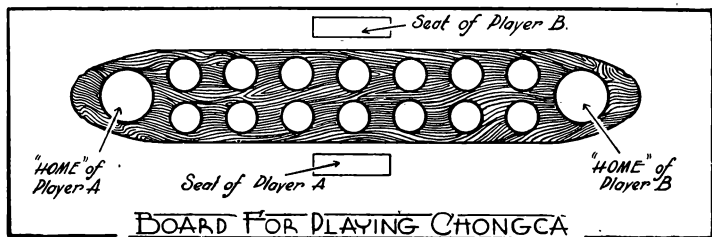


WORK AND PLAY SECTION**CHONGCA**

CHONGCA is a popular game among Filipinos and has been played in the Philippines for many years. Only two persons can play it at a time.

The game is played on a board made as illustrated above. In the board there are two rows of seven small holes arranged in parallel rows, and at each end a larger hole. It is not difficult to make an attractive board, such as the one shown in the illustration.

At the beginning of the game seven "men" (small stones or hard seeds) are placed in each of the fourteen small holes. Each player will have "men" of a different color from those of his opponent; one player may have "red men" and the other player may have "white men."

The two big holes are left empty. The large hole at the left end of the board is for player A to deposit his

"winning men." This is called the "home" of player A. The large hole at the right end of the board is for player B to deposit his "winning men." This is called the "home" of player B.

The two players begin at the same time. Each picks all the seven "men" from any hole in the row of his "home." Then the player distributes his "men," dropping one stone in each hole, going in a clockwise direction and beginning with the first hole to the right of the one from which he picked his seven "men."

No player can drop a "man" into the large hole belonging to the rival player.

When the last "man" of a player falls into an empty hole, it "dies" and the player stops playing. The other continues to play until his last "man" also "dies."

A player wins if he has more "men" in his "home" than his rival has.