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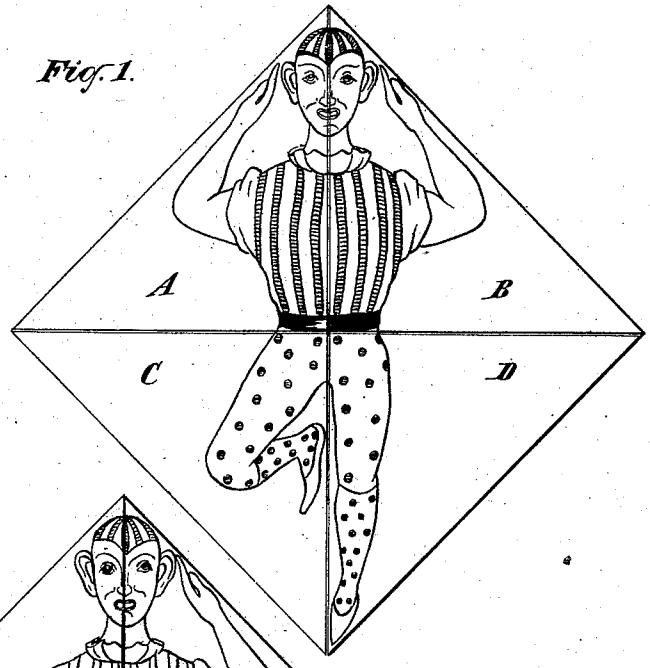


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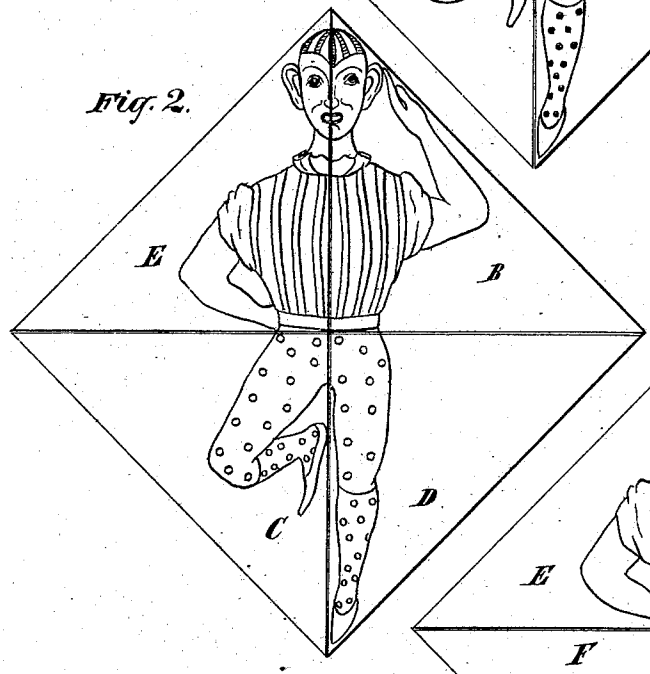
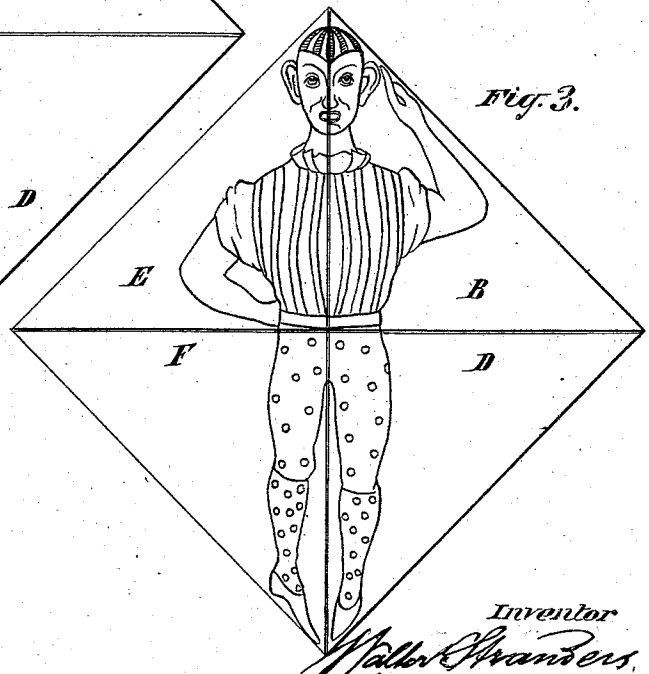


