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(54) **PEG SCOREBOARD ASSEMBLY**

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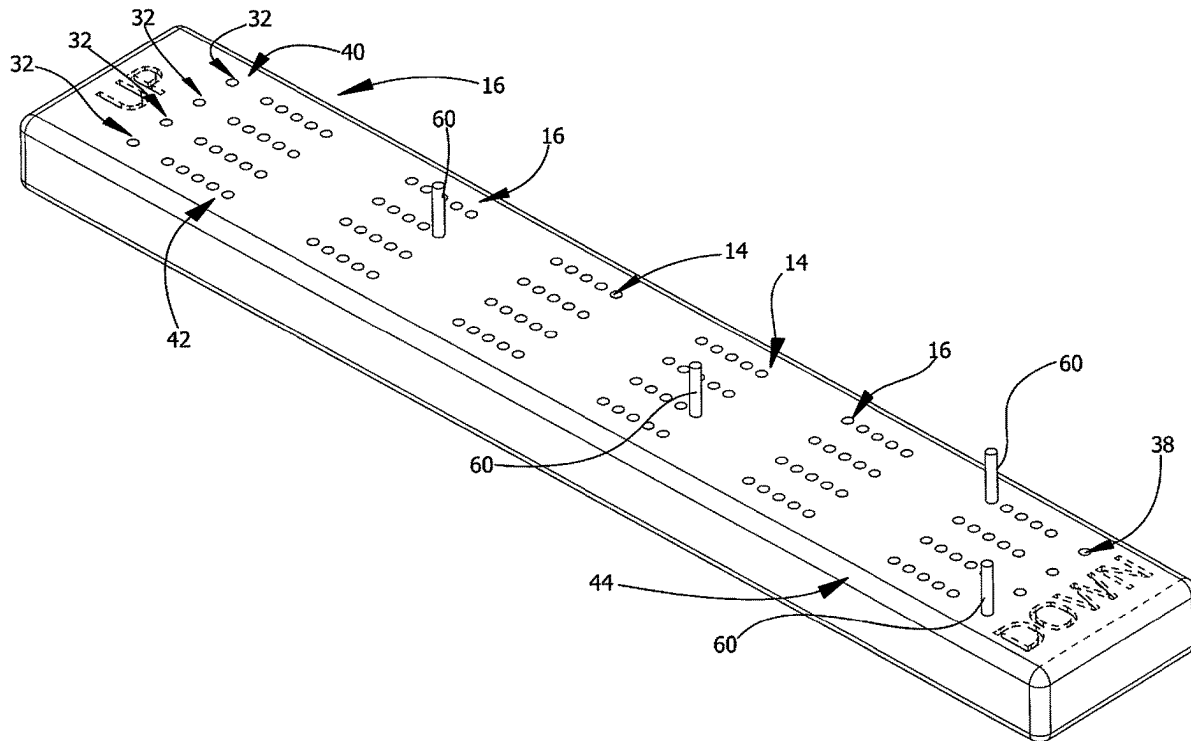
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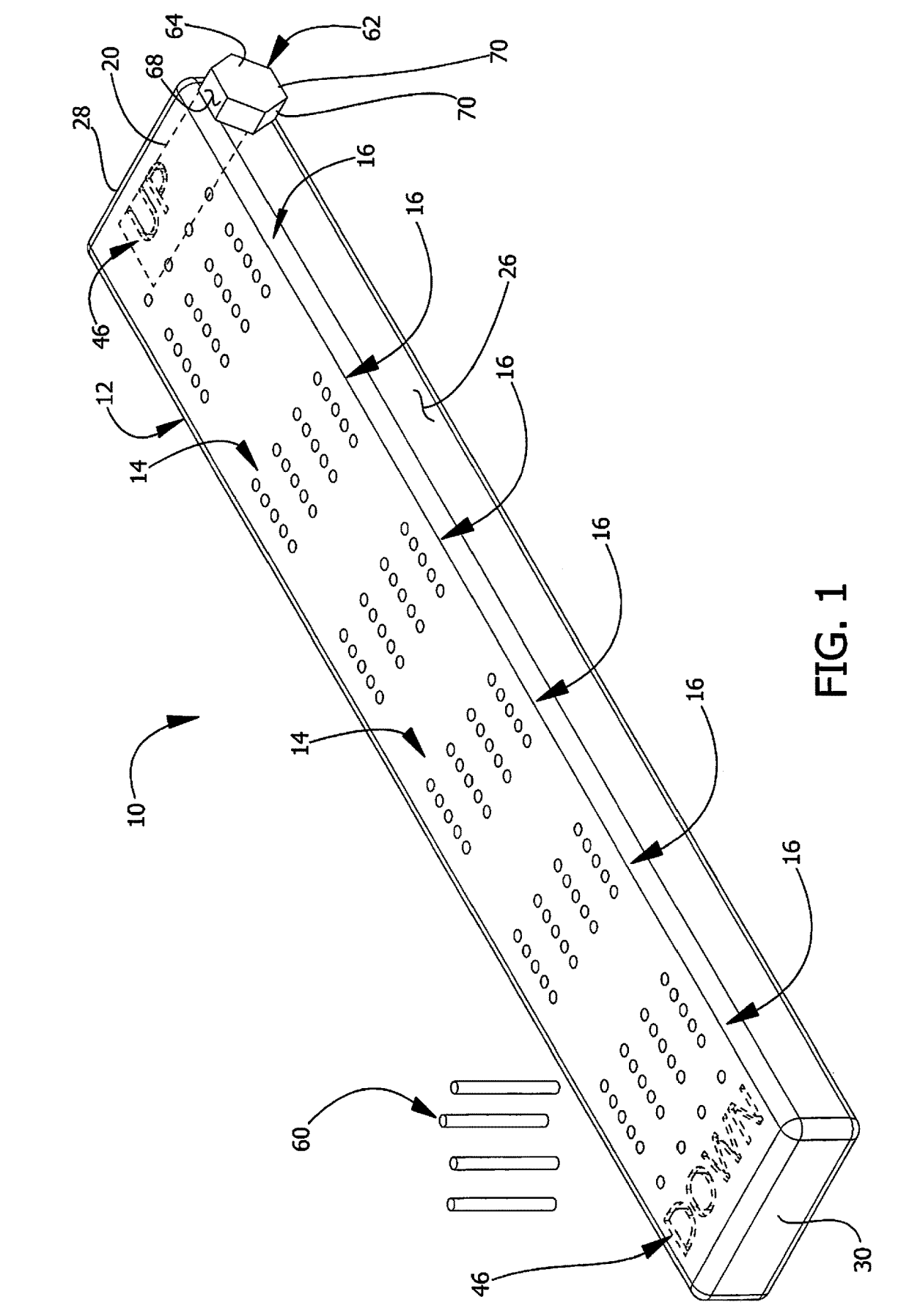
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ABSTRACT

