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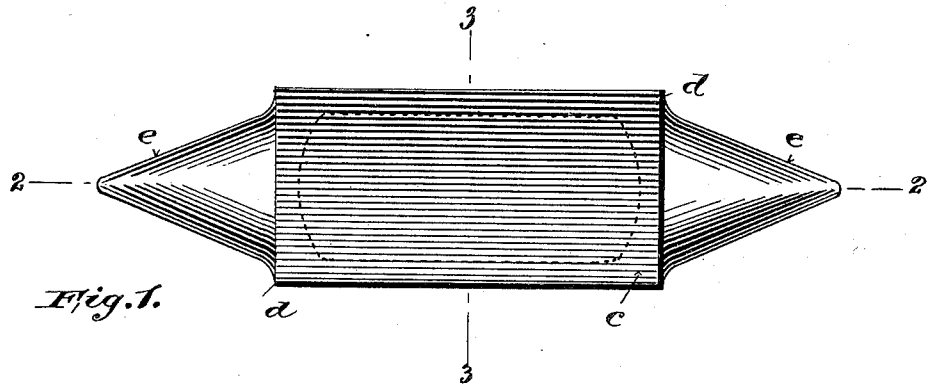


Fig. 1.

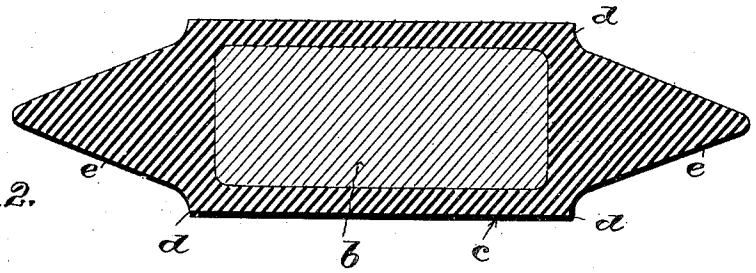


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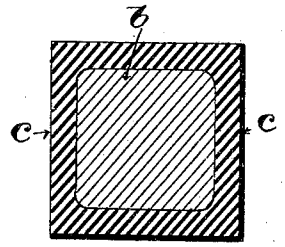


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GAME-PIECE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. GEDNEY, of 203 East Eighty-eighth street, in the borough of Manhattan, in the city and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Game-Pieces, of which the following is a description, referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to improve the construction and action of the game-piece or "cat" that is used in connection with a rod or stick to play the game of "cat and dog" and other games.

This invention applies only to the cat.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device. Fig. 2 is a cross-section on the plane 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the plane 3 3 of Fig. 1.

The core *b* is made either rectangular or rounded in shape and of some relatively inexpensive material—as, for instance, wood. Around this core is molded a covering of some elastic material, such as rubber. This outer covering *c* is so molded that the central portion surrounding the core forms a rectangle, whose outer limits are defined by the shoulder *d*. Beyond these shoulders the elastic covering extends in a tapering projection from either end of the core. These projections *e* may be either conical or in the shape of pyramids, as shown in the drawings. The object of these tapering projections is to form an elastic cat supported only by the rectangular portion of the covering when it lies upon a flat surface.

In playing the game one of the projections *e* is struck with a stick, commonly called the "dog," and the game-piece, commonly called the "cat," acts as a lever, the fulcrum being its shoulder *d*, and as the projections and casing are resilient give far greater result than the usual cat when struck by the dog.

Having specified the nature of my invention as embodied in the best form of the construction known to me, I will, without attempting to enumerate the variations and changes of form of which my invention is capable, point out in the following claims the essential and distinguishing novel features of my invention.

I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a game-piece consisting of a relatively firm elongated core, and an elastic covering substantially incasing said core, said covering extending beyond said core into one or more tapering projections, substantially as set forth.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a game-piece consisting of a relatively firm elongated core, and an elastic covering substantially incasing said core, said covering extending beyond said core into one or more tapering projections, the portion of said covering laterally incasing said core being substantially of uniform thickness, substantially as set forth.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a game-piece consisting of a relatively firm elongated core, and an elastic covering substantially incasing said core, said covering extending longitudinally beyond said core into one or more tapering projections, the portion of said covering laterally incasing said core being substantially of uniform thickness, substantially as set forth.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a game-piece consisting of a relatively firm elongated core, and an elastic covering substantially incasing said core, said covering extending longitudinally beyond said core into one or more tapering projections, and provided with shoulders, substantially as set forth.

Signed this 17th day of January, 1901.

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