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# COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

## A New or Improved Game.

I, WILLIAM HENRY ELL, of 14 Camden Grove North, Peckham, London, S.E. (Change Till Manufacturer), do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

5 This invention relates to a new or improved game, the object being to provide a novel arrangement of cups or receptacles by means of which a ball or balls, a coin or the like may be caught or received or transmitted to any desired part and the device hereinafter described may be used for example in combination with the well known vertical bagatelle board in which a ball is  
10 upwardly propelled and designed to fall through a number of obstacles such as pins, projecting from the face of the board and be caught in one of a series of receptacles and such apparatus may be of the coin freed type or of the ordinary "free" type as desired.

The invention consists essentially in providing a series of cups, pockets or  
15 receptacles any one of which may be opened at the will of the player with the object of receiving the ball or the like, the arrangement being such, that one cup or pocket only may be open at any given time.

In order that this invention may be more fully understood, it will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:—

20 Fig. 1 is a front elevation of apparatus constructed according to this invention showing one of the cups or pockets open.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof, and

Fig. 3 is a partial sectional side elevation taken on line *x x* (Fig. 2).

As shewn in the drawings, open backed pockets or receptacles *a* preferably  
25 approximately V-shaped in side elevation are hinged as at *a*<sup>1</sup> to a board or partition *b*. Each of these pockets or receptacles *a* is provided with an arm or lever *c* connected by a rod *d* with one arm or a pivoted key *e*, the opposite arm of which projects to the front of the partition *b* and is provided with a finger button or the like *e*<sup>1</sup> and it will be seen that by means of these keys *e*, the cups  
30 or receptacles *a* may be opened as desired.

Various means may be employed to prevent these cups or receptacles being opened more than one at a time but according to the preferred method, approximately T-shaped pawls *f* are pivoted as at *f*<sup>1</sup> and so arranged between the rear-  
wardly extending arms of the levers *c* that upon any one of the keys *e* being  
35 depressed as shewn at A (Fig. 2) the pawls *f* are tilted towards each side of that lever so that their shoulders *g* overlap the remaining keys *e* and prevent the operation thereof until the first is released again.

In operation as hereinbefore stated, one of the cups is opened at the discretion of the player in order to catch the ball or the like as it travels and should the  
40 player be successful in this respect, the ball or the like passes through the open back of the cup and is delivered into a shoot *h* common to the whole series of cups or receptacles and by means of this shoot, the ball or the like is guided to any suitable part, for example, to mechanism for delivering a check or tally or in the case of a coin freed machine, to mechanism for returning the coin  
45 which has previously been inserted to the player.

It is obvious that details of construction of this apparatus may be varied con-

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siderably without departing from the spirit of this invention, for example, the cups or receptacles may permanently project from the partition *b* and lids or covers thereon, opened or lifted; furthermore, this apparatus may be employed in an approximately horizontal position and in conjunction with any auxiliary features and mechanism to which it may be adaptable.

I am aware that in a game of the type hereinbefore described, it has previously been proposed to employ a pivoted "losing" cup or receptacle connected by a suitable arrangement of rods and levers to a knob at the front of the machine so that by turning the said knob, the cup or receptacle may be withdrawn to lie flush with the face board of the machine so that trial shots may be taken with the ball without risk of losing the same, but to any arrangement of this kind, I make no claim.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A new or improved game characterised by the employment of a series of cups, pockets, or receptacles normally closed and so arranged that they may be opened one at a time at the will of the player in order to receive a ball, coin or the like.

2. In apparatus such as claimed in Claim 1, the employment of a series of cups, pockets or receptacles each pivoted to a board, partition or the like and normally lying flush therewith and arranged in such a manner that they may be turned outwards one at a time at the will of the player in order to disclose an open top to receive a ball, coin or the like; substantially as and for the purposes specified.

3. In apparatus such as hereinbefore claimed, the employment of a series of cups, pockets or receptacles, such as *a* hinged or pivoted as at *a*<sup>1</sup> and connected to pivoted keys such as *c* in such a manner that the said cups, pockets or receptacles *a* may be opened thereby; substantially as described and shewn and for the purposes specified.

4. The combination with apparatus such as claimed in Claim 3; of pivoted pawls such as *f* formed with shoulders such as *g*; arranged and operating, substantially as described and shewn and for the purposes specified.

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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the (original on a reduced scale)]

Fig. 2

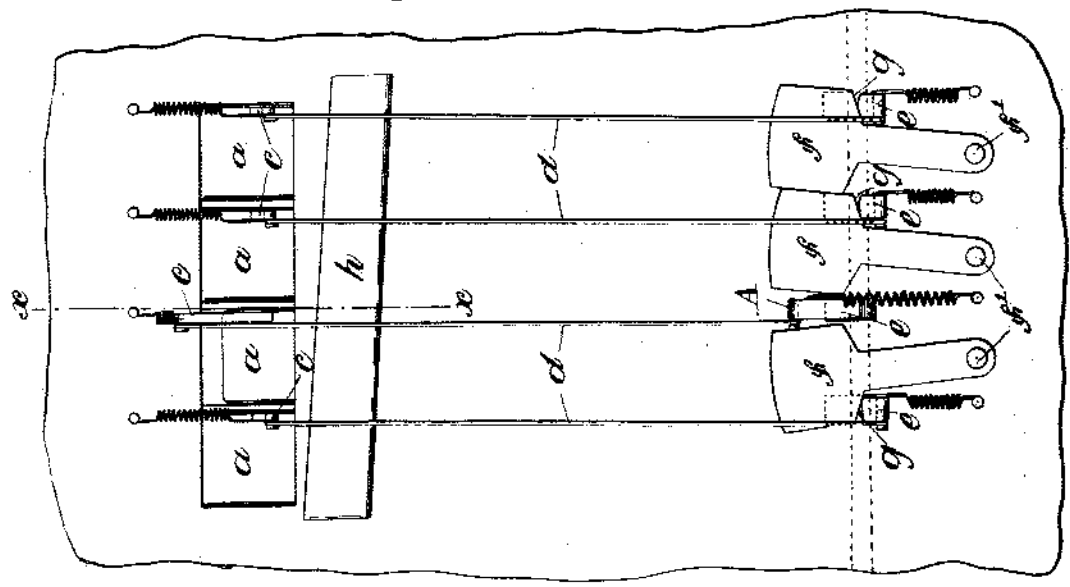


Fig. 3

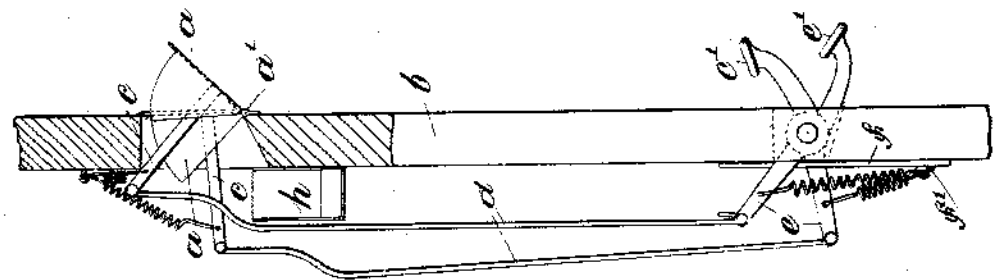


Fig. 1

