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Game.

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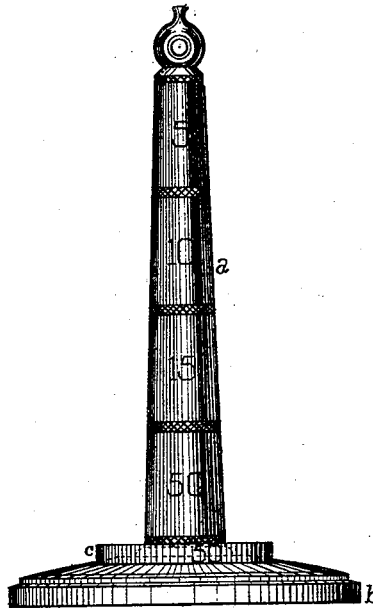


FIG. I.

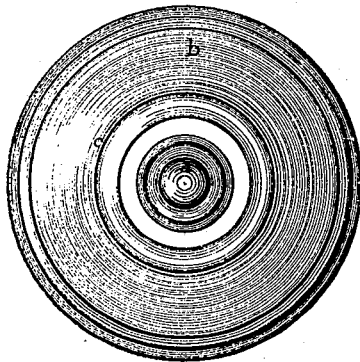


FIG. II.

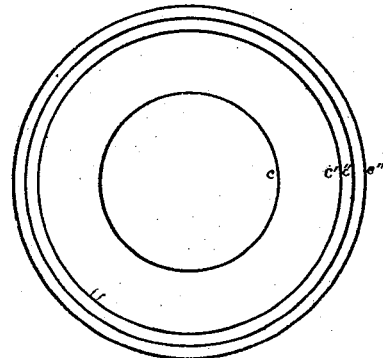


FIG. III.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAMES.

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

I, D. FRANK HALE, of Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, have invented certain improved Implements for Playing the Game which I designate the "Magic-Hoops," of which improved implements the following is a practical description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the standard surrounded by a hoop;

Figure 2 a plan of the same; and

Figure 3 a plan of a series of the hoops.

My improved implements consist of a standard, properly colored, and marked and numbered, and of a series of two or more hoops of different sizes, partly-colored or otherwise, and properly marked or numbered.

In the accompanying drawing—

The part marked *a* represents the standard;

b the base or pedestal thereof; and

c c' c'' c''' the series of hoops, all made of wood, metal, or other suitable material.

I paint or color the standard *a* in rings, as of red, white, blue, green, &c., and place on each of such rings some number, as 5, 10, 15, 50, &c.

The hoops I make of one or more colors, or leave them uncovered; if colored, I prefer to make the largest, *c''*, of the same color as the ring on the standard marked lowest, as 5; the next in size, *c'*, of the color of the ring next higher in number, as 10; and so on with the whole series. I also number each hoop the same as the ring of corresponding color on the standard, the largest being lowest, and the smallest highest, as *c''*, 5, and *c*, 50.

Every standard and series of hoops are not always similarly numbered. The manufacturer or player may adopt such numbers as please him, and each

standard may have two or more sets of numbers thereon.

The game is played by setting up the standard on the parlor floor, or on the lawn, and each of two or more persons, at a given distance therefrom, alternately tossing a whole series of hoops thereat; each hoop lighting on and surrounding the standard counts the player as many as the number marked thereon, or on the ring of corresponding color on the standard. Each hoop failing so to light counts nothing.

If the game be fixed at one hundred, the party counting that number first is said to have beaten; and, if more than two persons play, the game may be continued till all but one have beaten.

If more than one series of hoops be used with the same standard each series may be of a single but different color, as one series of red, another of white, &c., and all numbered according to size.

The object of the different colors and numbers on the standard and hoops is to facilitate "counting," and to determine whose "play" it is, when more than two are engaged in the game.

I am aware that hoops and standards, as such, are not new; but as an aggregate set of implements for playing a game, when colored and numbered, as above specified, I am not aware of their use or existence; and

What I claim as my invention is—

The implements of the above-described game, consisting of stand and base, *a b*, and a series of different-sized hoops, *c c'*, &c.; said standard and hoops having different colors and numbers marked thereon, as and for the purpose herein specified.

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