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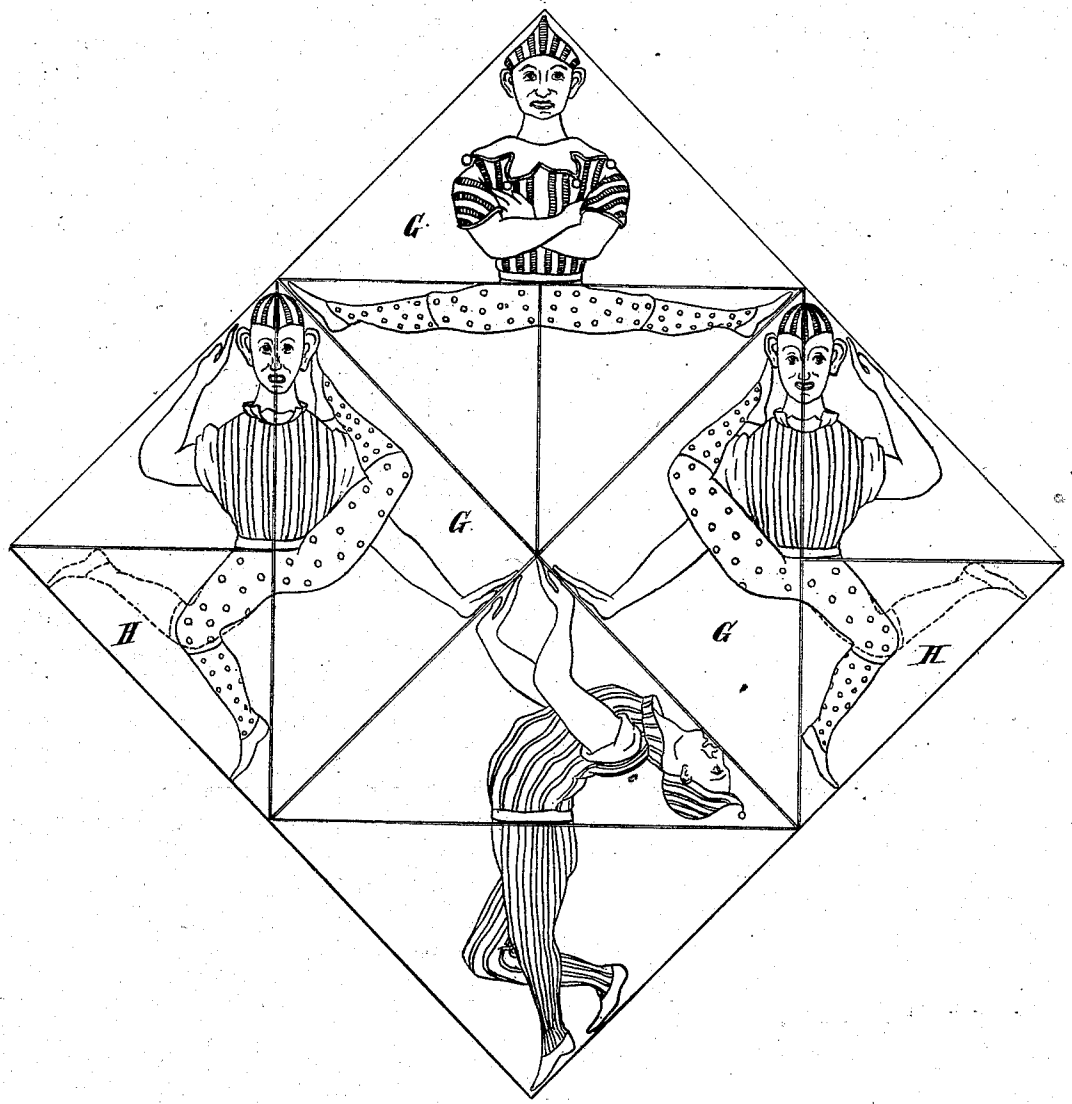
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER STRANDERS, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and Improved Game-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to games consisting of cards or analogous articles, composed of separable sections which can be combined in different ways to produce different effects.

