

(J.H. Singer)

[Vintage Board Game]: Game of Bean-Bag

New York: J.H. Singer [circa 1885]

\$350

Original vintage game. With most of the original pieces in the original color box (about 13" x 9¼"), including game board, wooden stand (consisting of a base and two posts) for propping up the board, and a "Toe The 'Mark'" piece for marking the distance between the player and the game board. Though the name and the picture on the box indicate that the game came with actual bean bags, none are present. Instead, there are six colored round wooden pieces, five of which match. They may have been supplied as replacement pieces at a later date. In this game, the board was set up, the "Toe the 'Mark'" piece placed six or eight feet away, and players would toss their pieces. The first to get fifty points was the winner.



The cardboard game board has one closed tear (as the result of some rough play, no doubt), there is an ownership signature on the interior of the bottom half of the box, and the box has some general wear, but otherwise, is in near fine condition. J.H. Singer was primarily a jobber (re-seller) of games and novelties in lithographed paper on wood, which included toy theaters and popular games. They are credited with the first use of the name "Table Tennis," which appeared on a board and dice game in 1887. [BTC#93669]