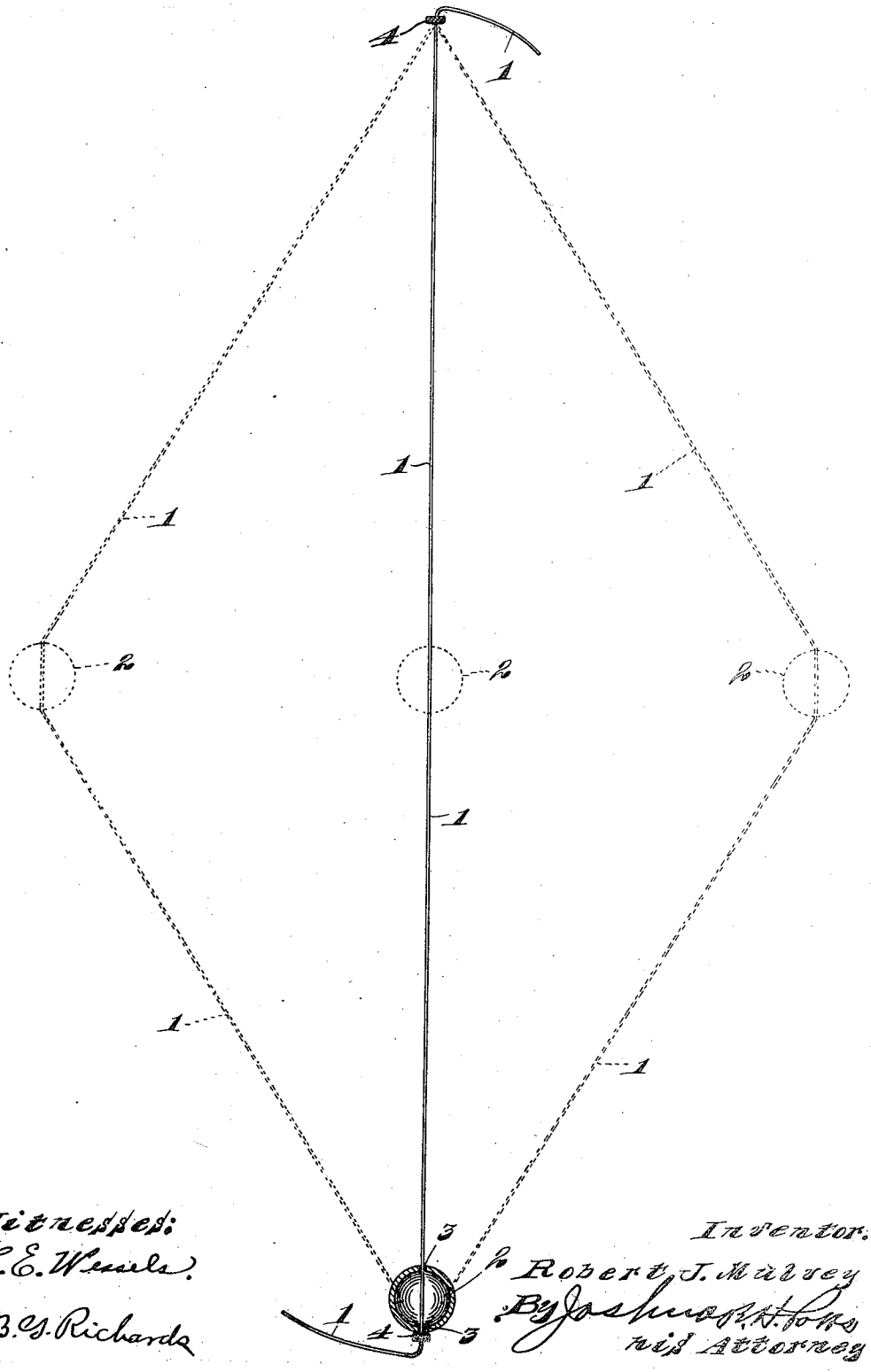
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT J. MULVEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in toys, and more especially to "return ball" toys, the object of the invention being to provide a simple and efficient construction of this character, which is capable of a variety of uses and manipulations.

The invention consists in the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention as best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, is a view illustrating the toy as in use.

The preferred form of construction as illustrated in the drawing, comprises an ordinary rubber string 1 having a hollow rubber ball 2 slidable thereon, said ball being provided with diametric openings 3 loosely fitting over said string. Stops 4 in the form of rubber disks 5 are positioned on said string adjacent the ends thereof, said disks being centrally perforated to fit snugly on said string and to hold thereon frictionally.

The toy thus produced is capable of a large variety of uses. For instance, the string may be held in a vertical condition with the ball adjacent the uppermost stop. Upon release of the ball the same will fall under the influence of gravity until the lowermost stop is encountered, whereupon the ball will be caused to vibrate vertically. Likewise the ball may be positioned centrally or in any other desired position on the string and caused to vibrate laterally as indicated by the dotted lines in the drawing. If desired, the ball may be more or less permanently located in desired position on the string by simply and loosely tying the ends of the string in a knot by one side of said ball. The toy is also capable of use as an ordinary "return ball" toy.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A toy comprising an elastic string; and a ball freely slidable thereon, substantially as described.

2. A toy comprising a rubber string; a hollow rubber ball slidable thereon, said ball being provided with diametrically opposite openings through which said string is passed; and stops on said string adjacent the ends thereof, said stops consisting of rubber disks centrally perforated to fit snugly over said string, substantially as described.

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

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