The invention consists in the combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing human beings or other bipeds, composed of separable sections whose meeting edges extend lengthwise of the figures and transversely of the figures at about the waist, limbs on different sides of the figure being delineated on different sections. The sections of the cards have the figures delineated in equal dimensions at the meeting edges, so that sections of different cards may be combined together to produce ludicrous effects.

It also consists in the combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing human beings or other bipeds, and composed of separable sections whose meeting edges extend lengthwise of the figures and transversely of the figures at about the waist, certain sections having representations of legs so delineated that the legs may be fitted in different positions to sections bearing representations of bodies.

It also consists in the combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing living creatures extending toward opposite corners, and composed of triangular separable sections which are interchangeable and have the representations of portions of the living creatures so disposed on them that when certain cards or devices are placed above or below and to one side of other cards or devices they will make an apparent connection between the figures on different cards, and hence an effective grouping of the figures.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a card bearing the representation of a man attired as a gymnast. Fig. 2 is a face view of the same with one arm-section of a different card substituted for the corresponding arm-section shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a face view of the same card with one leg-section also substituted for the corresponding leg-section shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a face view of several of these cards grouped.

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

In Fig. 1, A and B designate sections of a card together bearing representations of the upper part of the figure of the man, each bearing the representation of one side or longitudinal half of the head and the body from the waist upward and the representation of one arm.

C and D designate each one longitudinal half of the lower part of the body from the waist downward and one leg. The meeting edges of the several sections of the card are lengthwise through the center of the figure, and transversely through the center of the figure at the waist.

It will be seen that the several sections are triangular, and that two side sections, or the two upper or two lower sections together, form a large triangle, the whole together forming a square, on which the figure is delineated from one corner or angle to the opposite corner or angle.

In Fig. 2 the same card is shown with an arm-section, E, of another card substituted for the arm-section A shown in Fig. 1. This change gives the figure a different aspect, or makes it appear as though the figure had moved one arm.

In Fig. 3 a leg-section, F, of another card is substituted for the leg-section C shown in Fig. 1. This alteration makes the figure appear as though he had moved one leg. By making these changes, very ludicrous effects may be obtained, to the great amusement of little children.

In Fig. 4 the particular advantage of the triangular shape of the sections is shown. Here several cards are grouped together, and it will be seen that the limbs delineated on certain sections of some cards make an apparent connection with or form an apparent sup-

port for limbs delineated on adjacent sections of other cards.

It is obvious that effective groupings may consequently be made, and that not only these groupings but the cards themselves may be altered to produce ludicrous effects.

I have shown that certain sections H have legs delineated on them, so that they may be matched in different positions. This is illustrated in dotted lines, representing the sections H as substituted one for the other, and having a different side or edge turned uppermost.

I have also shown that cards may be composed of three triangular sections—one section, G, constituting half the card, and two others constituting quarters thereof. These cards may be of any suitable material, such as card-board, binders' board, or wood, made even as thick as blocks. By the term "cards," as here used, I mean to cover all suitable material, and of any desirable thickness.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing human beings or other bipeds, and composed of separable sections whose meeting edges extend lengthwise of the figures and transversely of the figures at about the waist, limbs on different sides of the figure being delineated upon different sections, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing human beings or other bipeds, and composed of separable sections whose meeting edges extend lengthwise of the figures and tranversely of the figures at about the waist, certain sections having representations of legs so delineated that the legs may be fitted in different positions to sections having representations of bodies, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a number of cards or analogous devices bearing figures representing living creatures, extending toward opposite corners, and composed of triangular separable sections which are interchangeable and have the living creatures so disposed on them that when certain cards or devices are placed above or below and to one side of other cards or devices they will make an apparent connection between figures on different cards or devices, and hence an effective grouping of the figures, substantially as specified.

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