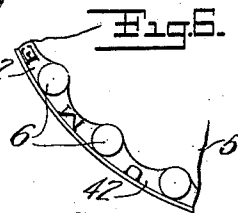
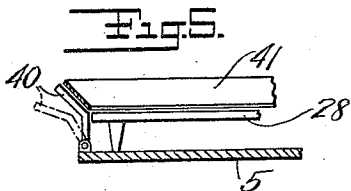
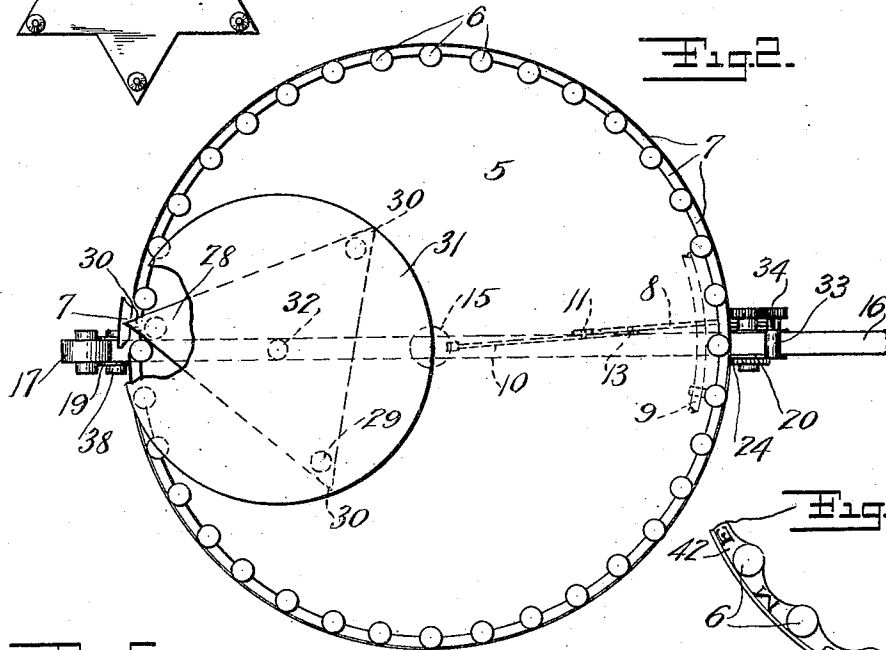
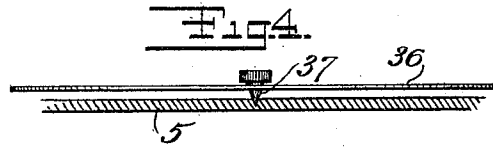
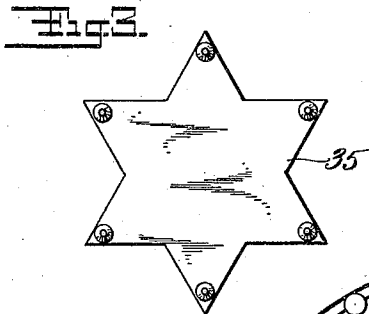
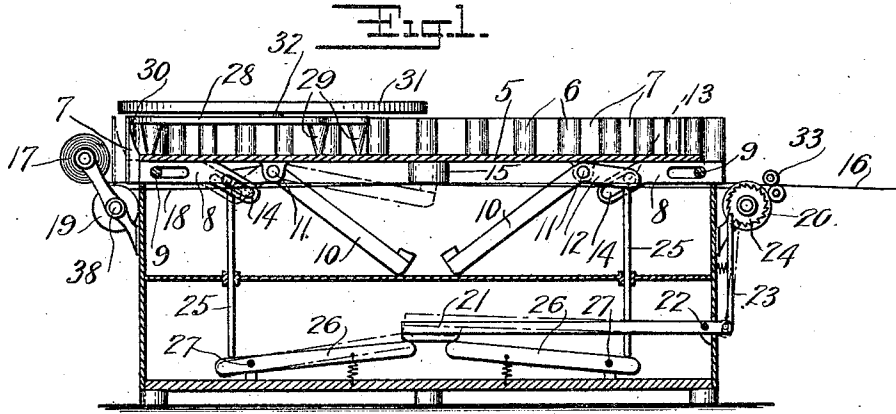


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SUNKER ABAJI BISEY, a subject of the King of England, and a resident of New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Spiritualistic Communication Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of the present invention are to provide a simple and practical apparatus for the transmission of alleged spiritual communications and, which will be free of the direct or subconscious influence of the person or persons using the device.

