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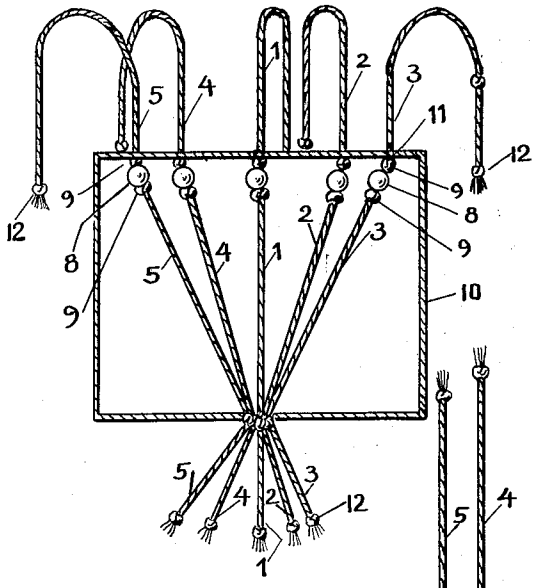


FIG. 2.

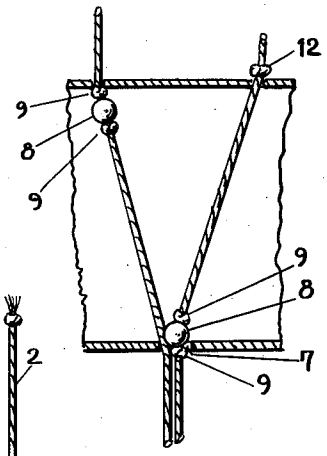


FIG. 3.

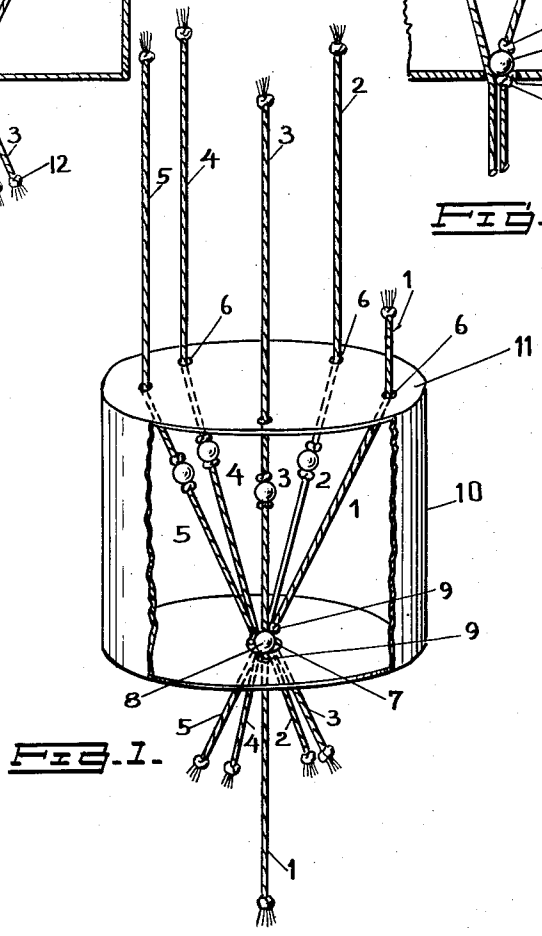


FIG. 1.

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This invention relates to a new children's toy, or game, and while this game may also be played by adults, it is thought to be of interest mostly to children, to which it may also prove educational, such as, for instance, by teaching smaller children the different colors.

The device should find a ready market, as it is cheap to manufacture and can be sold at a low price, and would thus be suitable for department stores specializing in articles of merchandise sold between ten cents and one dollar.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, with a part broken off.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view of same; while Figure 3 is a detail view, with parts broken off.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates a container, box or drum made of opaque material and of any convenient shape, but shown herein to be round. The numerals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 represent cords inserted at one end of the box 10 through small openings 6, while at the opposite end of the box said cords convene through but one somewhat larger opening 7.

The said cords are alike in every detail; each cord has a bead 8 of a different color, such as red, green, etc., attached thereto by means of knots, or other stopping means, at both sides of said bead; knots 12 are also provided at the extreme ends of all cords.

When the cords are thus placed through the top and bottom of the box, the beads will be contained within the container, box or drum, hidden from view, and so placed that no beads will show through any of the six openings at the top 11.

The bottom opening 7 is made large enough for one bead to show its color through this opening, but small enough to prevent the bead from slipping through said opening, when any one of the bottom cords is pulled to this opening.

In playing the game the cords 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are pulled up to the top of the box, as shown in Figure 2,

with the beads 8 near said top, but not visible through the small openings 6 in the top. If desired, the box may, however, be in reverse position with the beads in this instance at the bottom.

Then, as an example, when a player pulls a cord, flexible wire, or chain below, the end of this cord will automatically shorten at the top, while in this connection the bead 8 will move downwardly until it reaches the bottom of the box, and the color of said bead becomes visible through the somewhat enlarged opening 7.

Figure 3 illustrates in detail an example of the operation and relative positions of the beads, when up and down (or down and up, if reversely arranged); thus it appears as essential, and as a critical feature, that the distance from the knot 12 at the top to the knot 9 below must be such that the bead 8 can just be seen through the opening 7.

The game may then be continued by the next player pulling a cord and getting a differently colored bead and so on.

It is understood that different chance games may be based on the above device and the manipulation of same, as set forth, according to a system worked out, and, if desired, for the purpose of such game different colors of the beads may be substituted by numbers.

It is obvious that changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the several parts, as shown, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I do not, therefore, wish to limit myself to the exact construction shown and described herein.

What I claim, as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. In a device of the class described, a closed box made of opaque material and having a number of small openings at its top and an enlarged opening at the bottom, a plurality of cords arranged within said container, beads bearing different designations mounted on said cords between one knot made upon each side of the latter, each of one set of ends of said cords protruding through the small openings and the other set of ends of said cords convening and protruding through the enlarged opening in said box, permitting the display of a bead.

2. In a device, as claimed in claim 1, and wherein knots are made upon the extreme ends of all cords, and the distance between the knot on one extreme end of the cord and the knot underneath the bead upon said cord being such as to permit a view of said bead through the enlarged opening.

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