A peg scoreboard assembly includes a pegboard that has a series of wells each extending into the pegboard. The series of wells are strategically arranged into a plurality of groups on the pegboard to represent points that can be achieved in the game of dominos. Additionally, a storage compartment is integrated into the pegboard. A plurality of pegs is removably stored in the storage compartment and each of the plurality of pegs can be assigned to a respective player of the game of dominos. Each of the plurality of pegs is insertable into a respective one of the series of wells during game play and is moved along a number of the series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by a respective player during each of the respective player's round of dominos to facilitate each player to track their score during the game of dominos.





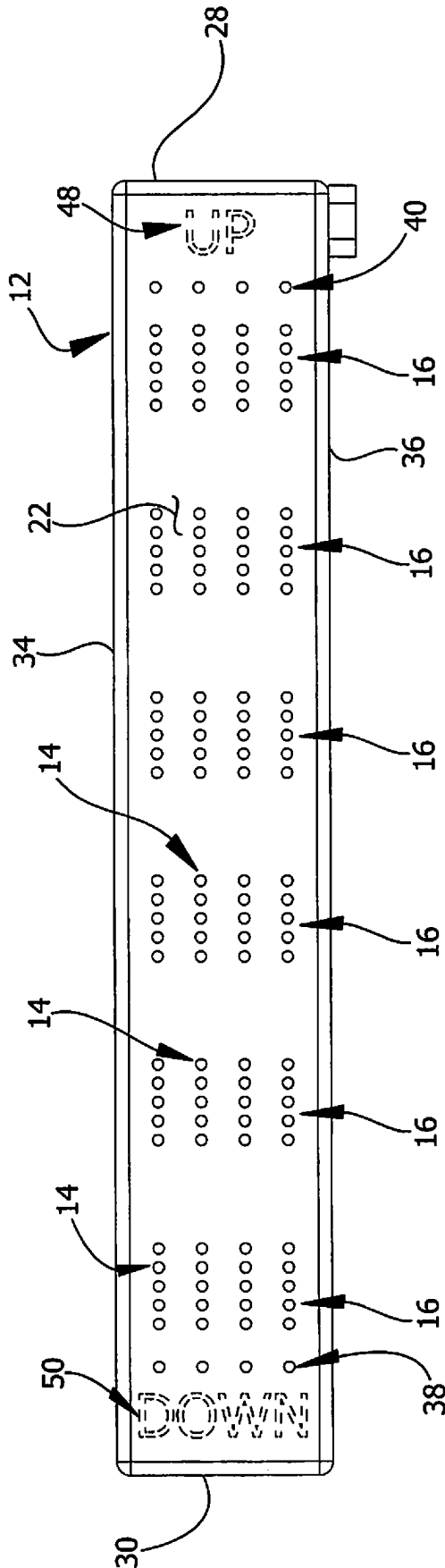


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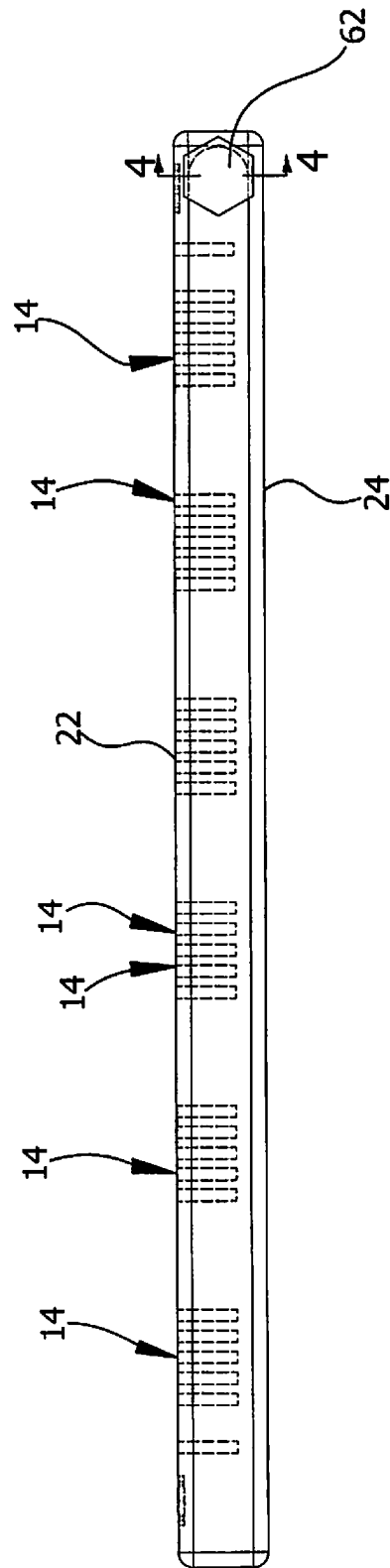