The invention involves a number of novel features of construction, combinations, arrangements and relations of parts, as will be hereinafter described in detail.

In the accompanying drawing I have illustrated the invention embodied in one of its practical forms with certain modifications, but wish it understood that other modifications and changes may be made without departure from the true scope of the invention as herein defined and claimed.

In said drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of one form of the apparatus.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same, with parts shown as broken away.

Figures 3 and 4 are detail and sectional views of modified forms of the planchette or operating member.

Figures 5 and 6 are broken sectional views of modifications of the table structure.

In the illustration, 5 designates a supporting table shown as of generally circular shape and provided about the rim thereof with upstanding spaced rigid posts 6 and with outwardly displaceable elements 7 between said posts. The displaceable elements 7 are preferably set back from the inner peripheral line of the posts, as indicated in Figure 2, to provide spaces or pockets between which the points of the planchette may enter.

The outwardly displaceable members 7 are shown in Figure 1 as carried by slides 8 supported at the under side of the table on the pins 9 and these slides are shown as connected to actuate the type bars 10 which are pivotally supported at 11 underneath the table, through the medium of angularly extending arms 12 carrying pins 13 working in angular slots 14 provided at the inner ends of the slides.

These type bars are grouped circularly beneath the table and carry type cooperating with a centrally located platen element 15 to produce impressions on the record tape 16. This record tape is shown as supplied from a roll or spool 17 and the ink or impression producing element is shown as furnished by a ribbon 18 supported on spools 19 and 20.

The ribbon and record tape are shown as intermittently advanced with the movement of the type bars by means of a universal bar 21 pivoted at 22 and carrying a spring-pressed pawl 23 engaging the feed ratchet 24 on the ribbon spool 20.

The universal bar is shown as actuated from the type bars through the medium of rods 25 engaged at their upper ends by the angular extensions 12 of the type bars and bearing on the universal bar actuated levers 26 pivoted on the base of the machine at 27.

The planchette or operating member is designated 28 in Figures 1 and 2 and is shown as a substantially triangular shaped piece supported on legs 29 and having the points 30 to enter in the pockets so as to actuate the displaceable type bar operating elements, as shown in the views referred to.

From the description thus far it will be apparent that the planchette is free to travel over the board or table in various directions and that the engagement of the points of said planchette with the displaceable members will produce definite impressions on the record tape. The type bars may bear the letters of the alphabet, numbers and other intelligible characters and some of them may be left blank to serve simply as means for spacing the record strip between different words.

The pockets of the table thus each have a definite significance, but such significance is ordinarily hidden and unknown to the operator and only becomes known upon inspection of the record strip. The movements of the planchette ordinarily, therefore, will be unintelligible to the operator or user and the likelihood of subconscious influence will therefore be avoided.

To further guard against such an undesired influence, the planchette may be provided with a hand or finger rest, such as indicated at 31, of larger area so as to practically hide the planchette from the eyes of user and, furthermore, this hand rest may be

pivotaly connected with the planchette, as indicated at 32, so as to enable the planchette to turn freely beneath the hand rest. This hand rest is indicated in Figure 2 also as large enough to extend over the tops of the posts and the intervening displaceable elements, so as to hide these parts from view.

Suitable means are provided for feeding out the record strip, such as the feed rolls indicated at 33, which may be driven by gear 34 from the ribbon spool 20.

In Figure 3 I have shown how the planchette may have a greater number of points than the triangular shaped one first described. In this view, the planchette which is designated 35 is made with six points, which enables the same to operate with greater rapidity.

In Figure 4 I have illustrated a spinning planchette 36 having a point 37 on the order of a top which permits the same to be placed on the table and spun, leaving the movements of the same to be governed by the elements of chance or possible spiritualistic influence. This spinning planchette may be provided with any desired number of operating points for engagement with the displaceable elements, or this member may simply spin in a socket provided therefor in the top of the table and the other planchette may be simply dropped thereon so as to receive an impulse sufficient to direct it into engagement with one of the displaceable elements.

