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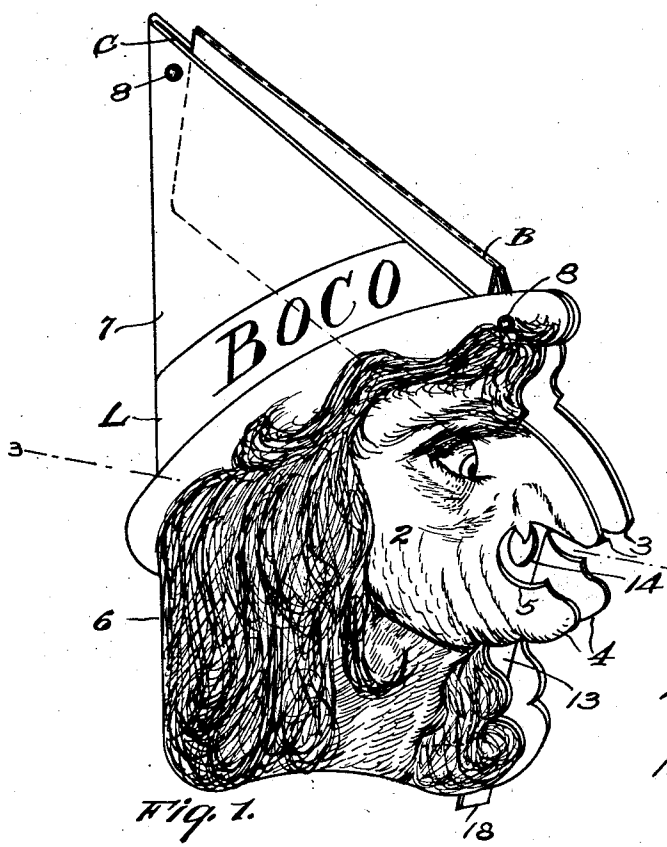


Fig. 1.

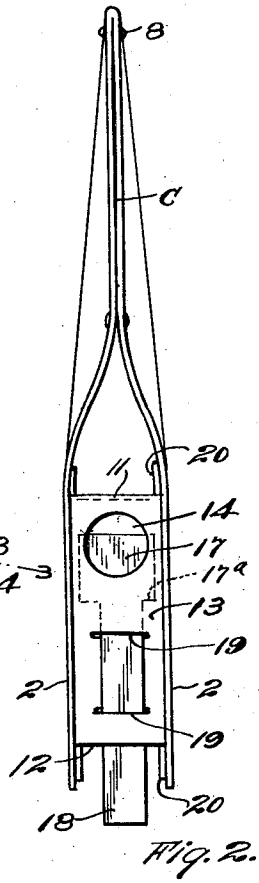


Fig. 2.

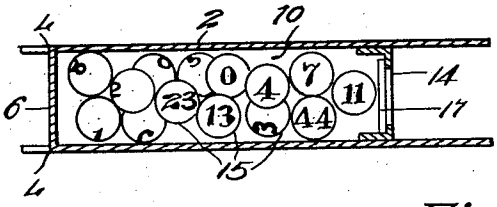


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to games and has for an object to provide a game device which is simple, substantial, inexpensive and provides for innocent amusement.

Another object is to provide a box simulating a head and to provide for the issue of game pieces apparently from the mouth lines of the head. Another object is to provide a tongue part for controlling the issue of the pieces from the head chamber.

Other objects and advantages will be manifest in the following specification of apparatus of the invention as here illustrated; it being understood that modification, variation and adaptation may be resorted to within the spirit of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective of an embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is a front or mouth view.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

The device comprises a generally flat box with similar cheek forming sides 2 having prominently projecting nose and chin portions 3—4 between which is a set back mouth line 5. At the back of the head is a neck nape part 6.

The head may be provided with any suitable head gear or dress as a cap 7 which is cut integrally with the stock cardboard of which the cheeks are cut.

The sides of the top of the box converge as shown in Fig. 2 and the edges are held yieldingly closed by any suitable means, as fasteners 8, so spaced as to allow the insertion of a cover or leaves of a book B of index number answers. This enables the packing of the book in association with the head for safe keeping. The book can be placed astraddle one of the top edges of a side of the head part with a portion in the crevice C and pushed in until the backbone of the book stops against the edge in which position it will be frictionally gripped by the resilient stock.

Between the cheeks 2 is provided a magazine 10 having a top 11 and a bottom 12 connected by a front throat 13 having a mouth 14 somewhat larger than a game ball 15 of which a set of any suitable number is employed.

On the inside of the mouth is a tongue 17 having a root 18 guided in slots 19 in the throat front 13. The lower end of the root 18 is extended down through the front end of the bottom 12 so that the tongue can be pushed up and down to close or uncover the mouth for the escape of a ball.

Each of the balls has an index number different from the others and in the answer book B is a numbered paragraph or poem giving the "fortune" of the drawer of the respectively numbered ball or piece 15.

In playing the game, the balls are placed in the magazine, the tongue closed over the mouth, and the head shaken to mix the balls. The tongue is then pulled open and a single ball issued to a participant in the game, and so on to all of the players. Then the leader (preferably masked to correspond with the figure depicted by the box head) reads or recites from the fortune book B the respective fortune as determined by the lot number.

The head of the figure may be that of an old witch, or a black cat, or magician, or other desired seer or character.

The cheek, neck and head decoration are all cut in a one-piece flat blank and folded on corner lines L—L. The parts 11, 12 and 13 are all cut in another one-piece blank providing marginal flaps 20 to be glued against the near cheeks. The tongue 17 has side shoulders 17ª to act as opening stops.

It will be seen that the fortune book is held in a compartment entirely separate from the ball magazine so that the box can be passed from player to player while the leader retains the book. The box serves for the safe keeping and association of the balls and the book when not in use.

What is claimed is:—

1. A game box having a magazine for game pieces; said box being formed of resilient side walls having registering edges brought together and secured at spaced points and forming a spring-edged crevice to receive and removably retain a portion of the game book of the game.

2. A fortune telling game comprising a book of indexed fortunes, a set of indexed players' pieces, and a seer or characteristic figure shaped box including a magazine for the pieces and having a mouth registering with the mouth lines of the head, and a mouth closure.

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