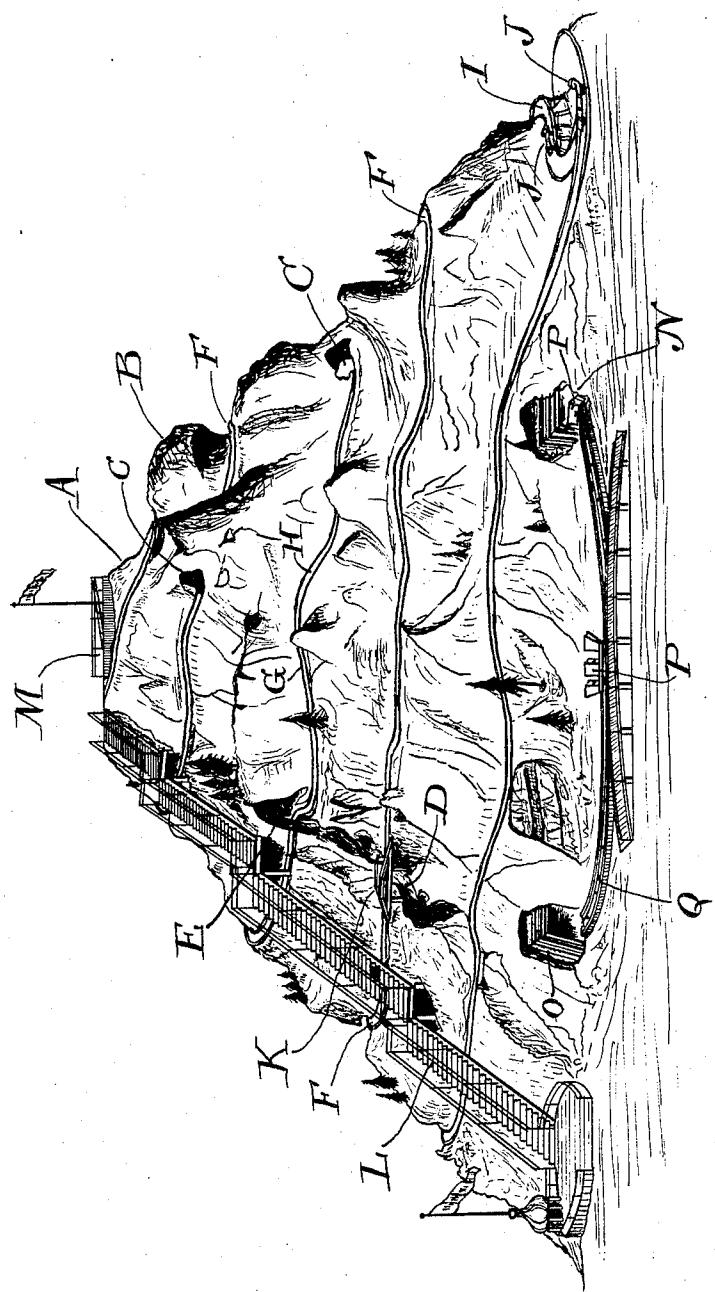


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR F. TURPIN, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have 5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Amusement Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification.

10 My invention has for its object to produce an amusement device capable of use in summer-resorts, parks, or halls.

Speaking generally, my invention consists of a hollow structure which is built of frame- 15 work and covered on its exterior so as to have the similitude of a mountain or isolated peak, having a winding inclined track extending around the exterior thereof, following the contour of said mountain. The structure is 20 also hollow and is also provided with openings into the interior, and throughout a part or the whole of the interior are winding and inclined tracks adapted to receive vehicles. The face of the elevated structure in the 25 similitude of a mountain is provided with scenic effects, such as framework forming tunnels through which the tracks extend, wa- 30 tercourses crossed by bridges over which the tracks pass, waterfalls, &c. The vehicles or 35 cars on the exterior of the structure pass from the highest to the lowest point, preferably by gravity, while the cars or vehicles in the interior may either be elevated to a high point on the interior and descend by gravity 40 or may be moved within the interior by any well-known means.

I will first describe the embodiment of my invention shown in the accompanying drawing and then point out the invention in the 45 claims.

In the drawing the figure is a general view of a structure embodying my invention.

A is a skeleton structure of considerable height formed of framework or wood-covered 45 and forming a hollow structure the exterior of which is in the similitude of a mountain. The exterior of this structure is provided with projecting framework covered so as to appear like

rocks, as at B, tunnels, as at C, watercourses, as at D, and waterfalls, as at E. Passing 50 around the exterior portion of this elevated structure is the trackway F, which while passing around this exterior has a gradual downward incline from top to bottom, interspersed at points with short rises, as at G, and short 55 steep inclines, as at H. The trackway passes over the watercourse D on the bridges K. Upon these tracks are the vehicles J, which, by gravity, starting at the top follow the course described. When the lowest point is 60 reached, the vehicle is returned to the top by means of the trackway I. The passengers may either ascend to the top upon the vehicle on the trackways I or may ascend by means of the stairway L. Upon the top of the structure 65 is a tower M. Passing into the interior of the hollow elevated structure A is the opening N, from which a track extends to the opening O, pursuing any desired course within the interior of the structure. Preferably the vehicles P on this trackway are propelled with 70 cables Q, driven by any well-known means.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

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1. As an amusement device or apparatus, a framework covered so as to provide an exterior in the similitude of an isolated mountain, provided with scenic effects, the interior of said framework being hollow, inclined tracks 80 or ways, upon which pleasure-vehicles may travel, passing around and around the exterior of said framework, and tracks or ways within the interior of said framework and openings from the interior to the exterior of 85 said framework.

2. As an amusement device or apparatus, a framework covered so as to provide an exterior in the similitude of an isolated mountain, provided with scenic effects, inclined tracks or 90 ways, upon which pleasure-cars may travel, passing around and around the exterior of said framework.

3. As an amusement device or apparatus, a framework covered so as to provide an exterior in the similitude of an isolated mountain, 95

provided with scenic effects, inclined tracks or ways, upon which pleasure-cars may travel, passing around and around the exterior of said framework, and an inclined straight track or way leading from the lower to the upper portion of said framework.

4. As an amusement device or apparatus, a framework covered so as to provide an exterior in the similitude of an isolated mountain,
10 provided with scenic effects, an inclined spiral track or way upon which pleasure-cars may travel, passing around and around the exterior

of said framework, each section of the spiral being of a greater diameter than the section above it, and an inclined track or way leading 15 from the lower end of the track to the upper end thereof.

In testimony of which invention I have hereunto set my hand, at the city of St. Louis, on this 11th day of January, 1904.

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