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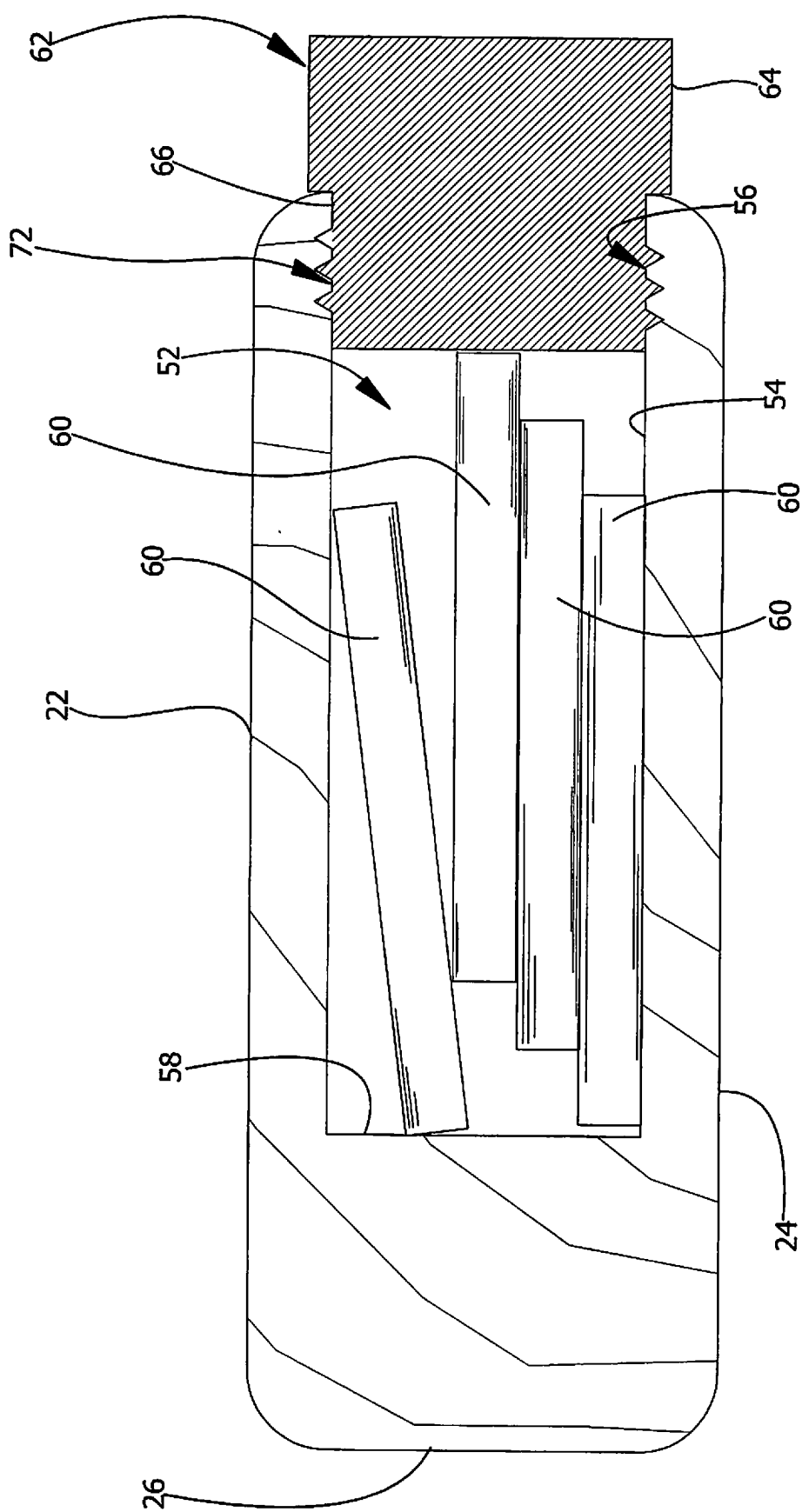


