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Fig. 1.

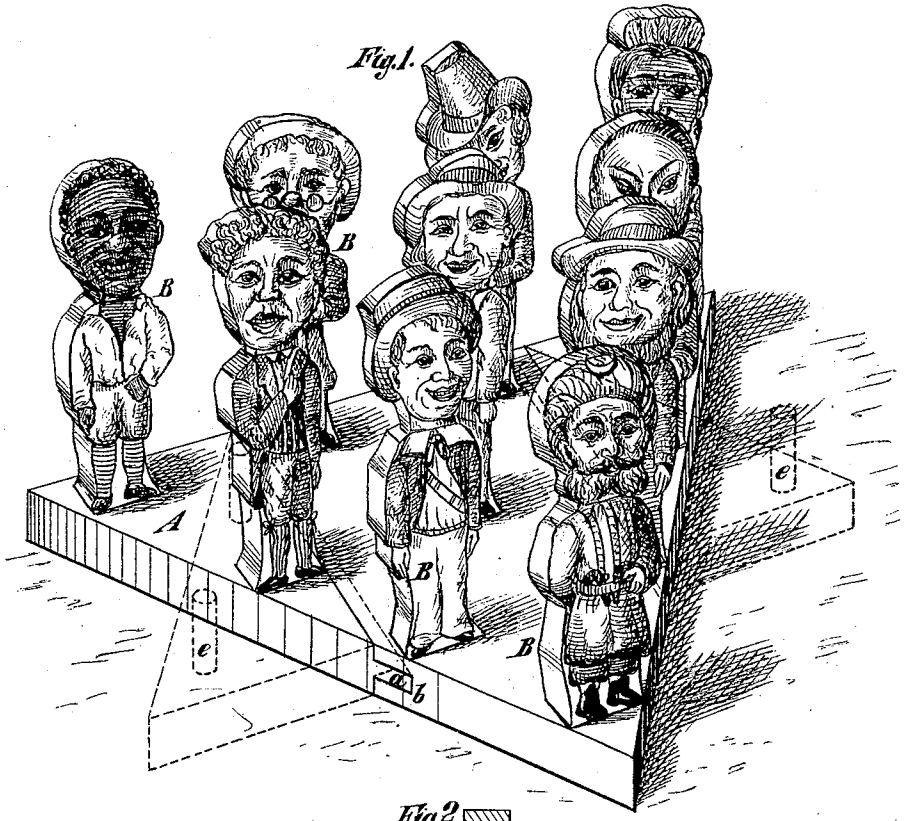
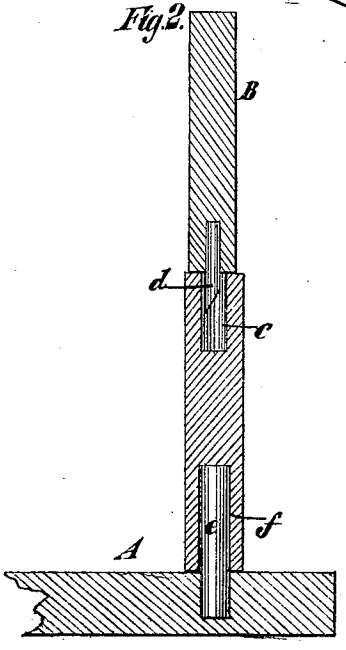


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. WILLIAMS, of Brooklyn, in Kings county, and the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Games, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my improvement is to produce a novel and interesting game for children. I have in view to enhance the amusement afforded by the game of ten-pins. To this end I make the pins to represent living creatures. I also make them in sections, so that they may be knocked over bodily, or so that only parts of them may be knocked over. I employ a sectional base-piece, so that the pins may be arranged in different relations to each other.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a game of ten-pins embodying my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of parts of the same.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates a base-piece, which may be made of wood or other suitable material, and, as here shown, is composed of several sections secured together by tongues and grooves *a b*. The sections of this base-piece may be fitted together so as to produce a triangular shape, as shown in bold outline in Fig. 1, or they may be fitted together, as indicated in dotted outline in Fig. 1, so as to produce an irregular shape.

The ten-pins B severally represent living creatures, and are made in sections. As shown, they are made to represent human beings, and the head-sections are detachable from the body-sections; but if made to represent other living creatures different sections might be made detachable. The detachable sections, as here shown, are fitted to the body-sections by means of studs and sockets, the body-sections being provided with sockets *c* and the head-sections with studs *d*, fitting in the sockets. The studs *d* are preferably much smaller than the sockets *c*, and are chamfered off on the front side toward the lower end, so that when struck on the front the head-sections will fall back easily. The body-sections have flat lower ends, so that they will stand upright upon a plane surface. Preferably the body-sections will be combined with the base-piece A by means of studs and sockets *e f*, and it will be most advantageous to arrange the studs *e* upon the base-piece and the sockets *f* in the body-sections, as then the body-pieces may be engaged with the studs when the base-piece is placed with that side from which the studs project uppermost, or may be stood upon the base-piece when the other side is uppermost. If struck when engaged with studs, the head-sections only will be knocked over; but if struck when merely stood on the base-piece they may fall over bodily.

While I have only mentioned ten-pins in this specification, I intend to cover all analogous games, even if a less or greater number of pins should be employed.

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

1. A game of ten-pins composed of pins severally made in sections, so that part of each pin may be knocked over without affecting the other part, substantially as specified.

2. A game of ten-pins composed of pins severally made in sections supported on a base, so that they may be knocked over, or so that parts of them may be knocked over, substantially as specified.

3. A game of ten-pins composed of a base-piece and pins adapted to be engaged with the base-piece by studs and sockets, and composed of sections fitted together by studs and sockets, substantially as specified.

4. A game of ten-pins composed of pins severally made to represent living creatures, substantially as specified.

5. A game of ten-pins composed of a base-piece and of pins severally made in sections, said base-piece and pins being so combined that the pins may be engaged with one side of the base-piece by studs and sockets, or may be stood upon the other side of the base-piece when the base-piece is inverted, substantially as specified.

6. A game of ten-pins having a base-piece made in sections and adapted to be put together, so as to support the pins in various arrangements, substantially as specified.

7. A figure representing a living creature, and composed of detachable sections, one of which may be knocked off the other, substantially as specified.

8. A figure representing a living creature, composed of a main section and a detachable section, one having a stud fitting loosely within a socket in the other and chamfered off on the front, substantially as specified.

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