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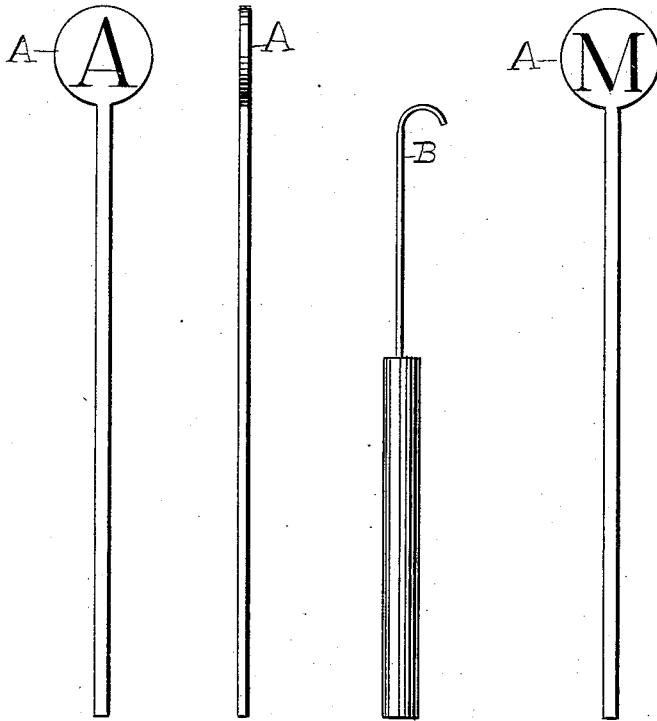
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JACK STRAWS.

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Fig. 1. Fig. 3. Fig. 4. Fig. 2.



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JACK-STRAWS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. CRANDALL, of Montrose, Susquehanna county, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Jack-Straws; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

10 This invention is in the nature of an improvement in jack-straws; and the invention consists in jack-straws with the letters of the alphabet stamped or otherwise affixed to them.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are front elevations of jack-straws; Fig. 3, an edge view; Fig. 4, a side view of hook.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

20 This invention relates to the old and well-known game of jack straws, upon which it is believed to be an improvement.

The old game of jack-straws is won by the player who shall simply acquire the greatest number of straws; but in my improved straws each one of the straws has impressed on it or otherwise affixed to it one or more letters of the alphabet, and the game is won by the player who shall be able to spell with his straws the
25 greatest number of proper English words. By this arrangement and construction it will be seen that although a player may have the greatest number of straws it might happen that the letters would be of such a character as would
30 prevent him from spelling out as many words as the player who had fewer straws but a bet-

ter combination of letters. In this way not only is additional interest given to the game, but it at the same time teaches the player how to spell.

40 Instead of letters, the straws may be provided with numbers. In that case the player whose straws shall aggregate the largest sum, irrespective of the numbers of the straws he may have, will be the winner, in this way
45 teaching the player how to add; or the straws may have a combination of letters and numbers, thereby teaching the players to both spell and add. For this purpose my straws are made of any desirable material and of any convenient
50 size. At one end, or at both ends, or in the center of each straw, is provided an enlarged surface, A, onto which is affixed the letter or letters or numbers, either on one side or both
55 sides. The letters may be all of one color or of various colors. With the straws in this way made they are dropped onto the table, so that they will be well mixed together, and with the hooks B each straw lifted from its fellows under such restrictions as to shaking the others
60 as may be imposed.

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

65 As a new article of manufacture, jack-straws provided with letters or numbers, or both, as and for the purpose described.

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