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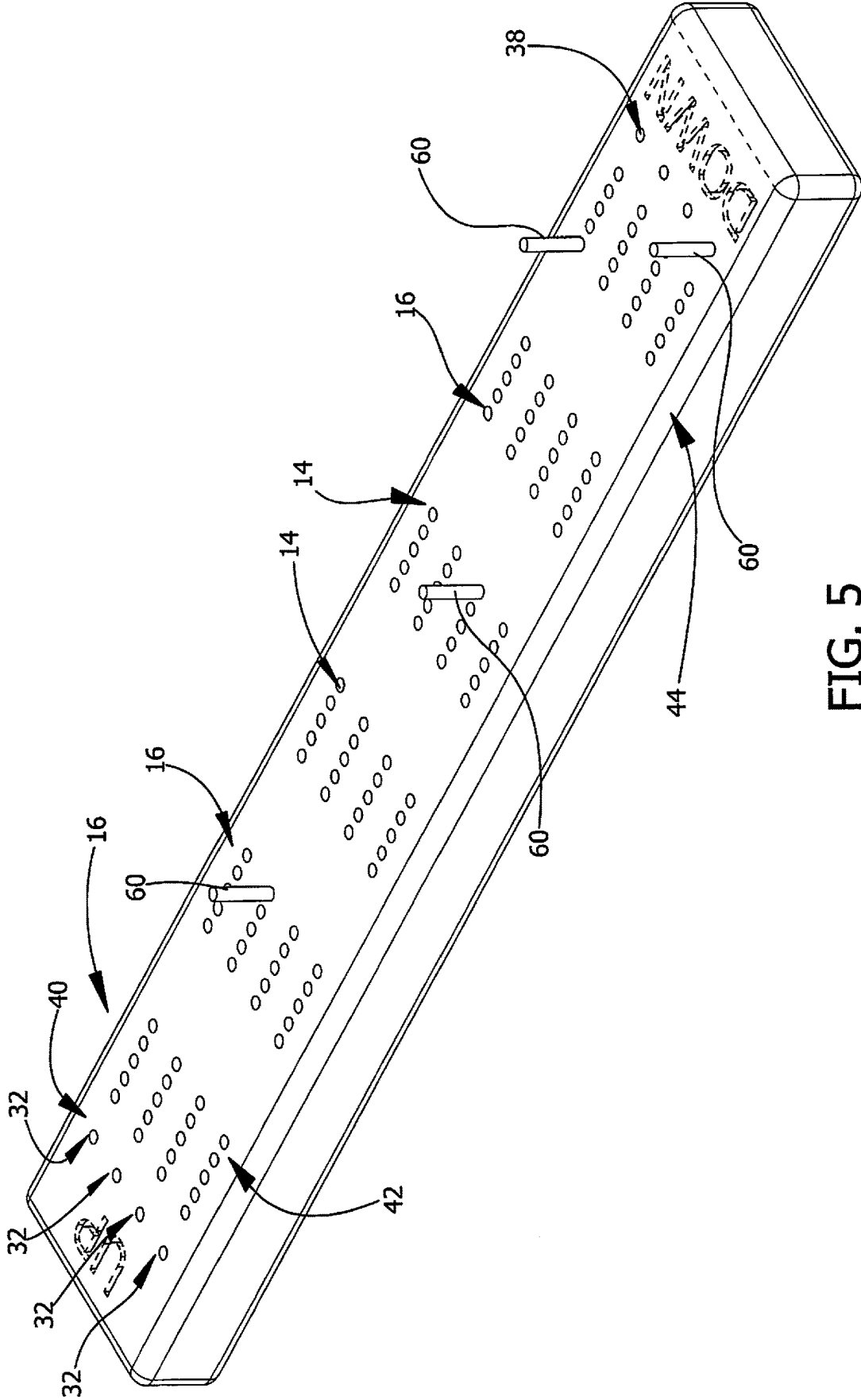


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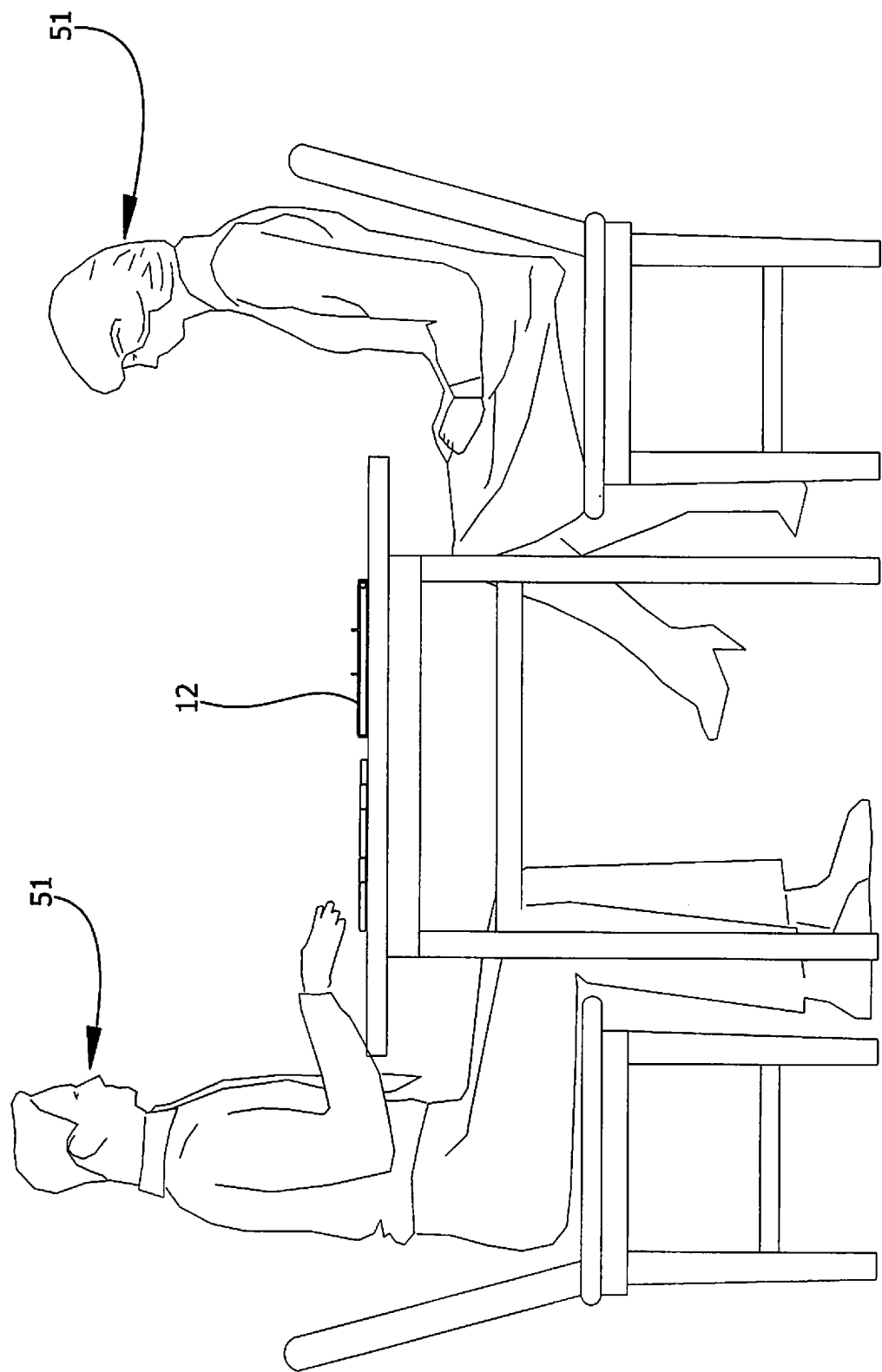


