

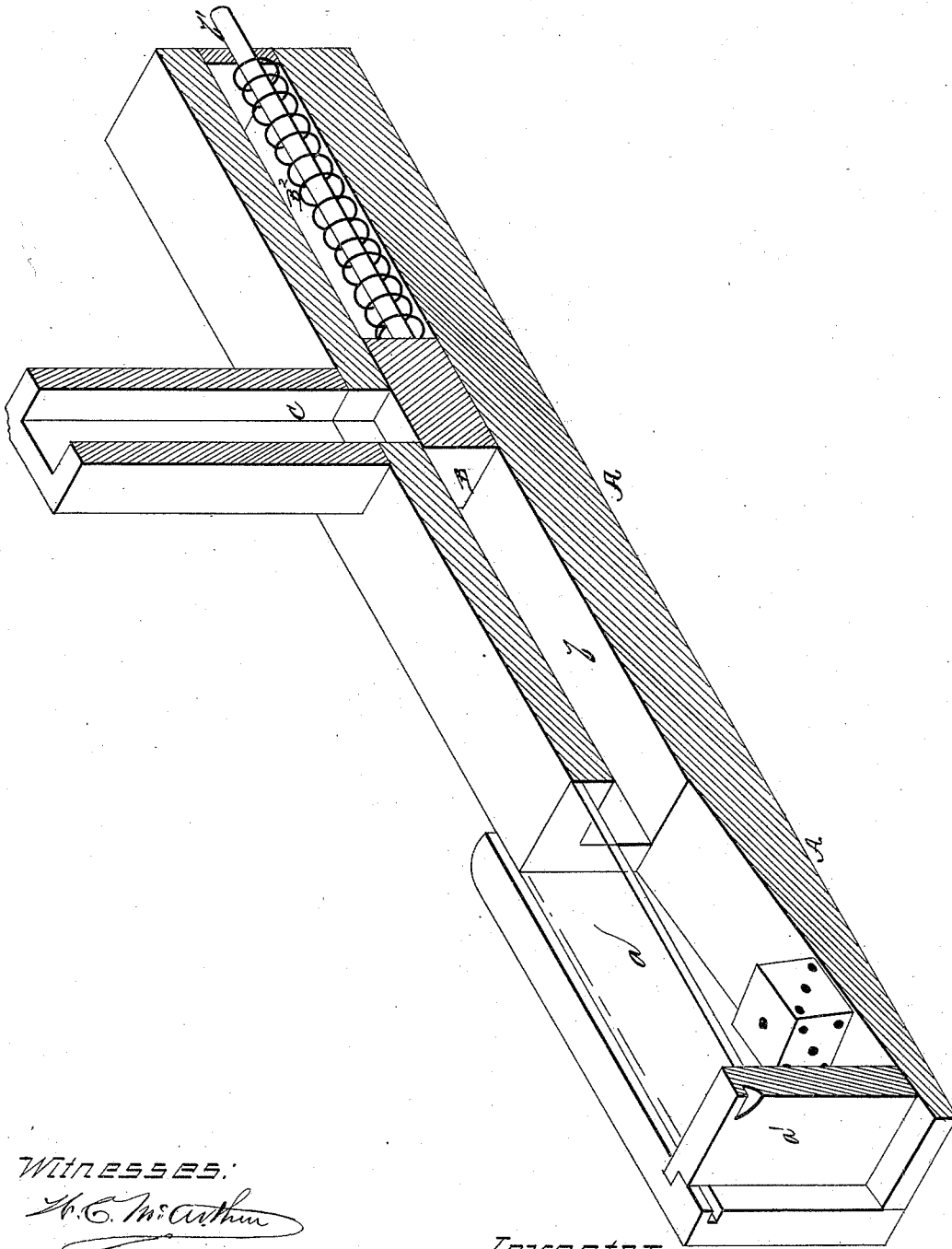
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY MEELHAUSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification, to wit:

This invention relates to an improvement in game apparatus; and it consists in certain peculiarities of the construction and arrangement of the same, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention pertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the accompanying drawing, which represents a sectional perspective view of my invention.

A represents a box or case, provided with one or more glass panels, *a*, to clearly show the contents, and also with a slide, *a'*, to enable the dice to be removed. From one side of this box or case leads a passage, *b*, of suitable length, in which is placed a plunger, B, the rod *b'* of which passes through the end of the passage far enough to be readily grasped by the player, and around the rod is placed a spiral spring, B². To one side of the passage *b* is connected an entrance-tube, *c*, which should be just large enough to admit the dice being

inserted one at a time. The plunger B lies normally just across the inner end of the entrance *c* and closes it, and when a die is placed in the entrance it rests upon the plunger, as will be evident by reference to the drawing, and when the plunger is drawn back the die drops into the passage *b*. Upon the plunger being released, the spring shoots it forward and drives the die through the passage into the larger receptacle, and its position then can be readily seen, with no possible chance of any person being able to manipulate the dice to his own advantage. No cheating can be done, the dice are readily seen and quickly removed, and they cannot be dropped upon the floor and lost.

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

The combination, with the receptacle A, having a glass panel, *a*, and slide *a'*, of a passage, *b*, having an entrance, *c*, a plunger, B, its rod B', and the spring B², substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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