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Game-Counter.

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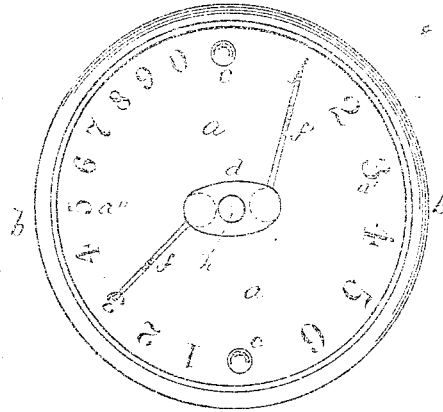


FIG. 1.

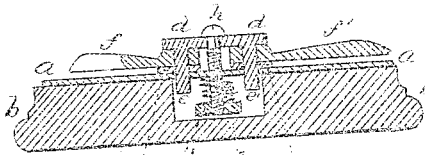


FIG. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN GAME-COUNTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. DASEY, of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Game-Counters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved counter. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide an individual game-counter by means of which the number of games won and the number of points gained in a particular game may be indicated. It is not the intention in this improvement to keep the record of a number of players, but of an individual player or side.

The nature of the invention consists in the peculiar arrangement and combination of the parts, in order that the fingers or indicators may be kept from dipping or interfering with each other without complicating the device or rendering it unduly expensive.

In the drawings, *a* represents a plate, usually of metal, and silver or nickel plated, or otherwise ornamented, attached to a block, (usually of wood,) *b*, by means of screws *c c*, or in any other suitable manner. *d* is a short bar, into which are fixed the spindles *e e'*, which project downward through the plate *a*. Attached to the spindles *e e'*, and swinging or revolving around them after the fashion of clock-hands, are the fingers or indicators *f f'*. Each indicator has its own spindle, and is entirely independent of the other. The indicator *f*, which points out the number of games won,

which in the case illustrated is 3, (among the figures *a''*), is attached to the spindle *e*. The indicator *f'*, which points out the number of points gained in the progressing game, in this case 1, (among the large figures *a'*), is attached to the spindle *e'*. Thus it will be seen that the indicators or fingers cannot interfere with each other. Washers *g g'* are placed between the indicators *f f'* and the plate *a* to protect the latter. The indicators and the bar *d* are secured to the plate by means of the screw *h*, which passes down through the bar *d* and plate *a*. Upon the end of this screw is a nut, *k*, and a spiral spring, *l*, encircles the screw between the nut *k* and the plate *a*.

By turning the nut *k*, and thus compressing the spring *l*, the indicators are pressed between the washers *g g'* and the bar *d*, thus preventing them from turning too freely, and holding them in place when they have been set in any position. Of course a suitable space is provided in the block *b* for the screw *h*, nut *k*, spindles *e e'*, &c.

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

In combination with the plate *a*, screw *h*, nut *k*, and spring *l*, the straddling bar *d*, provided with two spindles, *e e'*, of a piece with said bar, and extending through the plate, for the purpose of holding the fingers *f f'* and washers *g g'*, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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