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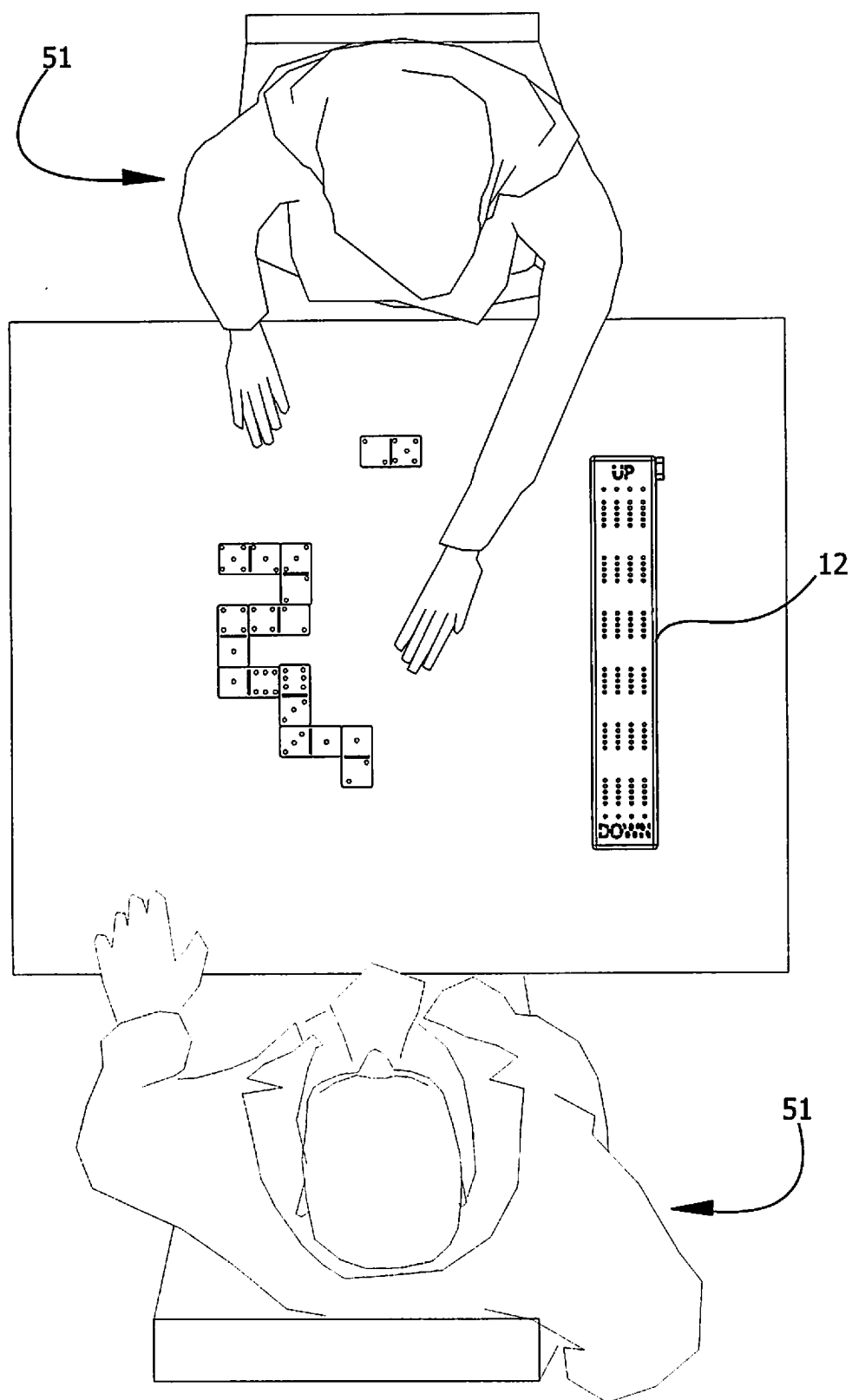


FIG. 7

PEG SCOREBOARD ASSEMBLY**(b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS****[0001]** Not Applicable**(c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT****[0002]** Not Applicable**(d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT****[0003]** Not Applicable**(e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC OR AS A TEXT FILE VIA THE OFFICE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM****[0004]** Not Applicable**(f) STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR DISCLOSURES BY THE INVENTOR OR JOINT INVENTOR****[0005]** Not Applicable**(g) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****(1) Field of the Invention**

[0006] The disclosure relates to scoreboard devices and more particularly pertains to a new scoreboard device for keeping score during the game of dominos. The device includes a pegboard which has a series of wells that are oriented into a plurality of groups and indica applied the pegboard comprising the words “up” and “down”. The device includes a plurality of pegs that are each stored in a storage well in the pegboard and a cap for closing the storage well.

