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Toys.

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Fig. 1.

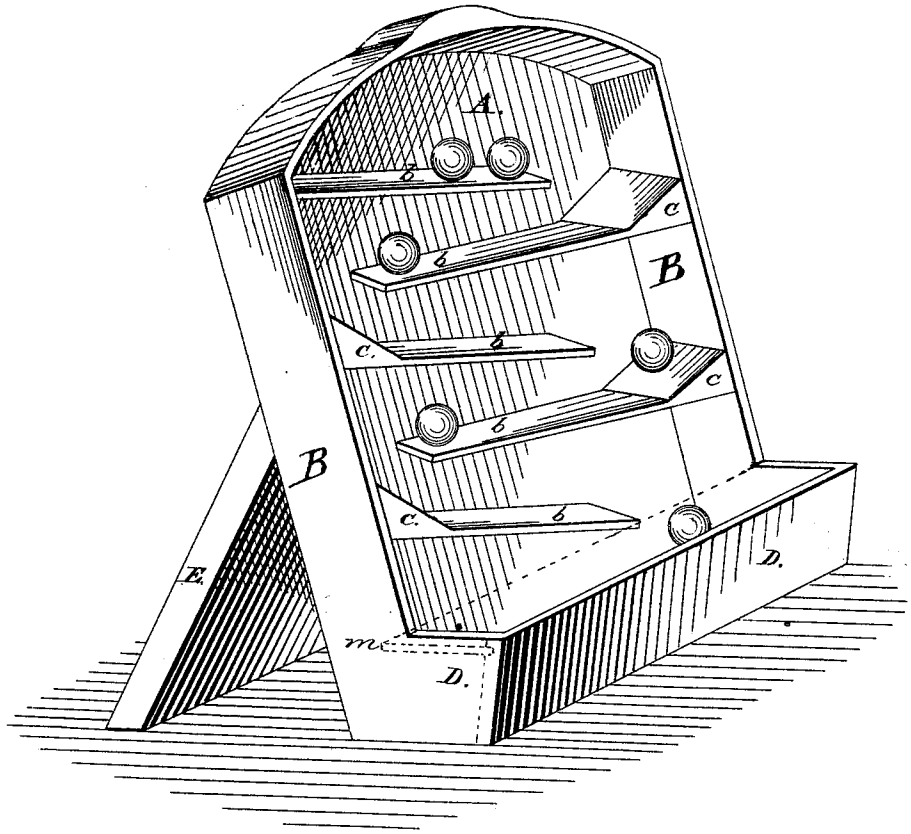
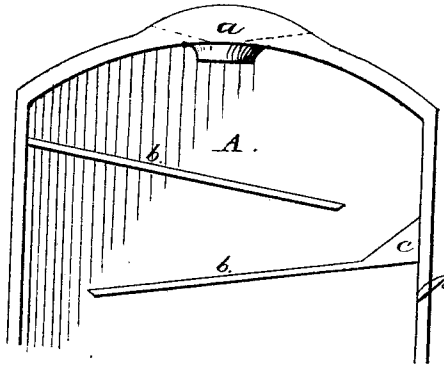


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOYS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELI PERRY HASBROUCK, of Syracuse, New York, have invented a Toy for the amusement of children, which I have named the "Marble Runaway," fully described herein.

The invention consists of an upright background, constructed to rest in a slightly-inclined position, and having several inclines, arranged one above another, that extend nearly across it, so that when a marble or glass ball touches the top incline, it will run down all the inclines and fall into a trough at the bottom.

The drawing represents the toy in perspective, Figure 2 showing merely the aperture at the top, through which to drop the balls.

The upright portion A is slightly inclined and supported by the prop E, which may be hinged, so as to vary the inclination. Its top and sides are surrounded by a border of the width of the inclines. The border gives them the appearance of sitting in a recess. The whole portion should be ornamented to give it an attractive appearance.

The downward inclines *b* are arranged one above another in any desired number. They have triangular stops *c* at the end where they are secured to the border, which assist in giving momentum to the balls in the new direction. The inclines might be grooved, if necessary.

The balls are dropped through the aperture *a*, and they run down each incline successively until they drop into the box D, where they may be covered up by a lid, *m*, which slides in grooves over the top of the box.

The placing of several marbles on the runaway at once to chase each other into the box will be a source of great delight to the little ones.

I make no claim, broadly, to the inclines, as they are shown in the patent granted to S. Patterson, August 1, 1871.

I claim—

A toy consisting of the inclined back board A, frame B, having opening *a* at top and receptacle D at bottom, provided with lid *m*, inclines *b c*, and support E, all constructed and arranged to operate in connection with a ball, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, New York.

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