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PUZZLE FRAME

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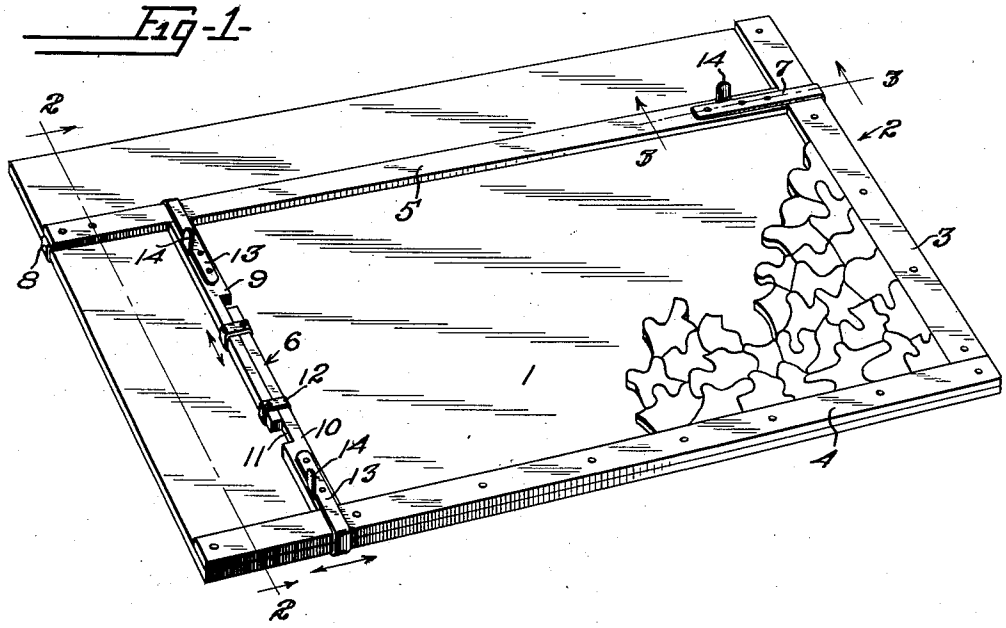


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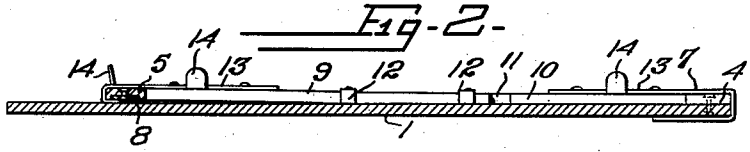


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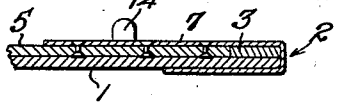


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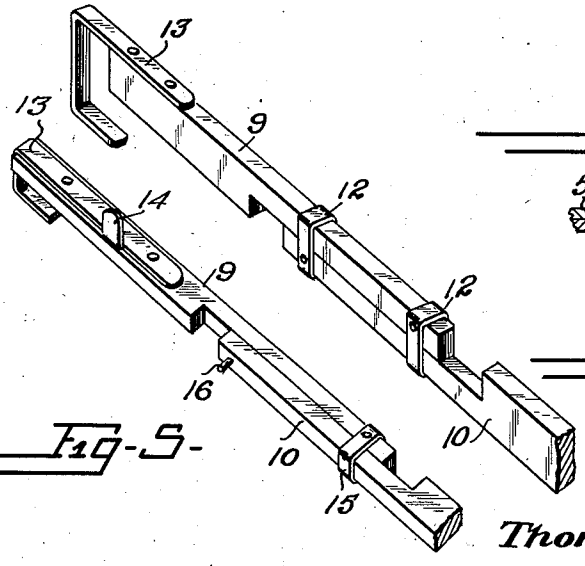


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This invention relates to game boards and more particularly to puzzle frames and has for the primary object, the provision of a device of the above stated character which will provide an efficient and practical device on which pieces of a puzzle may be assembled when working the puzzle and will aid in preventing the pieces from accidentally moving out of place and may be adjusted to place a desired pressure on the pieces assembled to retain them in engagement with each other and prevent disarrangement when assembling other pieces thereto.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a puzzle frame constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating a modified form of one of the side elements of the board or frame.

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 4, illustrating another modified form of side element.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a substantially rectangular shaped board on which pieces of a puzzle may be assembled. The board may be constructed from any material suitable for the purpose and preferably of material that will provide a surface to which the pieces of the puzzle may slightly adhere so that the pieces will retain their respective positions during the assembling of the puzzle. An adjustable frame 2 is carried by the board 1 in which the pieces of the puzzle are assembled and consists of rigid members 3 and 4 arranged at right angles to each other and permanently secured to the board and also includes movable members 5 and 6 arranged at right angles to each other and slidably connected together and to the rigid members 3 and 4, respectively. One end of the member 5 abuts the inner edge of the rigid member 3 and has secured thereto a clip 7 which engages over the rigid member 3 and contacts with the rear face of the board to slidably connect one end of the member 5 to the board for movement towards and from the member 4. A clip 8 is secured to the other end of the member 5 and engages over one edge of the board 1. The member 6 includes sections 9 and 10 cutaway, as shown at 11, and arranged in overlapped relation and slidably connected by clamps 12 whereby the member 6 may be adjusted as to length. Clips 13 are secured to the ends of the member 6 with one clip engaging over the member 5 and the other clip engaging over the member 4 and in engagement with the rear face of the board 1. The clips 7 and 13 are provided with finger pieces 14 to facilitate the adjustment of the members 5 and 6 to increase and decrease the size of the frame 2.

In operation, after a number of the pieces of a puzzle have been assembled within the frame 2 of the board 1 and it is desired to hold the assembled pieces against accidental movement, the members 5 and 6 may be adjusted to bring pressure on certain of said pieces for aiding in retaining them in assembled position on the board. While the member 6 is shown at the left hand side of the board 1 it is to be understood that by reversing the location of the members 3 and 4 on the board the member 6 may be located at the right hand side of the board.

As shown in Figure 4 the sections 9 and 10 are arranged one above the other when the member 6 is applied to the board.

As shown in Figure 5 the movable members 6 may be provided with a single clamp 15 and one of the sections thereof equipped with a stop pin 16 which will prevent the entire separation of the sections and will permit said sections to have limited adjustment with respect to each other.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, as claimed.

Having described the invention, I claim:

A puzzle frame comprising a rectangular shaped board to receive and have assembled thereon pieces of a puzzle, an adjustable frame carried by said board in which the pieces are assembled and including a pair of rigid members and a pair of movable members, said rigid members arranged at right angles to one another and fixed to the board at certain edges of the latter, said movable members slidably connected to each other and to said rigid members and one of said movable members adjustable as to length and the other movable member having one end slidably connected to one edge of the board.

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