(2) Description of Related Art Including Information Disclosed Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98

[0007] The prior art relates to scoreboard devices including a variety of pegboard devices that each at least includes a pegboard with a series of wells that are oriented into a plurality of rows and a plurality of pegs that are insertable into respective wells for tracking the score of a game. In no instance does the prior art disclose a pegboard device that includes a series of wells integrated into the pegboard and indica applied to the pegboard comprising the word “up” and “down” for indicating a preferred orientation of the pegboard during the game of dominos.

(h) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] An embodiment of the disclosure meets the needs presented above by generally comprising a pegboard that has a series of wells each extending into the pegboard. The series of wells are strategically arranged into a plurality of groups on the pegboard to represent points that can be achieved in the game of dominos. Additionally, a storage compartment is integrated into the pegboard. A plurality of pegs is removably stored in the storage compartment and

each of the plurality pegs can be assigned to a respective player of the game of dominos. Each of the plurality of pegs is insertable into a respective one of the series of wells during game play and is moved along a number of the series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by a respective player during each of the respective player's round of dominos to facilitate each player to track their score during the game of dominos.

[0009] There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the disclosure in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the disclosure that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

[0010] The objects of the disclosure, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the disclosure, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

(i) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S)

[0011] The disclosure will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

[0012] FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of a peg scoreboard assembly according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0013] FIG. 2 is a top view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0014] FIG. 3 is a right side phantom view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0015] FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view taken along line 4-4 of FIG. 3 of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0016] FIG. 5 is a top perspective in-use view of a pegboard of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0017] FIG. 6 is a perspective in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0018] FIG. 7 is a top in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

(j) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0019] With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. 1 through 7 thereof, a new scoreboard device embodying the principles and concepts of an embodiment of the disclosure and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

[0020] As best illustrated in FIGS. 1 through 7, the peg scoreboard assembly 10 generally comprises a pegboard 12 that has a series of wells 14 each extending into the pegboard 12 and the series of wells 14 are strategically arranged into a plurality of groups 16 on the pegboard 12. In this way the series of wells 14 represent points that can be achieved in the game of dominos. Additionally, the pegboard 12 has a storage compartment 20 that is integrated into the pegboard 12. The pegboard 12 has a top surface 22, a bottom surface 24 and an outer surface 26 extending between the top surface 22 and the bottom surface 24. The pegboard 12 is elongated between a front side 28 and a back side 30 of the outer surface 26 and each of the series of wells 14 extends into the

top surface 22. The pegboard may have a length ranging between approximately 30.0 cm and 35.0 cm and a width ranging between approximately 5.0 cm and 10.0 cm.

[0021] The plurality of groups 16 are spaced apart from each other and are distributed along a line extending between the front side 28 and the back side 30 of the outer surface 26. Additionally, each of the plurality of groups 16 includes a plurality of columns 32 of the wells 14 which are spaced apart from each other and are distributed along a line extending between a first lateral side 34 and a second lateral side 36 of the outer surface 26. The series of wells 14 includes a lower row 38 of the plurality of wells 14 and an upper row 40 of the plurality of wells 14. Each of the lower row 38 and the upper row 40 extends along the line which extends between the first lateral side 34 and the second lateral side 36. The upper row 40 is positioned between an uppermost one of the plurality of groups 42 and the front side 28 of the outer surface 26 and the lower row 38 is positioned between a lowermost one of the plurality of groups 44 and the back side 30 of the outer surface 26.

[0022] The pegboard 12 has indicia 46 that are applied to the top surface 22 of the pegboard 12 and the indicia 46 comprise the word “up” 48 and the word “down” 50. The word “up” 48 is positioned between the upper row 40 and the front side 28 of the outer surface 26 and the word “down” 50 is positioned between the lower row 38 and the back side 30 of the outer surface 26. In this way the indicia 46 facilitate players 51 of the game of dominos to identify the beginning and the end of the series of wells 14 with respect to the keeping score of the game of dominos. The pegboard 12 has a storage well 52 extending into the second lateral side 36 of the outer surface 26 such that the storage well 52 defines the storage compartment 20 in the pegboard 12. The storage well 52 is positioned closer to the front side 28 than the back side 30 of the outer surface 26. The storage well 52 has a lateral bounding surface 54 and the lateral bounding surface 54 has a threaded portion 56 which extends from the second lateral side 36 of the outer surface 26 toward a lower bounding surface 58 of the storage well 52.

[0023] A plurality of pegs 60 is provided and each of the plurality of pegs 60 is removably stored in the storage compartment 20. Each of the plurality of pegs 60 is removable from the storage compartment 20 prior to commencing a game of dominos. Furthermore, each of the plurality of pegs 60 is assigned to a respective player 51 of the game of dominos. Each of the plurality of pegs 60 is insertable into a respective one of the series of wells 14 during game play. The peg 60 assigned to each player is moved along a number of the series of wells 14 which corresponds to a score achieved by a respective player 51 during each of the respective player 51's round of dominos. In this way the peg 60 assigned to each player facilitates each player to track their score during the game of dominos.

