

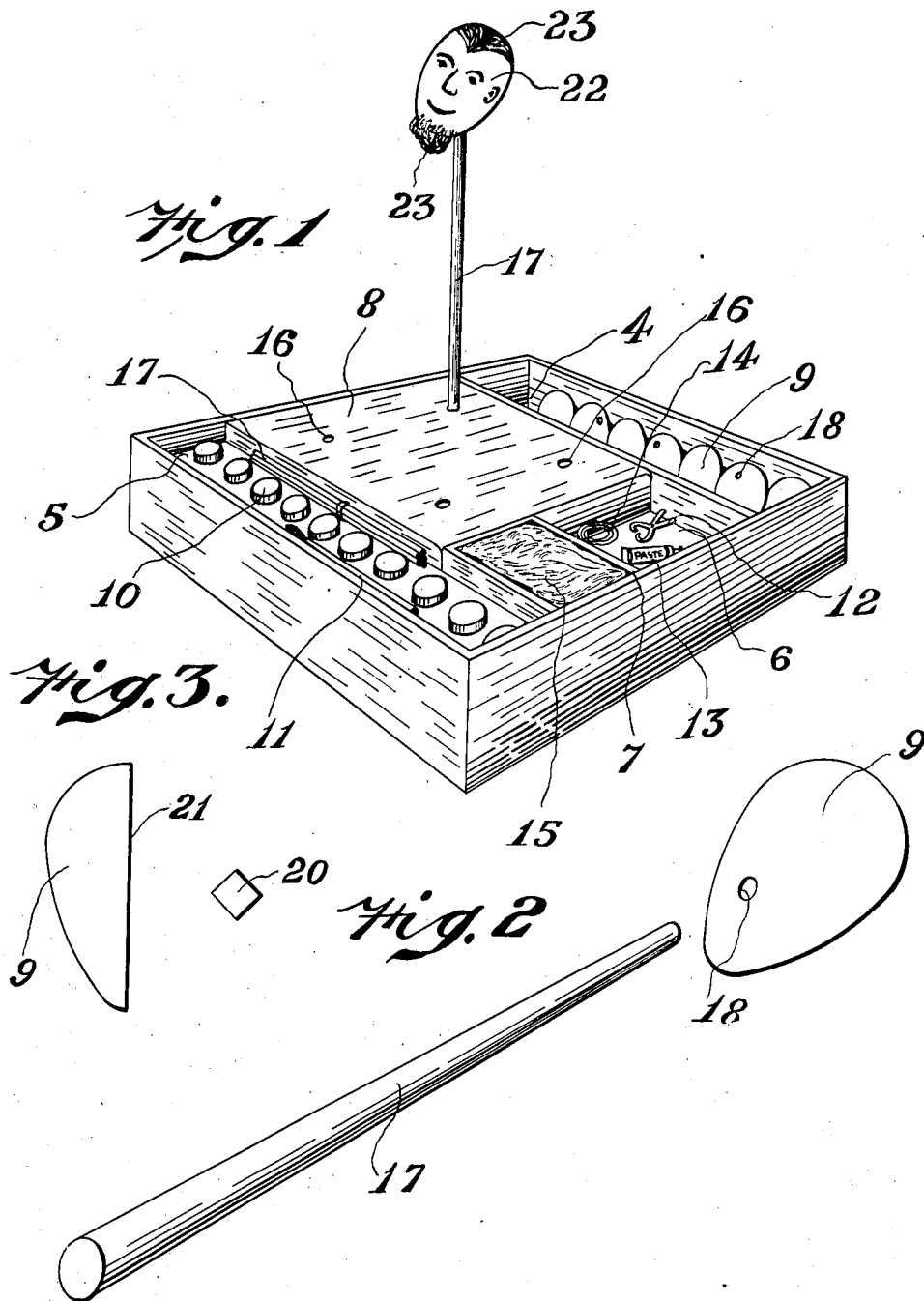
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My invention relates to a new and useful instruction and amusement apparatus, whereby children, as well as adults, can, in a practical manner, instruct themselves in artistic creations and can, at the same time, amuse themselves.

The full nature of the invention and the method of its use will be more clearly understood from the following specification and the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 represents a perspective view of the apparatus illustrating the manner of use.

Fig. 2 represents a composite view in perspective of certain of the elements forming part of the apparatus.

Fig. 3 represents a composite view in end elevation illustrating, if possible, a modified form of the construction.

Referring to the drawing in which like reference characters indicate like parts, and more particularly to Fig. 1, my instruction and amusement apparatus is suitably housed in a box which is shown square in Fig. 1 but which obviously may be made in any desired shape or size and of any desired material, the box being provided with the compartments 4, 5, 6 and 7, and with the work table or other support 8. In the compartment 4 are disposed a plurality of work pieces 9 which are shown as oval but which could be round or of any other desired contour. In the compartment 5 are disposed a plurality of receptacles 10, each of which contains a pigment of a different color, together with one or more brushes 11 for applying the pigment. In the compartment 6 are provided scissors 12, a receptacle of paste 13 and a coil of string or wire 14. Compartment 7 contains cotton or similar fibrous or fluffy material 15. The work table 8 is provided with a plurality of holes 16 which are adapted to receive and support a plurality of sticks or rods 17 which are conveniently stored in the compartment 5. The work pieces 9 are provided with similar apertures 18 for receiving the opposite ends of the rods 17. While the rods 17 are shown as round in Figs. 1 and 2, it is possible to make them square as shown at 20 in Fig. 3, or of any other desired contour. Similarly, the work pieces 9, instead of being completely oval, may be truncated as shown at 21 in Fig. 3, it being understood that any other desired form or shape may be imparted to the supporting rods 17 and the work pieces 9 as well as the apertures 16 and 18.

The operation is as follows:

The work piece 9 is mounted on one end of the supporting rod 17 and the other end of the rod 17 is then "planted" in the table top 8 through one of the openings 16. With the work piece thus supported in position the operator uses the brush 11 to paint, by means of the pigments in the containers 10, a face as shown, the hair on the head and the beard being formed by means of the cotton or the like 15 and adhesively secured by the paste 13. In this way the operator can derive extensive amusement and develop latent or present artistic abilities as the case may be. Either faces of famous men, or faces of one's friends, can be drawn and painted to produce lifelike images which can be used for decorations, mementos, or as place cards at banquets or other social gatherings or the like.

It will thus be seen that I have produced an extremely simplified and inexpensive apparatus for efficient self-instruction and gratifying amusement, and that the same is packaged compactly. It will also be seen that, not only are the various implements all provided in one single, compact kit, but also that the box containing all the parts of the apparatus also provides an easel for supporting the work piece.

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

1. An instruction and amusement device comprising a receptacle, a platform formed in said receptacle and having perforations therein, work pieces having apertures therein, and rods adapted to engage said perforations in said platform at the lower ends thereof and adapted to engage the apertures in said work pieces at the upper ends thereof for detachably supporting said work pieces in an accessible position immediately above said receptacle.

2. An instruction and amusement device comprising a receptacle, a platform having recesses formed therein, work pieces of a curvilinear contour having apertures therein, and elongated supports adapted to engage the recesses in said platform at their lower ends and adapted to engage the apertures in said work pieces at their upper ends for detachably supporting said work pieces on said platform, the apertures in said work pieces being eccentrically disposed, whereby said work pieces are supported on said elongated members at a predetermined angle with respect to the horizontal.

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