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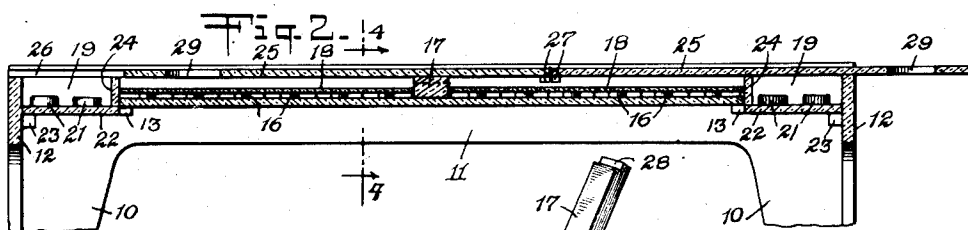
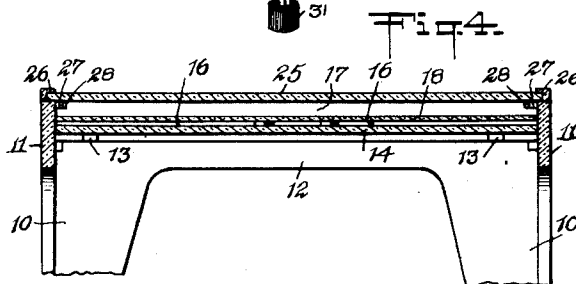
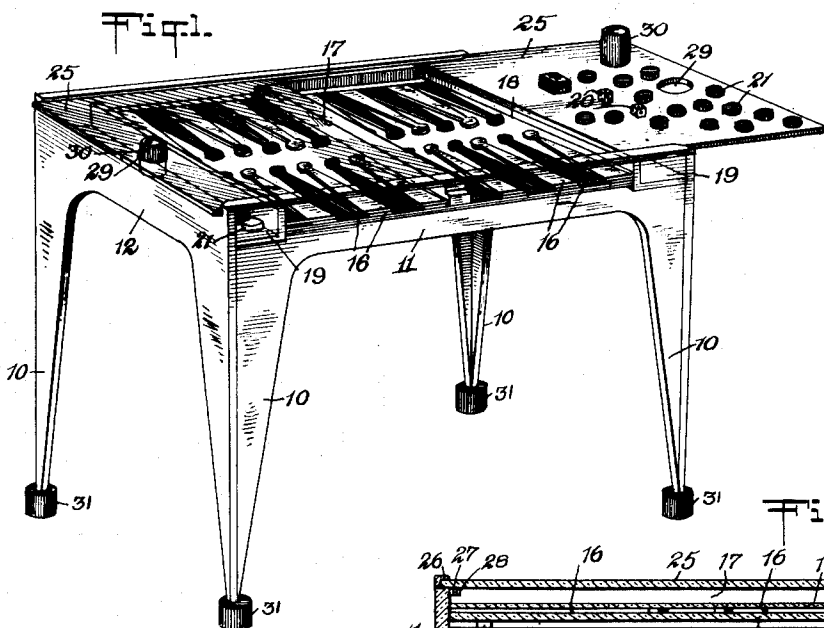
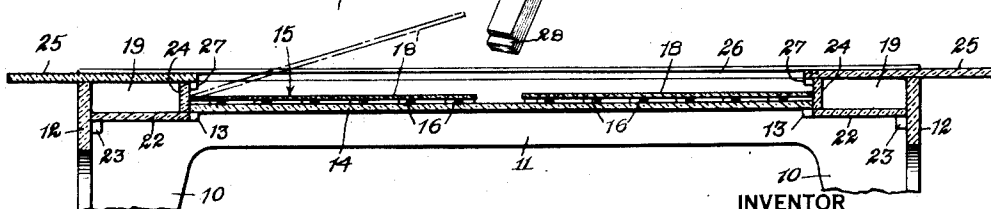


