

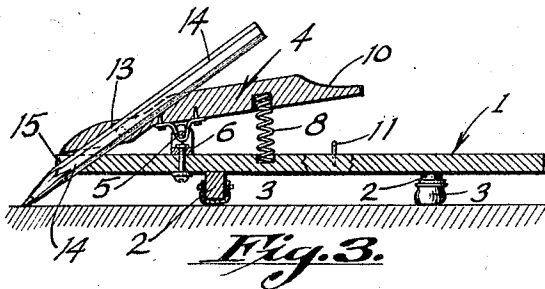
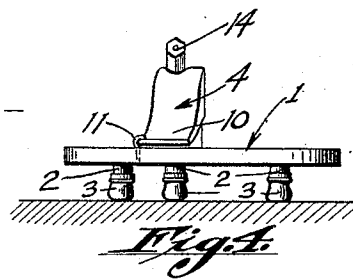
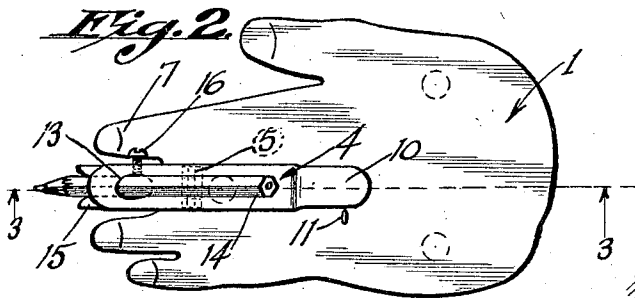
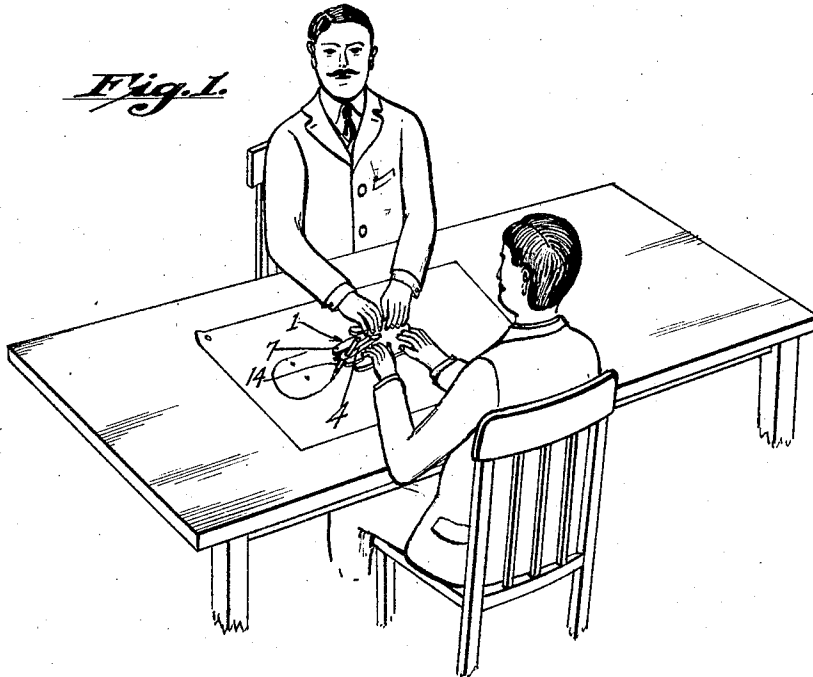
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK C. JENNESS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stylus Guides for Psychic Games, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a planchette, or the like, having a yieldable support for a stylus which is designed to trace a picture, or the like, when the planchette is moved in usual manner, by the players placing the tips of their fingers upon the same.

The improved support for the stylus is preferably a pivot member having spring means for yieldably urging the stylus into operative position, and also arranged for ready removal and replacement of the stylus member which may be a usual lead pencil. The pivotal support is also adapted to be readily swung against the tension of its spring means so as to move the stylus into inoperative position when it is desired to move the planchette to a new position upon a tracing surface, and the planchette is preferably provided with retaining means adapted to engage the stylus support so as to maintain the stylus in inoperative position if so desired.

The invention will be readily understood from the following description of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the improved device in use.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a rear end elevation of the apparatus.

The base of the planchette may be a usual thin board 1 which, in the present instance, is preferably formed in the shape of a hand, and said board is carried upon feet 2 which are preferably covered with a cloth 3 or the like in order that the planchette will readily move over a supporting surface.

The improved stylus support comprises a bar 4 pivoted intermediate of its ends and at its under side to a transverse rod 5 carried by a bracket 6 upon the upper surface of

board 1 and preferably adjacent the forward end thereof. The pivotal mounting for the bar 4 is so arranged that the bar will extend lengthwise of the fingers 7 forming the front portion of board 1.

A coil spring 8 is interposed between base 1 and the rearwardly extending bar 4, so as to normally swing the forwardly projecting end of the bar downwardly and along the length of one of fingers 7. The rear end of the bar is preferably provided with a portion 10 adapted to be engaged by the finger, so that when the players rest the tips of their fingers upon base 1, one of the players may conveniently shift his finger to the portion 10 of bar 4 in order to swing the latter upon its pivot, and thereby elevate the forward end of the bar from its normal operative position resting upon one of the fingers 7. When the bar is thus moved to inoperative position, it may be hooked beneath a retaining member 11 projecting from the base 1, and the bar will thus be held in inoperative position.

The forward end of bar 4 provides a support for a stylus, and for this purpose an opening 13 is formed through the bar preferably at an inclination, so that a stylus shown as a lead pencil 14, when received through said opening, will have the end thereof projecting beyond the base of the planchette and into position for engaging the surface upon which the planchette rests. The stylus is thereby arranged to trace a design when the planchette is moved in usual manner.

In order to properly position the stylus, the end of finger 7 upon which the supporting bar rests is preferably recessed as shown at 15 in order to form a guide for the stylus, and in practice the lead pencil forming the stylus is preferably detachably held in opening 13 as by a set screw 16 in order that the lead pencils employed may be interchanged.

The construction as thus set forth provides an interesting psychic game in which the planchette is provided with a stylus support arranged so that the stylus will yieldably engage a tracing surface, and also so constructed as to permit of readily moving the stylus to inoperative position by swinging

its support upon its pivot and against the tension of its spring means which is arranged to yieldably urge the stylus into operative position.

- 5 Various changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A planchette having a support pivoted
10 thereon, a stylus carried by one end of said support, and spring means at the other end of said support for yieldably urging said stylus into operative position.

2. In combination, a planchette, a stylus
15 movably sustained on the planchette to occupy active and inactive positions, and means for urging the stylus to the active position.

3. In combination, a planchette, a stylus
20 holder movably sustained on the planchette to occupy two extreme positions, a stylus re-

movably associated with the holder, and means for urging the holder to one extreme position wherein said stylus is rendered inactive.

4. In combination, a planchette adapted
for movement over a surface, a stylus movably sustained on the planchette to occupy marking and non-marking positions, and means for urging the stylus to marking position.
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5. In combination, a planchette adapted
for movement over a surface, a stylus movably sustained on the planchette to occupy marking and non-marking positions, means
35 for urging the stylus to marking position, and means for securing the stylus in non-marking position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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