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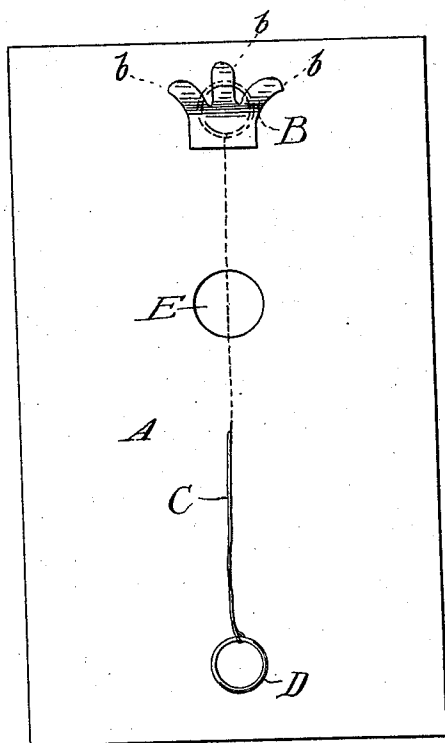


Fig. 1

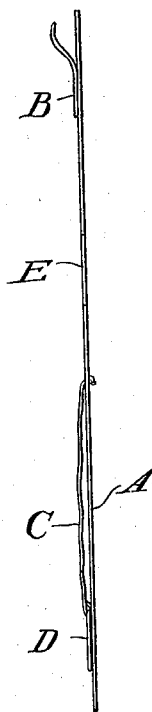


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. REIFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in toys; and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and harmless toy that may be used by children or adults.

The invention consists in the arrangement and construction of the several parts and will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of my device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

A represents a piece of stiff cardboard or similar material cut to any desired size, but usually about two inches wide by five inches long.

B is a metallic plate having one or more prongs or hooks *b b* thereon. These prongs or hooks project upwardly and may incline inwardly toward the card, as shown in Fig. 2.

C is an elastic cord having one end secured in the central part of the card. Upon the free or opposite end of this cord the small metallic ring D is fastened.

E is a circular opening in the card located a short distance above the point at which the elastic cord is secured.

The object sought to be accomplished by the player is to shoot the small ring by means of the elastic cord so that it will catch upon or over one of the hooks *b* or enter the circular opening E. This is done by taking the card in the left hand with the hooks *b* pointing from you, holding the ring D between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand, then

stretching the rubber until it is taut, when the hold on the ring is loosened. If accurate aim has been taken, the ring D will catch upon one of the hooks *b* in the manner shown by the dotted lines on Fig. 1. If the aim has not been correct, the ring will fly back and in some cases enter the opening E. If desired, the prongs *b* may be numbered and the players will count points as the ring is shot or lodged upon one or the other of said numbered prongs or hooks. The circular opening may also be numbered, so that when the ring passes through said opening a point in the game may also be scored.

Instead of the three prongs *b b b* on the plate it may have only two or a single one, if desired, and the central opening E may be omitted.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

1. A toy comprising a card, provided with an opening in the body thereof, a hook secured to said card rearwardly of said opening, an elastic cord fastened at one end to the card forwardly of the opening, and a ring attached to the free end of said cord, substantially as described.

2. A toy comprising a card provided with an opening therein, an elastic cord secured to the face of the card in advance of the opening, and a ring attached to the free end of the said cord, substantially as described.

3. A toy comprising a card, a metallic plate secured to the face thereof and provided with a series of rearwardly-projecting hooks, an elastic cord fastened at one end to the face of the card forwardly of said plate, and a ring attached to the free end of said cord, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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