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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

An Improved Game of Skill and Apparatus for Playing the same.

I, JAMES MILLER, 25 High Street, Chatham, Kent, Manufacturer and Engineer 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 an improved game of skill and apparatus for playing the same and refers particularly to the class of game described in the Specification of Letters Patent No. 23431 of 1900, wherein a ball is upwardly propelled with the object of causing it to fall again between a series of pins and be caught in a movable cup or equivalent the position of which is controlled by the
10 player, the ball then operating suitable mechanism to deliver a check or tally entitling the player to a prize or the like.

Now the object of the present invention is to introduce a modified and novel game of this kind and to this end, the movable cup is designed to be mechanically operated or oscillated, means being provided to hold or temporarily retain the ball, after it has passed the obstacles directly over the line
15 of travel of the cup, and under the control of the player so that the said ball may be allowed to fall with the object of passing into the travelling cup to gain a prize or the like, at the discretion and under the judgment of the player.

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

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a machine constructed according to this invention,

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation with the casing broken away to illustrate the mechanism.

25 As shewn the machine is constructed mainly in the usual manner, the balls *a* being designed to be upwardly propelled in the channel *b*, one at a time, so as to fall between the pins *c* which pass the ball down and allow it to rest upon a forwardly projecting platform *d*.

Meanwhile, the coin having been inserted in the slot *e* passes down a shoot *e*¹ and sets in operation during its passage, a clockwork or other suitable motor *f*, which, through a connecting rod *g* oscillates the slidable cup *h* between guides *h*¹.

Now acting upon his judgment, the player draws down a rod *i* furnished with a handle *i*¹ which has the effect of rearwardly withdrawing the platform *d* by means of a lever *i*², thereby allowing the ball *a* to fall and if the said ball
35 enters the cup *h* it is transferred to a shoot *j* to travel and operate mechanism as is well understood. The platform *d* and rod *i* are returned to their normal positions by a suitable spring *k*.

The balls *a* are brought into operation and released and propelled one at a time as is described in the Specification of the aforesaid Letters Patent, and by
40 handles *l* and *m* respectively and the mechanism employed is of the known type, furthermore, any convenient means may be employed for starting and stopping the motor which may be operated for a predetermined period of time.

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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 coin freed machine for playing a game of skill of the kind herein described, characterised by the employment of a mechanically operated movable cup and means for holding a ball in temporary suspension above the path of travel of the said cup so that the said ball may be allowed to fall at the option or under the judgment of the player. 5
2. In a machine such as herein described, the combination with a mechanically oscillated cup, of a series of pins or obstructions and a movable platform or ball rest under the control of the operator; substantially as and for the purposes specified. 10
3. A machine for playing a game of skill such as hereinbefore claimed, comprising balls *a*, a channel *b* means for propelling the balls *a*, pins *c*, a platform such as *d* under the control of the player, a sliding cup such as *h* oscillated by a convenient motor, means for stopping and starting the said motor and suitable mechanism for holding and releasing the said balls and delivering a check or tally; all combined, arranged and operating, substantially as described and shewn with reference to the accompanying drawings and for the purposes specified. 15 20

Dated this 8th day of April, 1909.

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