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Fig. 1.

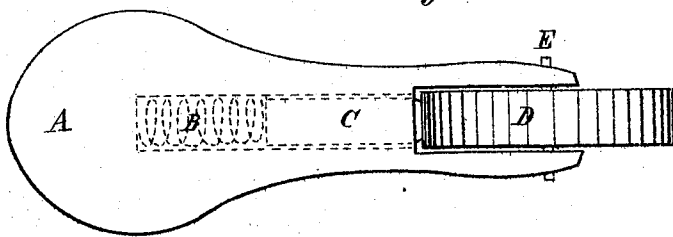
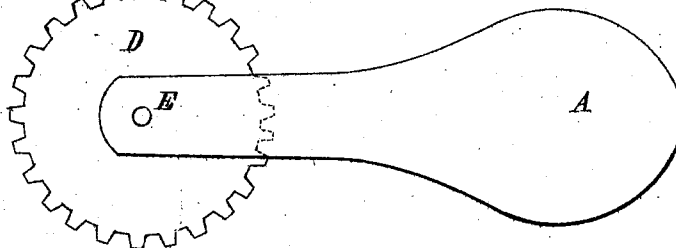


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. TILESTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Toy or Device, of which the following is a full and complete specification:

Figures 1 and 2 represent the device, and the letters of reference indicate like parts in both.

My improved toy or device consists of a handle provided with a cog or ratchet-wheel attached to it in such a manner that when it is operated it shall produce an alarm sound, and thus act as a signal in any game where signals may be used or desired, or for any other similar purpose. For example, when used in the game known as "tag," or "hide-and-seek," which are familiar to all children, the sound it produces upon being quickly drawn down the back (the face of the ratchet or the cogs being the surface presented to the cloth of the coat) resembles the tearing of cloth, so that the party pursued might, for the moment, fancy his coat torn from collar to waist when touched or "tagged" by his pursuer.

I propose to call my improved toy a "rip-snap" or "game-signal."

The construction of the same is as follows:

Into the handle A is placed the spring B, and over the spring B is placed the tongue or bolt C, as shown by the dotted lines. This tongue or bolt is slotted at its upper end that it may enter the face of the ratchet-wheel D, which is placed directly over it and retained in its position by the pin E. The upper end of the bolt or tongue C is wedge-shape, so as to fit the cogs or ratchets in the cog-wheel D, and is supported by the spring B.

To operate the device, place the face or surface of the wheel D upon the clothing or any other surface, give a quick downward stroke, and the result is a sharp ripping noise, or the alarm-signal.

I am aware of the rejected application of George Kilson for a toy, and disclaim any approach of similarity of construction to any part of his invention.

I claim—

The toy herein described, consisting of handle A, spring B, plug C, and toothed wheel D, all the parts arranged as and for the purpose described.

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