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Fig. 1

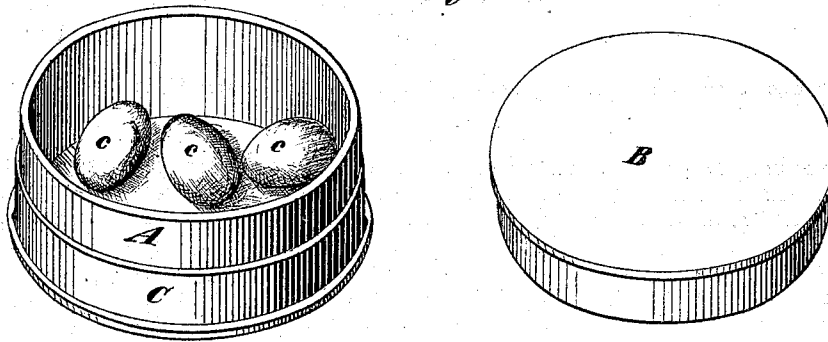


Fig. 3

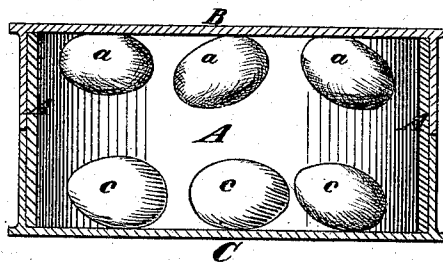
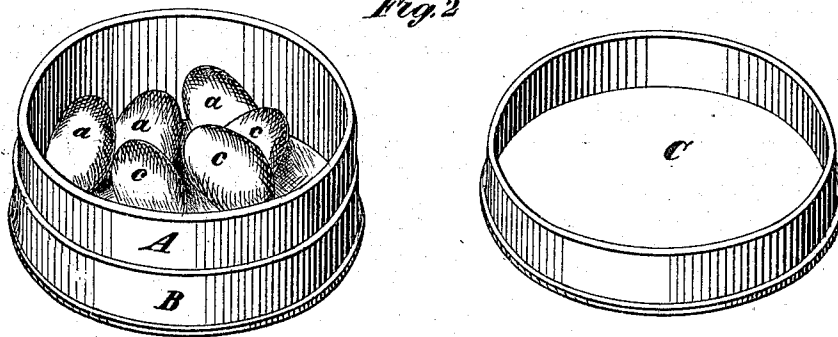


Fig. 2



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Specification describing a Trick Toy called the Magic Bon-bon Box, invented by JOSEPH M. HARTZ, of the city, county, and State of New York.

This invention consists in the novel construction of a box and arrangement of bon-bons or other articles therein, whereby a less or greater number of such articles may be exhibited by opening the box; or, in other words, a certain number of them may be made to appear, disappear, and reappear by opening, closing, and reopening the box.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the box opened to exhibit a small number of the bon-bons or other articles contained in it. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the box opened, exhibiting the whole of the contained articles. Fig. 3 is a central section of the box closed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The box is composed of an independent band or body, A, and two lids or covers, B and C, each being of a depth equal to half the width of the band A, so that when the two latter are put on over the former the box presents the appearance of an ordinary paper box having a fixed bottom and one removable cover. These covers B and C alternately form the base and lid of the box during the performance of the trick of making a part of its contents appear, disappear, and reappear. In the inside of the cover B three bon-bons, *a a a*, are stuck fast with glue or other adhesive substance, and a like number, *c c c*, are put loose in the box. To perform the trick the box may be first held in one hand with the

cover C downward to form the base or bottom, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and with the cover B, which contains the fixed bon-bons *a a a* upward, and forming the lid. The base is then held in one hand and pinched tightly enough to retain the band A, and the lid B is removed by the other hand, care being taken not to turn its mouth up to expose the bon-bons *a a a* to view. Only the three loose bon-bons *c c c* are now visible, as shown in Fig. 1, and in fact only three remain in the box. After exhibiting the three bon-bons *c c c* the cover B is placed on the box and the box turned over. This turning over may be concealed by a handkerchief held in one hand, the box being held in and turned by the other hand. The cover B, which previously formed the lid, now forms the base, and the cover C forms the lid, and the latter being removed, as shown in Fig. 2, may be exhibited in any position. The box now contains all the bon-bons, both fixed and loose, and all are seen together in it. The lid C may then be replaced and the box turned over, and on the removal of the lid B half of the bon-bons have disappeared.

Claim.

The trick toy, composed of an independent band, A, and two removable covers, B and C, forming a box containing a number of bon-bons or other articles, part of which are secured in one of the said covers and others loose, substantially as described.

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