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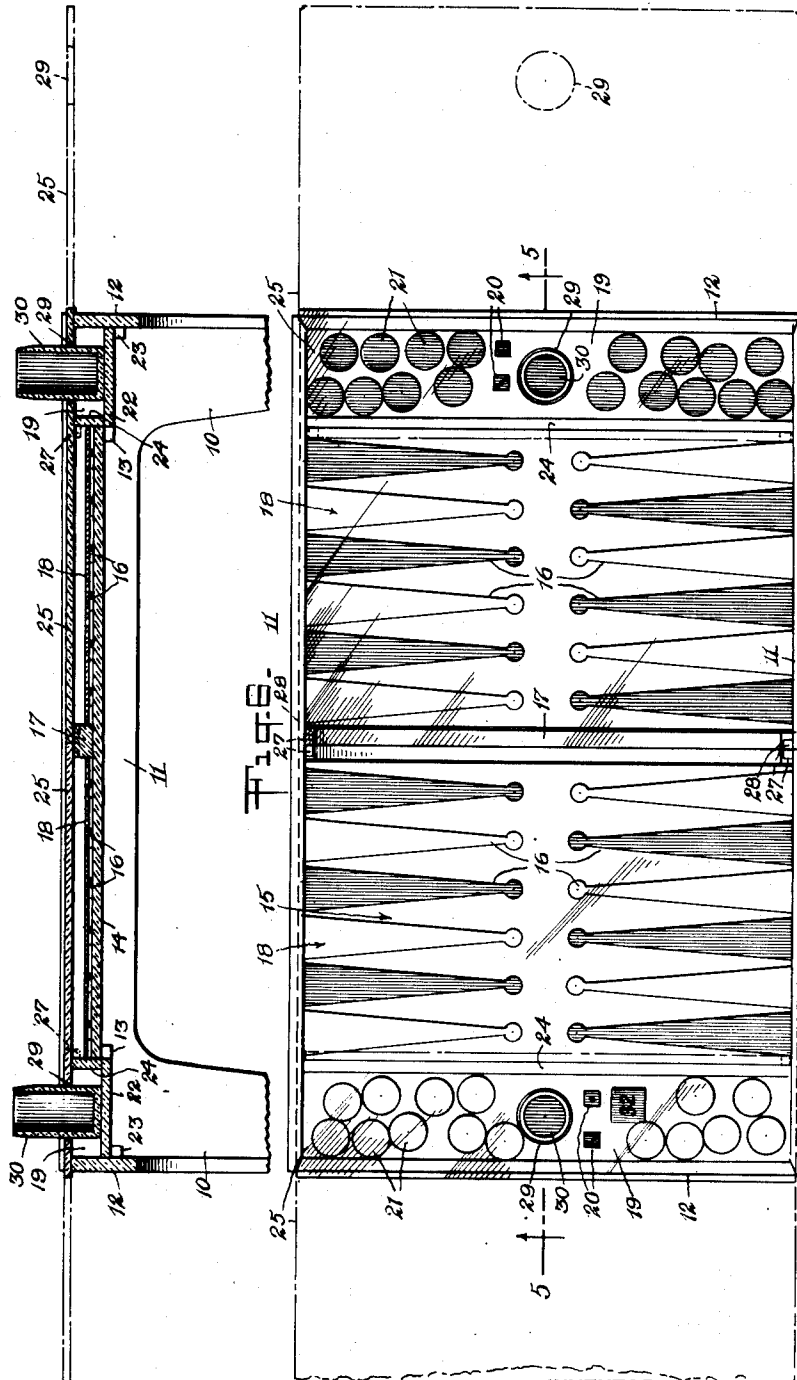
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This invention relates to an improved game board and table.

It is an object of the invention to provide a device of the above character of improved construction and attractive appearance which can be used both as a game board and table.

A further object is the provision of an improved game board in which the parts can be readily disassembled so as to facilitate cleaning.

My invention contemplates the provision of an improved table having a game board positioned in a recess formed in the top thereof. Over the top of the game board I provide a cover preferably made of transparent material which may be shifted in an improved manner from open position, giving access to the game board, to closed position, covering the game board.

In the accompanying drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a game table embodying my invention showing one of the cover members in open position;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the upper portion of the table with the game board shown in assembled relationship;

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing a manner in which the game board may be disassembled;

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view in the direction of the arrows on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the upper portion of the table and Fig. 6 is a top plan view showing in full lines the cover members in closed position, and in dotted lines the cover members in open position.

My improved table is provided with a supporting structure preferably consisting of four legs 10 and the connecting frame portions 11. The legs and frame portions may be formed integrally or of one or more pieces, as desired. One convenient manner of fabricating the table is to form each leg of two longitudinal extending sections. Each leg section is formed integrally with one of the connecting frame members which, in turn, is formed integrally at the other end with a longitudinal section of the adjacent leg. Extending across the table, from side to side and supported upon the blocks 13 secured to the frame members 11, is a base or panel 14, preferably formed of flat sheet material. The base 14 serves as a support for a game board.

In the illustrated embodiment of my invention I have shown a Backgammon game board 15, formed on the base member. However, it

should be understood that other types of game boards may also be employed.

In accordance with my invention I form the game board in an improved manner. Thus, the elements of the playing field which, in a Backgammon board consists of the points 16, are formed of separate pieces of material and secured in some suitable manner as by an adhesive, to the upper surface of the base 14. A Backgammon board is generally formed of two separate sections, separated by a bar, illustrated in the drawings by the numeral 17. In accordance with my present invention, the bar 17 is removable and merely rests upon the upper surface of the board extending transversely thereof. To impart a smooth upper surface to the board, I provide two flat transparent cover plates 18, each cover plate being of a size to cover one section of the Backgammon board, in the manner shown.

Positioned between the two ends of the playing board and the frame members 12, are the compartments 19, in which the dice 20 and counters or men 21 may be stored when not in use. Each compartment may be formed of a transverse base member 22, resting upon supporting blocks 23 secured to the frame members, and a vertical wall 24 abutting the end of the game board.

