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Fig. 1.

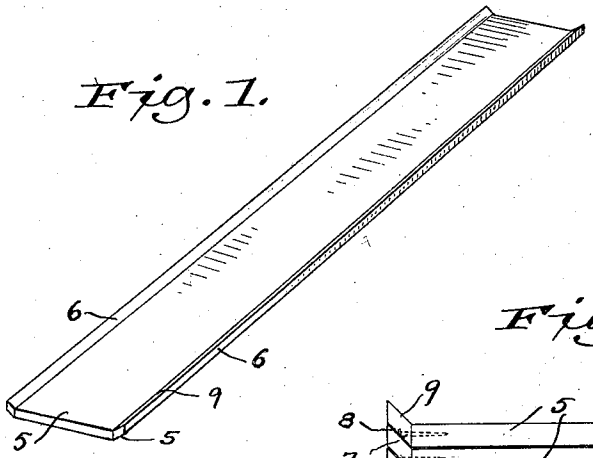


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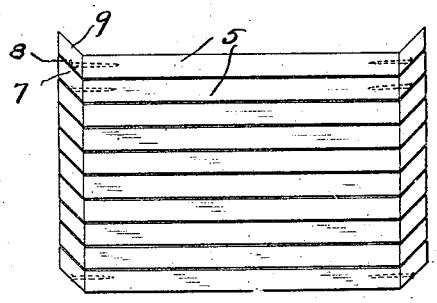


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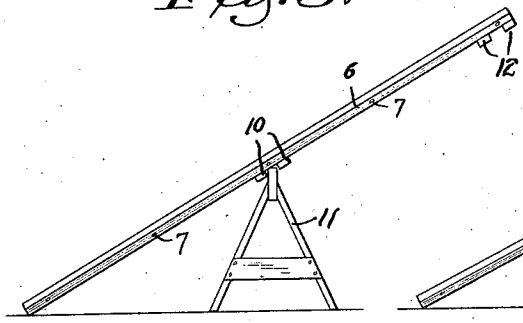
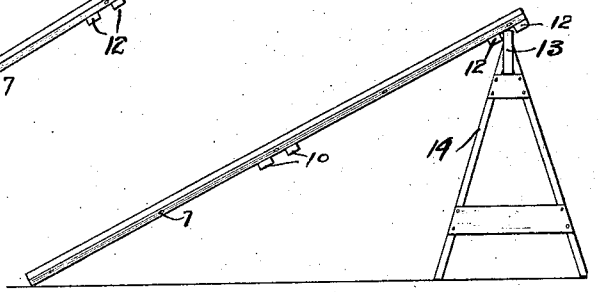


Fig. 4.



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The invention relates to amusement apparatus and more particularly to children's slides.

Children's slides as usually constructed involve the use of wooden and iron parts and are generally of quite bulky and expensive construction, because of the fact that the slide with its supporting means is constructed as a unit.

The object of this invention is to provide a children's slide of very simple construction and having side pieces secured to a flat plank so as to form a slide trough, the side pieces being formed to permit nesting or stacking of a plurality of slides one upon the other for the purpose of shipment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a slide board with cleats intermediate its ends so it may be used, when pivotally mounted upon a support, as a teeter-totter.

The invention further consists in the several features hereinafter set forth and more particularly defined by claims at the conclusion hereof.

In the drawings: Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a slide embodying the invention; Fig. 2 is an end view of a number of slides shown destined for shipment; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a slide provided with certain attachments hereinafter described adapting the slide for use as a teeter-totter; Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing the slide set up for normal use.

The slide consists of a flat rectangular plank 5 the upper side of which is varnished and waxed in the usual manner to provide a slippery surface, and side members 6 secured to the opposite side edges of the plank 5 to form the complete slide, the members 6 projecting upwardly above the top surface of the plank so as to prevent the children slipping off the slide until they reach the lower end of it. These side members 6 are preferably in the form of wooden strips of rhomboidal cross-section extending along the length of the plank 5 and secured thereto in any suitable manner, as by means of nails 7, and their outer sides 8 and inner sides 9 are preferably bevelled so that a number of slides may be nested or stacked together, as shown in Fig. 2, for the purpose of shipment. The side edges of the plank 5 are substantially perpendicular to the plane of the plank, and the longitudinal edge faces of the side strips are equal in width to the plank side edges and are placed in registering abutment therewith. The opposite inner and outer faces of the side strips are substantially parallel and form an obtuse angle with respect to the upper surface of the plank.

To convert the slide for use as a teeter-totter transverse cleats 10 may be removably secured thereto, as by means of screws or other suitable fastening means, to form a downwardly opening channel receiving the upper edge of a standard 11 on which the slide is pivotally mounted. Other cleats 12 similar to the cleats 10 may be secured at one end of the slide board so as to engage with the edge 13 of a standard 14. The cleats 12 may be dispensed with when the slide member is used as a slide in cases where the upper end of the plank is placed so as to rest on the steps of a house or upon a stepladder or other suitable support, which will elevate this end above the ground to secure the desired inclination for sliding and permit the children to get up to the top of the slide.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A children's slide comprising a flat plank having opposite side edges substantially perpendicular to the plane of the plank, and trough-forming side members secured to the opposite side edges of said plank and each having a longitudinal edge face substantially equal in width to a side edge of the plank and placed in registering abutment therewith, and each side member having substantially parallel inner and outer sides extending from said edge face and formed at an obtuse angle with respect to the upper face of the plank, whereby to permit close stacking of a plurality of slides for shipment.

2. A children's slide comprising a flat plank having opposite side edges substantially perpendicular to the plane of the plank, and trough-forming side pieces of rhomboidal cross-section secured to the side edges of the plank to project above the upper surface of the plank, and each side piece having one of its longitudinal faces substantially equal in width to a side edge of the plank and placed in registering abutment with the side edge, whereby to permit close superimposition of a plurality of slides for shipment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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