answer without twisting the hand into any inconvenient or uncomfortable position.

In the practical manipulation of the apparatus it may be placed upon a table or stand or upon the lap, as preferred, and the fingertips of the operator or operators are lightly placed upon the indicators *o* or *t*. Questions

are then proposed, and the indicators will be moved and spell out or otherwise indicate the answers.

While I have shown the slots *c*, *d*, and *e* segmental in form, it is obvious that they may be straight.

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

1. A game apparatus, comprising a box or cabinet whose top is provided with slots extending along its sides and characters such as letters, words and numerals arranged along one side of each slot; and an indicator in each slot and each provided with a finger-piece formed with a pointed end, and adapted to slide over the surface of said top and a guide-pin secured to and depending from the pointed end of the finger-piece and moving in said slot, and a retaining-button on the

interior of the cabinet and secured to the lower end of said guide-pin, the opposing faces of the finger-piece and retaining-button being provided with means to reduce friction and prevent noise.

2. A game apparatus comprising a box or cabinet whose top is provided along each of three sides with a slot, and also having characters arranged along said slots and other characters in the space between the three slots; slidable indicators confined to and guided by said slots; and an indicator for the characters in the space between said slots, as set forth.

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

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