Each cover plate 18, for the top of the Backgammon board, is of a sufficient size to occupy substantially the entire space defined by the bar 17, the compartment 19, and the two frame members 11 at opposite sides of the table. When bar 17 is in position, resting on the base member 14, the several parts of the Backgammon board fit snugly together. The bar 17 is of a height to project above the cover plates 18 and accordingly can be conveniently removed, merely by grasping the projecting part thereof and raising it upwardly. The cover plates 18 can then be raised upwardly as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, permitting cleaning of the board.

So as to provide a smooth table top covering the recess in the table and the compartments at the two ends thereof when the Backgammon board is not in use, I provide a pair of shiftable cover members 25, each of sufficient size to cover substantially one-half of the top of the table. The cover members are preferably made of transparent material so as to lend an attractive appearance to the table, and so as to reveal the Backgammon board disposed beneath it. The sides of the cover members are engaged in the slideways or grooves 26, formed adjacent the

top of the frame members 11 on opposite sides of the table. As shown, the grooves 26 are located above the upper surface of the frame members 12 and walls 24 at the two ends of the table so as to permit the cover members to slide outwardly on opposite sides of the table to expose the Backgammon board, as shown in full lines in Fig. 3, and in dotted lines in Figs. 5 and 6.

To prevent the cover members 25 from being completely withdrawn from opposite sides of the table, I provide stop members 27 projecting downwardly from the inner ends of the cover members and adapted to engage the walls 24 of the compartments when the cover members have been shifted to fully opened position as shown in Fig. 3. When the cover members are in fully closed position, the inner ends thereof meet at a point above the center of the bar 17 and so as to provide clearance for the stop members 27, I provide the opposite ends of the bar 17 with recesses or cut out portions 28.

Adjacent the outer edges of the cover members I provide apertures 29. When the cover members 25 are in closed position, the apertures 29 are positioned above the compartments 19 and the dice cups 30 are inserted in the apertures resting upon the base of the compartments and serving to lock the cover members in closed position as will be clearly seen by referring to Fig. 5.

It will be appreciated that my improved game board and table can be used in the ordinary manner of a table by closing the cover members 25 and the cover members will be retained in closed position by inserting the dice cups through the apertures 29. When it is desired to use the game board, the dice cups are removed from the apertures, the cover members can then be shifted to the right, as shown in Fig. 2 so as to give access to the compartment 19 at the left-hand side of the table, and permit the counters and dice to be removed therefrom. Similarly, by shifting the cover members outwardly to the left, access can be obtained to the compartment at the right-hand end of the table. Both of the cover members are then shifted outwardly in opposite directions until the stops 27 engage the walls 24 of the respective compartments. The game board is then fully exposed and ready for use. If it is desired to clean the game board or to gain access to the interior thereof for any other purpose such as changing the board, the bar 17 is first removed and the cover plates 18 can then be lifted up.

My improved table may be made of any desired material. However, I prefer to form it of a suitable plastic material such as Lucite, cellulose acetate, Plexiglass, or the like. The cover plates 18 are made of transparent material, and I prefer that the other portions of the table should also be made of transparent material. I have found that the appearance of the table is improved and that more stability is imparted thereto by supporting the legs on the cylindrical base members 31 in the manner shown.

It should be understood, of course, that while I have illustrated one specific embodiment of my invention, that many modifications may be made therein.

I claim:

1. A table including a top portion having a pair of side and a pair of end members defining a recessed chamber, a board positioned in the recessed chamber and having a bar extending transversely thereof through the chamber dividing the board into two sections, the opposite side members projecting above the end members and being formed with aligned horizontally extending grooves in a plane above the top of the end members, a pair of slidable cover members disposed over the top of the chamber and having their opposite edges positioned in the grooves of the side members and being shiftable between closed position covering the chamber, and open position exposing the chamber, the abutting edges of the cover members when in closed position being positioned over the center of the aforesaid bar and the abutting edges being provided with downwardly depending lugs to engage the end walls when the cover members are in open position, and to prevent complete withdrawal thereof, the said bar being recessed to accommodate the lugs.

2. A table comprising a top portion having a base member, a pair of side members, and two transversely disposed end members connected between the side members adjacent each end thereof so as to provide a centrally disposed recessed chamber having a compartment at each end thereof, a removable bar extending transversely of the recessed chamber and merely resting on the base member, a pair of transparent flat cover plates covering the base member and the chamber on the two sides of the removable bar, the aforesaid side members projecting above the end members and being formed with confronting aligned grooves in a plane above the top of the end members, a pair of slidable cover members above said recessed chamber and compartments and having their opposite edges disposed in the grooves and shiftable between closed position covering the recessed chamber and compartments, and open position exposing the recessed chamber, the abutting edges of the cover members being positioned over the central portion of the removable bar when in closed position, and the cover members being provided with depending lugs adjacent their abutting edges for engaging the end members and preventing complete withdrawal of the cover members when in open position, and the removable bar being recessed to accommodate the depending lugs and the said cover members being also provided with apertures positioned over the compartments when in closed position, and means adapted to be inserted in the apertures and project into the compartments to retain the cover members in closed position.

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