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Fig. 1

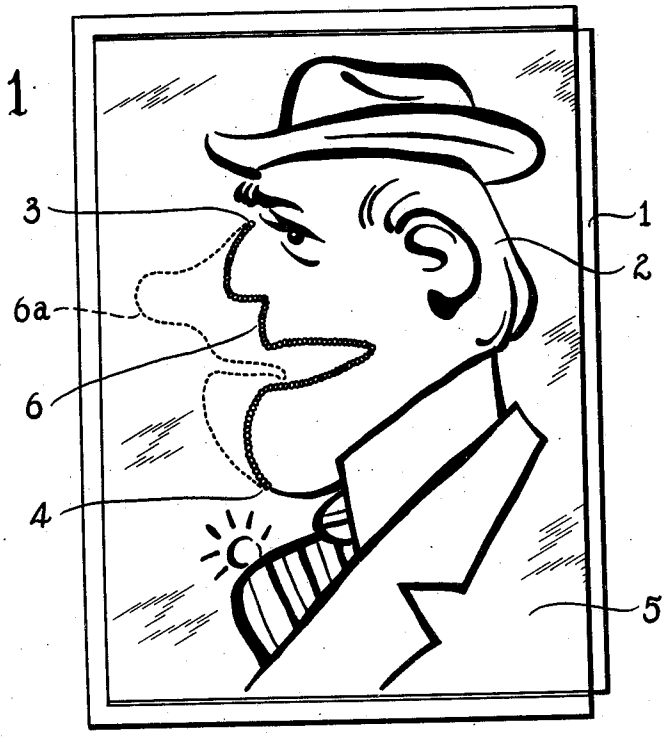
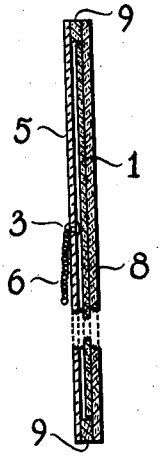




Fig. 2

Fig. 3



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The invention relates to an amusement and skill testing device consisting of a plurality of separate partial drawings of different objects and a common variable means adapted to complete the respective drawing so as to represent one of an infinite number of different complete aspects selectively.

An embodiment of the invention is disclosed in the accompanying specification and the appended drawing in which Fig. 1 is an assembly of certain elements of my invention,

Fig. 2 is a drawing of one of the elements thereof which differs from that shown in Fig. 1, while

Fig. 3 is a partial cross section of the assembly shown in Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention I draw on each of a number of plaques, such as sheets of paper, cardboard or the like, a different incomplete picture of a human head or the like, but do not outline the profile of the facial part thereof. To represent the profile, I provide a limp filamentary member, the curvature of which may be modified at will in an infinite variety of ways, each resulting in a different facial expression of the assembly.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawing, a plaque 1 has pictured thereon a human head 2, but with the outline of the facial profile between a point 3 at the lower edge of the forehead and a point 4, at the lower chin omitted. This plaque may be placed behind a transparent shield 5, to which are attached at points which correspond to the points 3 and 4, respectively, when the drawing is placed behind the shield, the ends of a length of thin chain 6. The length of the chain is in excess of the distance between its points of attachment, so that it will generally lie in curved form on the sheet when the latter is held in an approximate horizontal position. By gently shaking the shield or by manual operation of the chain, various profiles such as shown by the full line 6 or alternately by the dotted line 6*a*, may be superposed on the drawing on the plaque held behind the shield 5, thus presenting a complete outline of the picture.

The invention provides for a plurality of plaques each having a different drawing which may be employed selectively to produce different effects. Thus the plaque 1 of Fig. 1 may be removed and the plaque 7 of Fig. 2 provided with the drawing of a different profile substituted, thereby greatly increasing the number of possible combinations obtainable. The drawing Fig. 2 has omitted therefrom the outline of the face profile between points 3*a* and 4*a*, which correspond to

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the points 3 and 4 of Fig. 1. Any desired number of profile drawings such as those shown in Figs. 1 and 2 may be employed.

Instead of using a chain it is also possible to use any other type of substantially filamentary member which is limp so as to be readily bendable in any desired shape.

The transparent sheet 5 preferably forms the front side of a pocket or envelope of a size to receive the cardboard or sheet 1, in which case it should be so arranged that the anchoring points of the chain 6 readily register with the various picture drawings on the plaques which may be inserted in the pocket. An arrangement of this type is shown in Fig. 3, in which 5 is the transparent sheet of Fig. 1. The pocket comprises further the back sheet 8 and side members or spacers 9, which are interposed between and attached to the shield 5 and the back 8 respectively to space them apart and thus provide a space between them for insertion of the plaques 1 or 7. The spacers 9 of course are arranged to leave an opening sufficient for the insertion of the plaques, while at the same time they act as guides therefore to provide for their registration with the shield 5. Other means for such registration and within the scope of the appended claims will readily suggest themselves.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In an amusement device for selective cooperation with any one of a plurality of different plaques each of which has the representation of an incomplete profile of an object formed thereon with the incomplete portion of such profile defined by index points spaced apart a predetermined distance and in predetermined locations on the plaque, said amusement device comprising a transparent sheet, a filamentary limp member disposed on one face of said sheet and having a length in excess of said predetermined distance, means securing the ends of said limp member to said transparent sheet at anchoring points spaced apart said predetermined distance, and means on said transparent sheet for holding and positioning such a plaque on the opposite face of said sheet with the index points of such a plaque in substantial registry with said anchoring points of said filamentary member.

2. In an amusement device for selective cooperation with any one of a plurality of different plaques each of which has the representation of an incomplete profile of an object formed thereon with the completed portion of such profile terminating at index points spaced apart a pre-

determined distance and in predetermined locations on the plaque, said amusement device comprising a transparent sheet, a filamentary limp member disposed on one face of said sheet and having a length in excess of said predetermined distance and having its ends secured to said transparent sheet at anchoring point spaced apart said predetermined distance, and means secured to said transparent sheet affording a pocket to receive and position such a plaque on the opposite face of said sheet with the index points of such a plaque in substantial registry with said anchoring points of said filamentary member.

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