

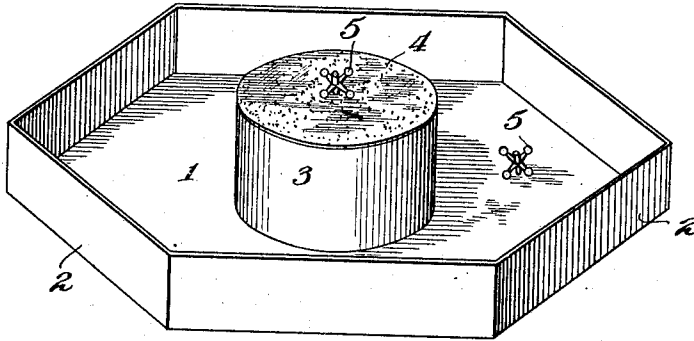
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT N. ACKLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ithaca, in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Puzzles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to puzzles and more particularly to a solitaire puzzle adapted to the entertainment of one or more persons.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, and inexpensive device of this character which may be used to while away idle moments and which will serve as an entertainment and amusement for one or more persons.

Further objects of the invention will appear as the following specific description is read in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, and in which the figure is a perspective view of the device.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 1 represents the base which is preferably composed of a flexible material, here shown to have a hexagonal outline surrounded by an upstanding rim 2. In the center of the base is secured a platform, to be hereinafter referred to as a stump 3. This stump is preferably covered with any suitable cushioning material, such as a piece of felt 4 or the like. A number of jacks 5 or other similar objects are employed in carrying out the game or puzzle and normally rest upon the base 1 between the rim and the platform and are prevented from coming out of the box in any suitable manner. In the operation of the device, the jacks or

other objects, which will be hereinafter referred to as frogs, are placed upon the base and scattered around and the base grasped firmly in the left hand. The thumb of the right hand is then snapped beneath the base which causes the frogs to leap into the air, it being the object of the puzzle to get all of the frogs upon the stump. The felt or other cushioning material, above-referred to, serves to hold the frogs upon the stump after they are placed there by the manipulation just described. The base may be of any suitable outline and the stump may conform to the base, if necessary. The frogs may be of any form desired which will give the desired results, such as erratic jumping which is inherent with jacks, thus making the puzzle difficult of solution. The jacks, while being difficult to place upon the platform, are nevertheless more steady when arranged thereon and not quite so readily displaced.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:—

A puzzle comprising a flexible base, a member arising from the said base and provided with a felted surface disposed parallel to said base, and jacks movably supported upon said base and adapted to be elevated to said felted surface by manipulation of said base.

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

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