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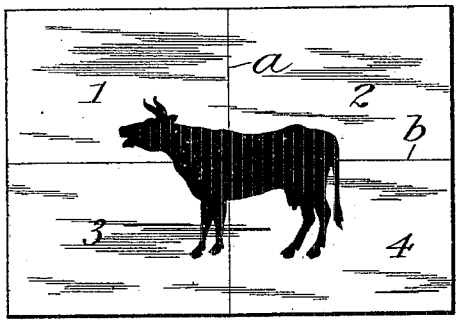


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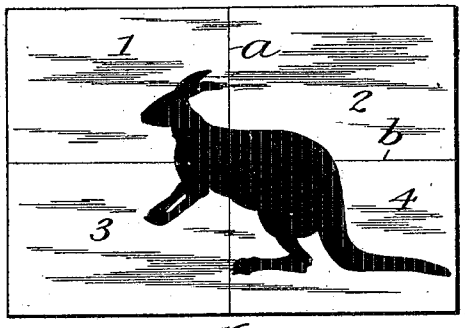


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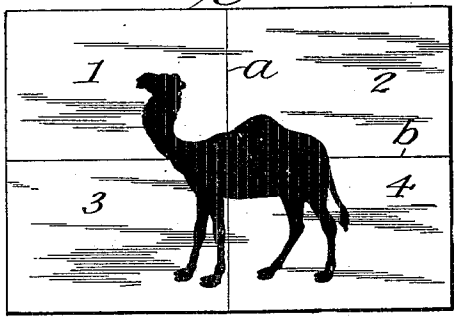


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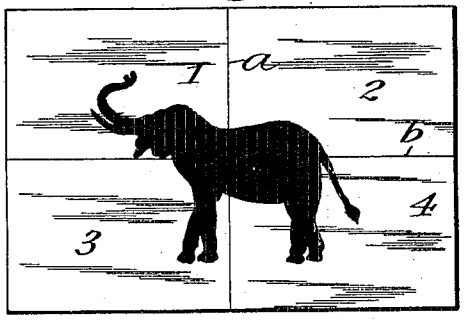


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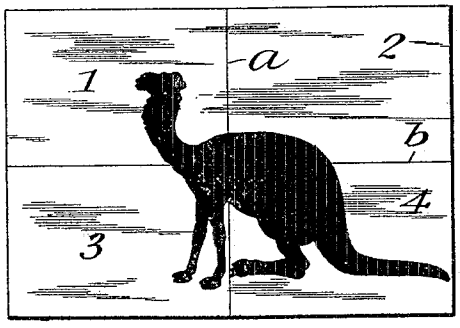
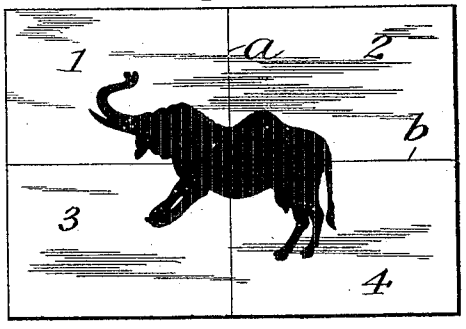


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER W. NELSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Game or Amusement Device and Method of Making the Same, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 represent cards upon each of which is printed the figure of a different animal. The figures are of substantially the same size and are so disposed upon the cards that the latter may be cut into four equal parts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as indicated by the lines *a b*, and when so cut one quarter of each animal will be in the corner of each of the pieces, and the different figures are so drawn, proportioned, and located upon the cards that any piece from any card may be combined with other pieces from other cards and will correctly fit therewith in such manner as to produce a complete and perfect animal, although of a heterogeneous and extraordinary kind. Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate the foregoing. In Fig. 5 the parts 1 and 3 of the camel shown in Fig. 3 have been combined with the parts 2 and 4 of the kangaroo shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 6 shows an even more astonishing aggregation. In it the head (part 1) of the elephant, the front legs (part 3) of the kangaroo, the back (part 2) of the camel, and the back legs (part 4) of the cow have all been assembled and found to accurately fit and coincide with each other and together they produce the laughable and wonderful creature shown.

In the practical adaptation of my invention to use I select any desired number of animals—for example, eight. Therefore the pack of cards, all of the same size and shape, will be thirty-two, composed of eight head-cards, eight back-cards, eight fore-leg cards, and eight hind-leg cards. These may be used in an endless variety of ways by the players. They may be dealt after shuffling, and every correctly-complete animal that appears in the hand of any player will count so much. If he has a partly-complete animal, then he may draw from the pack or from an opponent for deficiencies and his opponents may draw from him until all the cards are disposed of, the player getting the most complete animals winning the game; or, after dealing the whole pack, the players may combine the cards they have in the most ridiculous fashion they can conceive of, the one producing the most extraordinary creature, in the opinion of the other players, winning the game. Also solitaire may be played with the cards in an obvious manner. Also figures with one or more heads and with legs projecting in all directions may be combined in a very laughable fashion. The above are examples only of many different ways in which the cards may be used.

It will be noted that the essence of the invention consists in drawing the animals of such size and in such positions and in disposing them on the cards in such locations that the bisecting lines *a b* shall cross-cut the figures at the places where their vertical and horizontal lines are equal, so that the pieces when taken indiscriminately will correctly match or fit each other, and thus constitute a perfect although heterogeneous creature.

I do not limit myself to figures of animals. Human figures, marine creatures, insects, and other objects adapted to the purpose stated may be substituted.

I claim—

The described amusement device consisting in a pack of separate rectangular cards, each having in one corner the representation of a part of a different object or animal, so proportioned that when the cards are indiscriminately assembled they will accurately fit together and produce the representation of a complete although heterogeneous object.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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