[0024] Each of the plurality of pegs 60 is insertable into a respective one of the series of wells 14 in the lower row 38 of the series of wells 14 at the beginning of the game of dominos. Continuing, the peg 60 assigned to a respective player 51 is moved a number of the series of wells 14 which corresponds to a score achieved by the respective player 51 starting from the lower row 38 toward the upper row 40 until the peg 60 assigned to the respective player 51 is positioned in a respective one of the series of wells 14 in the upper row 40. In this way the peg 60 assigned to the respective player 51 indicates that the respective player 51 has won the game

of dominos. Additionally, each of the plurality of pegs 60 is placed in the storage well 52 for storage when the plurality of pegs 60 is not employed.

[0025] A cap 62 is provided which is removably attachable to the pegboard 12 such that the cap 62 closes the storage compartment 20 for retaining the plurality of pegs 60 in the storage compartment 20. The cap 62 has a head 64 and a stem 66 extending away from a bottom surface 24 of the head 64 and the head 64 has an outside surface 68 which has a plurality of intersecting sides 70 such that the head 64 has a polygonal shape. Additionally, the stem 66 has an exterior surface 72 which is threaded. The stem 66 is insertable into the storage well 52 having the exterior surface 72 threadably engaging the lateral bounding surface 54 of the storage well 52 until the bottom surface 24 of the head 64 abuts the second lateral side 36 of the outer surface 26 of the pegboard 12 for closing the storage well 52.

[0026] In use, the cap 62 is removed from the storage well 52 and a number of pegs 60 are removed from the storage well 52 that corresponds to the number of players 51 of the game of dominos. Each of the pegs 60 is assigned to a respective player 51 and each of the pegs 60 is inserted into a respective one of the lower row of wells 38 to commence the game of dominos. The peg 60 assigned to a respective player 51 is moved a number of the series of wells 14 which corresponds to a score achieved by the respective player 51 to track the total score of the respective player 51. Furthermore, the player whose peg 60 reaches the upper row of wells 40 first wins the game of dominos. In this way the pegs 60 and the pegboard 12 facilitate the score of each player to be tracked during the game of dominos in a manner that reduces the likelihood of cheating which can occur when the score is written down as is commonly practiced while playing dominos. The pegs 60 are replaced in the storage well 52 and the cap 62 is replaced in the storage well 52 when the game of dominos is completed.

[0027] With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of an embodiment enabled by the disclosure, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0028] Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the disclosure. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the disclosure to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the disclosure. In this patent document, the word “comprising” is used in its non-limiting sense to mean that items following the word are included, but items not specifically mentioned are not excluded. A reference to an element by the indefinite article “a” does not exclude the possibility that more than one of the element is present, unless the context clearly requires that there be only one of the elements.

I claim:

1. A peg scoreboard assembly for keeping score during the game of dominos, said assembly comprising:

a pegboard having a series of wells each extending into said pegboard, said series of wells being strategically

arranged into a plurality of groups on said pegboard wherein said series of wells is configured to represent points that can be achieved in the game of dominos, said pegboard having a storage compartment being integrated into said pegboard, said pegboard having indicia being applied to said pegboard comprising the word “up” and the word “down” wherein said indicia are configured to visually indicate a beginning and an end of the series of wells for players of the game of dominos;

a plurality of pegs, each of said plurality of pegs being removably stored in said storage compartment, each of said plurality of pegs being removable from said storage compartment prior to commencing a game of dominos wherein each of said plurality of pegs is configured to be assigned to a respective player of the game of dominos, each of said plurality of pegs being insertable into a respective one of said series of wells during game play, said peg assigned to each player being moved along a number of said series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by a respective player during each of the respective player's round of dominos wherein said peg assigned to each player is configured to facilitate each player to track their score during the game of dominos; and

a cap being removably attachable to said pegboard such that said cap closes said storage compartment for retaining said plurality of pegs in said storage compartment.

2. The assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

said pegboard has a top surface and a bottom surface and an outer surface extending between said top surface and said bottom surface;

said pegboard is elongated between a front side and a back side of said outer surface;

each of said series of wells extends into said top surface;

said plurality of groups of said wells is spaced apart from each other and is distributed along a line extending between said front side and said back side of said outer surface;

each of said plurality of groups includes a plurality of columns of said wells being spaced apart from each other and being distributed along a line extending between a first lateral side and a second lateral side of said outer surface;

said series of wells includes a lower row of said plurality of wells and an upper row of said plurality of wells;

each of said lower row and said upper row extending along said line which extends between said first lateral side and said second lateral side;

said upper row is positioned between an uppermost one of said plurality of groups and said front side of said outer surface; and

said lower row is positioned between a lowermost one of said plurality of groups and said back side of said outer surface.

3. The assembly according to claim 2, wherein:

said word “up” is positioned between said upper row and said front side of said outer surface; and

said word “down” is positioned between said lower row and said back side of said outer surface.

4. The assembly according to claim, wherein:

said pegboard has a storage well extending into said second lateral side of said outer surface such that said storage well defines said storage compartment in said pegboard;

said storage well is positioned closer to said front side than said back side of said outer surface;

said storage well has a lateral bounding surface; and

said lateral bounding surface has a threaded portion extending from said second lateral side of said outer surface toward a lower bounding surface of said storage well.

