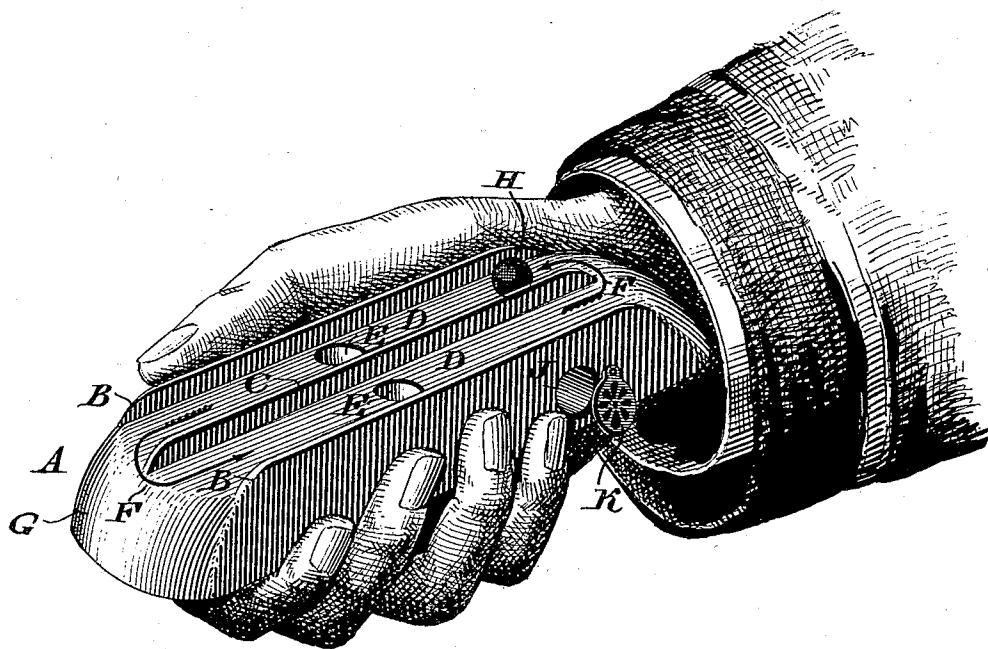


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES I. WOOSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Puzzles, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing.

My invention consists of a puzzle formed of a bed having a longitudinal partition terminating at some distance from the ends of the bed, and forming two fields with a pocket therein, said fields being in communication by passages which extend around the ends of the partition and downward in inclined position from the base of the partition, substantially as hereinafter described.

The figure represents a perspective view of a puzzle embodying my invention.

Referring to the drawing, A designates a block or bed, around the upper face of which are longitudinally-extending walls or fences B, and at the center a partition C, which divides said face into two fields D D, in the base of each of which is a pocket E. The ends G of the block are rounded or inclined, so that the ball H which is played with the puzzle is liable to escape at said ends, thus adding to the difficulty of directing the ball from one field to the other around the ends of the partition.

The operation is as follows: The bed is suit-

ably held in the hand and the ball placed on one of the fields, said bed then being so manipulated as to direct it into either of the pockets, it being essential to roll said ball around the ends of the partition C, as illustrated by the arrows F, considerable dexterity being required to cause the ball to enter the opposite field and settle in one of the pockets and prevent the same from rolling off the ends of the block.

In the side of the block is a chamber J, which is adapted to receive the ball when not in use and prevent loss thereof, said chamber being closed by a cover K, which is pivoted or otherwise connected with the block.

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

A bed having a longitudinally-extending partition rising therefrom, forming two fields with a pocket or pockets therein, said partition terminating at some distance from the ends of the bed forming passages around the ends of said partition, said passages being in communication with the fields and extending downwardly in inclined position from the base of the partition, the parts named being combined substantially as described.

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