In Figure 5 the displaceable elements are shown as spring-pressed fingers 40 pivoted at the rim of the table and bearing suitable characters ordinarily hidden by the overlying cover or shield 41.

In Figure 6 I have shown the reference characters as directly marked upon the elements 42 interposed between the upstanding posts and which elements, in this case, may be stationary, instead of movable as in the constructions previously described. The hand rest may be made smaller so as not to cover the markings.

The apparatus, it will be seen, in addition to eliminating the element of subconscious influence also does away with any uncertainty as to the characters or symbols sought in the travel of the planchette over the board, since the interfitting engagement of the planchette with the pockets insures of but one meaning for each move. To avoid subconscious influence when using the form of the device illustrated in Figure 6, the user or so-called medium may be blindfolded or other precautions may be taken so that the characters will not be seen.

What I claim is:

1. In apparatus of the character described, a table provided with pockets in the peripheral portion thereof each having a definite but normally hidden significance for the

transmission of intelligible communications and a planchette movable unrestrainedly over said table and into positive engagement with said pockets and adapted to reveal the significance thereof.

2. In apparatus of the character described, a table provided with pockets of different intelligible significance, a planchette movable over said table and into engagement in said pockets, said pockets having portions displaceable by the engagement of the planchette therewith.

3. In apparatus of the character described, a table provided with pockets of different intelligible significance, a planchette movable over said table and into engagement in said pockets, said pockets having portions displaceable by the engagement of the planchette therewith, the significance of the several pockets being normally hidden and disclosed only upon the operation of the movable portions thereof by the planchette.

4. In apparatus of the character described, a table provided with displaceable elements of different significance and a planchette movable over the table and into operative engagement with said displaceable elements.

5. In apparatus of the character described, a table provided with displaceable elements of different significance and a planchette movable over the table and into operative engagement with said displaceable elements, the identity of the displaceable elements being normally hidden from view and disclosed only upon operation thereof by the planchette.

6. In apparatus of the character described, a table, a planchette movable over said table, displaceable elements supported by the table in position to be engaged and operated by the planchette and printing devices operable by said displaceable elements.

7. In apparatus of the character described, a table, a planchette movable over said table, displaceable elements supported by the table in position to be engaged and operated by the planchette, printing devices operable by said displaceable elements, including type bars shifted by the displaceable elements, a platen for the type bars and means for feeding a record strip over said platen.

8. In apparatus of the character described, a table, displaceable elements of normally hidden significance associated with said table and a planchette movable over said table and arranged to displace said elements to reveal their significance.

9. In apparatus of the character described, a table, displaceable elements of normally hidden significance associated with said table, a planchette movable over said table and arranged to displace said elements

to reveal their significance and a hand support mounted on the planchette and normally hiding the same.

5 10. In apparatus of the character described, a table, displaceable elements of normally hidden significance associated with said table, a planchette movable over said table and arranged to displace said elements to reveal their significance and a hand support
10 port mounted on the planchette and normally hiding the same, said hand support and planchette being rotatably connected to permit independent rotation of the planchette beneath the hand support.

15 11. In apparatus of the character described, a table; upstanding displaceable elements of different significance about the rim of said table and an operating member freely movable over the table in different
20 directions into engagement with said displaceable elements.

12. In apparatus of the character described, a table having upstanding posts about the rim thereof and displaceable elements between said posts and a planchette
25 movable over the table and having pointed

portions adapted to enter between the posts into operative engagement with the displaceable elements.

13. In apparatus of the character described, a table having upstanding posts about the rim thereof and displaceable elements between said posts and a planchette movable over the table and having pointed
30 portions adapted to enter between the posts into operative engagement with the displaceable elements, said displaceable elements having intelligible characters associated therewith but arranged to be disclosed only upon the actuating of said portions by the
35 planchette.

14. In apparatus of the character described, a table and a planchette movable thereover, said table having upstanding elements of different intelligible significance
40 and the planchette and said elements having parts mechanically interfitting to definitely determine the engagement of the planchette with such elements.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
45 my hand this 19th day of March, 1920.

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