5. The assembly according to claim 2, wherein:

each of said plurality of pegs is insertable into a respective one of said series of wells in said lower row of said series of wells at the beginning of the game of dominos; and

said peg assigned to a respective player is moved a number of said series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by the respective player starting from said lower row toward said upper row until said peg assigned to the respective player is positioned in a respective one of said series of wells in said upper row wherein said peg assigned to the respective player is configured to indicate that the respective player has won the game of dominos.

6. The assembly according to claim 4, wherein each of said plurality of pegs is placed in said storage well for storage when said plurality of pegs is not being employed.

7. The assembly according to claim 4, wherein:

said cap has a head and a stem extending away from a bottom surface of said head;

said head has an outside surface having a plurality of intersecting sides such that said head has a polygonal shape;

said stem has an exterior surface which is threaded; and

said stem is insertable into said storage well having said exterior surface threadably engaging said lateral bounding surface of said storage well until said bottom surface of said head abuts said second lateral side of said outer surface of said peg board for closing said storage well.

8. A peg scoreboard assembly for keeping score during the game of dominos, said assembly comprising:

a pegboard having a series of wells each extending into said pegboard, said series of wells being strategically arranged into a plurality of groups on said pegboard wherein said series of wells is configured to represent points that can be achieved in the game of dominos, said pegboard having a storage compartment being integrated into said pegboard, said pegboard having a top surface and a bottom surface and an outer surface extending between said top surface and said bottom surface, said pegboard being elongated between a front side and a back side of said outer surface, each of said series of wells extending into said top surface, said plurality of groups being spaced apart from each other and being distributed along a line extending between said front side and said back side of said outer surface, each of said plurality of groups including a plurality of columns of said wells being spaced apart from each other and being distributed along a line extending between a first lateral side and a second lateral side of said outer surface, said series of wells including a lower row of said plurality of wells and an upper row of said

plurality of wells, each of said lower row and said upper row extending along said line which extends between said first lateral side and said second lateral side, said upper row being positioned between an uppermost one of said plurality of groups and said front side of said outer surface, said lower row being positioned between a lowermost one of said plurality of groups and said back side of said outer surface, said pegboard having indicia being applied to said top surface of said pegboard, said indicia comprising the word “up” and the word “down”, said word “up” being positioned between said upper row and said front side of said outer surface, said word “down” being positioned between said lower row and said back side of said outer surface wherein said indicia are configured to visually indicate a beginning and an end of the series of wells for players of the game of dominos, said pegboard having a storage well extending into said second lateral side of said outer surface such that said storage well defines said storage compartment in said pegboard, said storage well being positioned closer to said front side than said back side of said outer surface, said storage well having a lateral bounding surface, said lateral bounding surface having a threaded portion extending from said second lateral side of said outer surface toward a lower bounding surface of said storage well;

- a plurality of pegs, each of said plurality of pegs being removably stored in said storage compartment, each of said plurality of pegs being removable from said storage compartment prior to commencing a game of dominos wherein each of said plurality of pegs is configured to be assigned to a respective player of the game of dominos, each of said plurality of pegs being insertable into a respective one of said series of wells during game play, said peg assigned to each player being moved along a number of said series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by a respective player during each of the respective player's round of dominos wherein said peg assigned to each player is configured to facilitate each player to track their score during the game of dominos, each of said plurality of pegs being insertable into a respective one of said series of wells in said lower row of said series of wells at the beginning of the game of dominos, said peg assigned to a respective player being moved a number of said series of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by the respective player starting from said lower row toward said upper row until said peg assigned to the respective player is positioned in a respective one of said series of wells in said upper row wherein said peg assigned to the respective player is configured to indicate that the respective player has won the game of dominos, each

of said plurality of pegs being placed in said storage well for storage when said plurality of pegs is not being employed; and

- a cap being removably attachable to said pegboard such that said cap closes said storage compartment for retaining said plurality of pegs in said storage compartment, said cap having a head and a stem extending away from a bottom surface of said head, said head having an outside surface having a plurality of intersecting sides such that said head has a polygonal shape, said stem having an exterior surface being threaded, said stem being insertable into said storage well having said exterior surface threadably engaging said lateral bounding surface of said storage well until said bottom surface of said head abuts said second lateral side of said outer surface of said peg board for closing said storage well.

9. A method of keeping score during the game of dominos, the steps of the method comprising:

- removing a cap from a storage well which is integrated into a pegboard;
- removing a peg from said storage well, said pegboard having a series of wells being recessed into a top surface of said pegboard, said series of wells being arranged into a plurality of groups of said series of wells which each comprise a plurality of columns of said wells, said plurality of groups being spaced apart from each other and being distributed along a substantial length of said pegboard, said series of wells including a lower row of wells and an upper row of wells, each of said plurality of groups of said series of wells being distributed between said lower row of wells and said upper row of wells;
- replacing said cap in said storage well to close said storage well;
- assigning said peg that is removed from said storage well to a respective player of the game of dominos;
- inserting said peg into a respective one of said lower row of wells to commence the game of dominos;
- moving said peg forwardly along said columns in said plurality of groups of wells which corresponds to a score achieved by the respective player each time the respective player takes a turn in the game of dominos thereby facilitating the respective player to track their total score until said peg assigned to the respective player reaches said upper row of wells thereby indicating the respective player has won the game of dominos;
- removing said cap from said storage well;
- replacing said peg assigned to the respective player into said storage well for storing said peg; and
- replacing said cap in said storage well to retain said peg in said storage well.

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