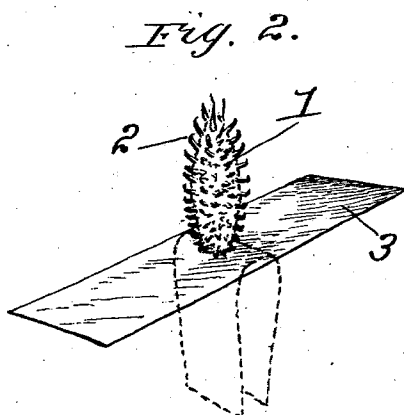
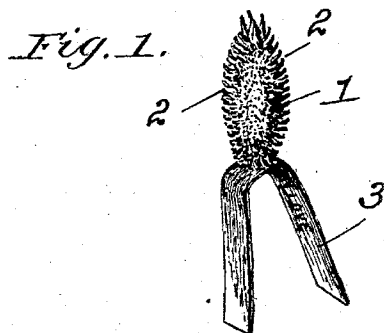


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM CHAFFIN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Huntington, county of Cabell, State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Conversational Game-Pieces, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a similar view showing a slightly-different form of inscription-slip attached to the missile, and Fig. 3 a similar view showing the inscription-slip folded about the missile.

15 The main object of this invention is to provide a novel game-piece for use in playing games in which slips of paper bearing suitable inscriptions are passed about among the players. It consists in securing to a missile—
20 such as a cockle-bur, which is so constructed as to adhere to a fibrous or hairy surface—a slip of paper, which slip may be left blank to permit the player to write a message or question on it, or it may bear a printed inscription,
25 tion, a question, or an answer.

The invention further consists in securing to the missile an inscription-slip of very thin paper of such size as to permit it to be folded over the bur to form an inclosing cover there-
30 for, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Referring to the various parts by numerals, 1 designates the missile, which may be the seed of a plant and commonly known as a "cockle-bur," or it may be made in any suitable way. It is essential, however, that it be of such formation that it will adhere readily to woolen and hairy surfaces. As shown in the drawings, this missile is substantially elliptical in longitudinal section and is formed
40 with numerous outward-extending fine hooked projections or points 2, which are designed to cause it to be held tightly to any hairy or woolen surface against which it is projected. To one end thereof is secured,
45 preferably by glue, a strip 3, of paper or other suitable material. As shown in the drawings, the missile is secured about the middle of the slip; but of course it may be secured near one end thereof, if desired. By secur-
50 ing the inscription-slip to one end of the missile it will act as the feathers of an arrow or

dart and steady the missile in its flight and prevent its turning end for end, thereby enabling the player to throw it accurately. This slip may be left blank, if desired; but it is preferred to print thereon suitable inscriptions, questions, and answers—such, for instance, as "I am well pleased," "So am I," "I love you," "I hate you," "A hopeless one," "Only a suggestion," "As you like," "Are you on the market?" "You've captured me," "What a big nose," "My heart is yours," "You're a chump," &c. These may of course be varied indefinitely and may be arranged to suit all classes. In playing the games
65 these missiles are thrown by the players on each other's clothing or in each other's hair with sufficient force to cause them to adhere. A player thus receiving a slip or "card" is expected to reply in the same manner with a
70 card bearing a suitable reply-inscription.

In Figs. 2 and 3 the inscription-slip is shown broad enough to be folded about the missile to form an envelop therefor, its ends being twisted together to hold it in its folded position. In this way the burs or missiles are prevented from adhering together and may be easily carried in the pocket without danger of the inscription-slips being accidentally detached.
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The inscription-slips may be of various colors, and the inscriptions may be printed in any desired style of type. Pictures may be printed on the slips, as is manifest.

The game-pieces may be used as an effective advertising medium by printing on the slips suitable advertising matter. It is also clear that more than one cockle-bur may be secured to the same strip, if desired.

The ends of the prongs of the missile are preferably slightly hooked, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2, to insure their clinging to a soft hairy surface.

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

1. As an article of manufacture, a game-piece comprising a missile formed with numerous outward-extending hooked prongs which are adapted to adhere to hairy surfaces, and a light flexible inscription-slip secured thereto and bearing an inscription.
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2. As an article of manufacture, a game-piece comprising a missile of substantially elliptical form in longitudinal section and formed with numerous small outward-extending hooked prongs adapted to hold it to a hairy surface, and a light flexible inscription-slip secured thereto at one end and bearing an inscription and serving to prevent the missile turning end for end during its flight.
3. As an article of manufacture, a game-piece comprising a missile formed with numerous small outward-extending prongs adapted to hold it to a hairy surface, and an inscription-slip secured thereto and adapted to be folded to form an envelop for the missile, its ends being adapted to be twisted together to temporarily hold the slip around the missile.
4. As an article of manufacture, a game-piece comprising a missile, and a light flexible inscription-slip secured thereto and adapted to be folded about the missile to form a cover therefor, its ends being adapted to be folded together to temporarily hold the cover about the missile.
- In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 11th day of February, 1903.
- WILLIAM CHAFFIN.
- Witnesses:
JOHN PERRY,
NELLIE CABELL.