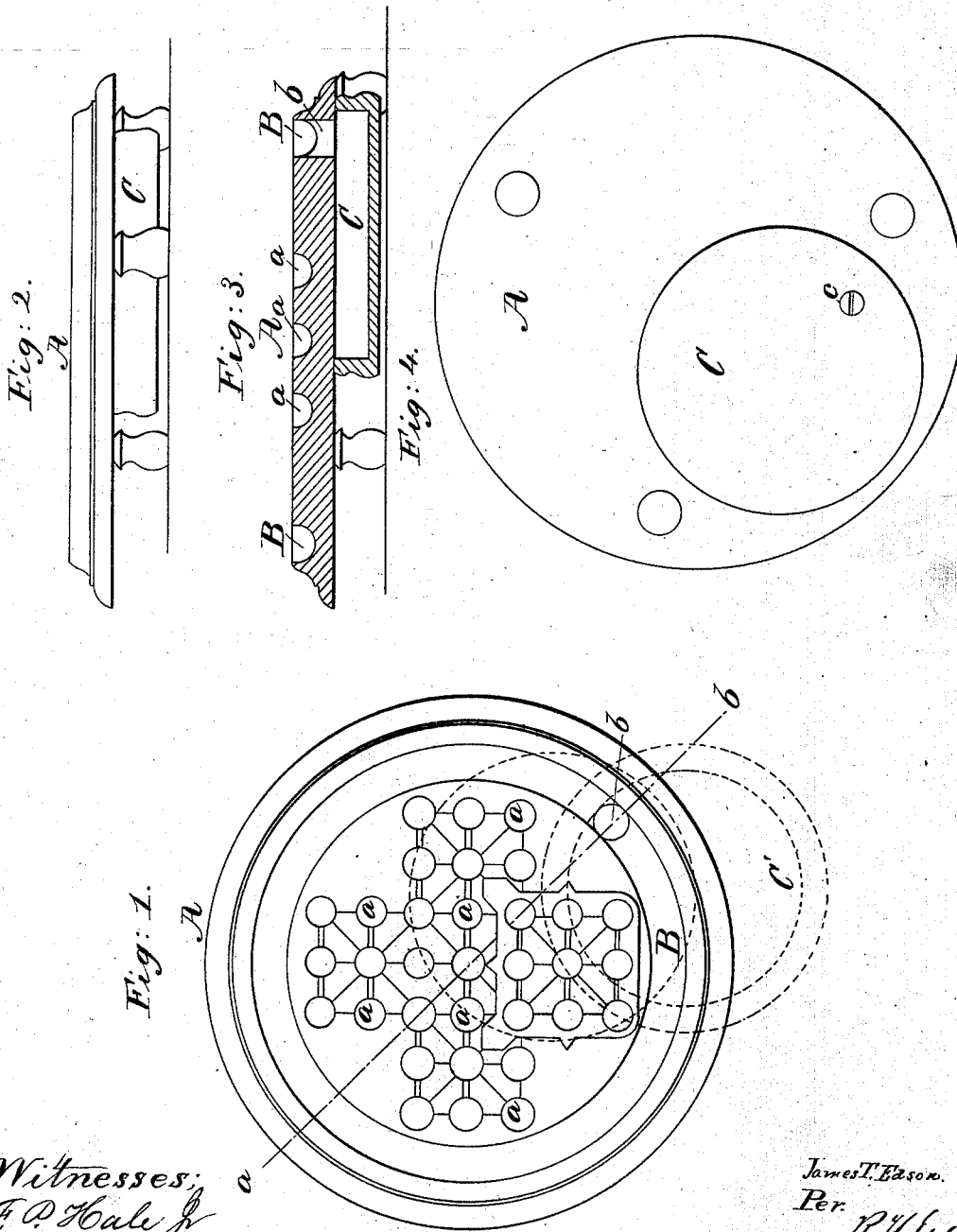


Game Board.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-BOARDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 47,491, dated April 25, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES T. EDSON, of Stowe, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Game-Board for playing the game of "Fortification Solitaire," or other games of like character; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig 2 an edge elevation, Fig. 3, a transverse section, and Fig. 4 an under side view, of one of my improved game-boards.

It consists not only of a circular tablet formed with a series of semi-spherical recesses arranged on it, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and having a groove circumventing them, but of a ball dish or receiver arranged underneath the tablet, and so applied to it as to turn or be capable of being turned from underneath it outward on a screw or pin connecting the receiver to the tablet.

In the drawings, A denotes the said tablet, of which *a a a*, &c., are the series of semi-spherical recesses extending from and below its top surface, and arranged relatively to one another, as represented in Figs. 1 and 3. A groove, B, circumscribes the series of recesses, and by means of a passage, *b*, leading out of it, communicates with the ball receiver or box C, which is circular in form, open at top, and is arranged underneath the tablet, and connected to it by means of a screw, *c*, which extends through the receiver at a point near its

circumference and screws into the tablet, the arrangement of the screw being such as to enable the receiver to be turned on it and from underneath the tablet in a manner to uncover such receiver, its position under such circumstances being indicated by the red lines at C' in Fig. 1.

While playing the game of "solitaire," for instance, for which the board, as shown in the drawings, is adapted, the balls as they may be removed from the recesses may be placed in the groove, and on being pushed along therein, and so as to come directly over the hole *b*, they will drop through such hole and into the receiver. In this way the balls are not likely to be accidentally spilled out of the groove, as, by simply making the board a little, they, when in it, roll toward and through the passage *b*, and thence into the receiver, from which they may be readily abstracted at any time when the receiver may have been turned outward from underneath the tablet far enough to uncover it and expose the balls sufficiently to enable access to be had to them. The receiver also serves as a place for holding the balls when the board may not be in use.

I claim—

The combination of the groove B and the passage *b*, leading therefrom, with the game-board A and the receiver C.

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