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FIG. 1.

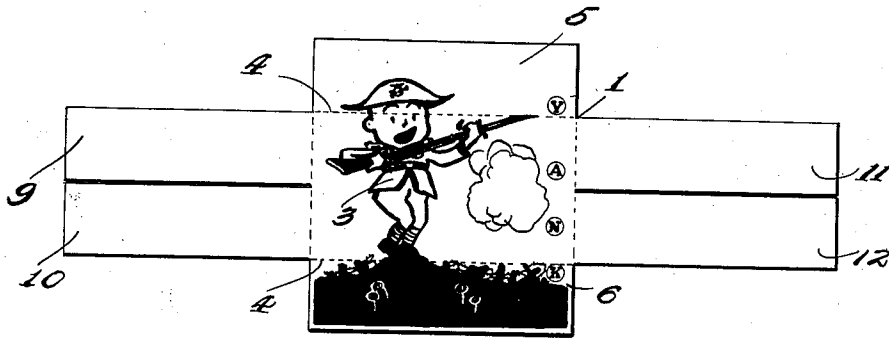


FIG. 2.

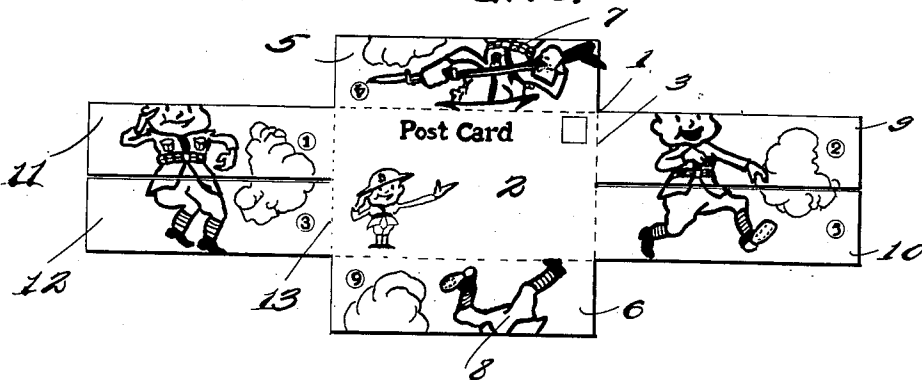


FIG. 5.

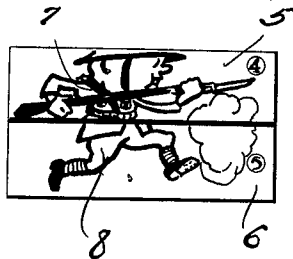


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FIG. 3.

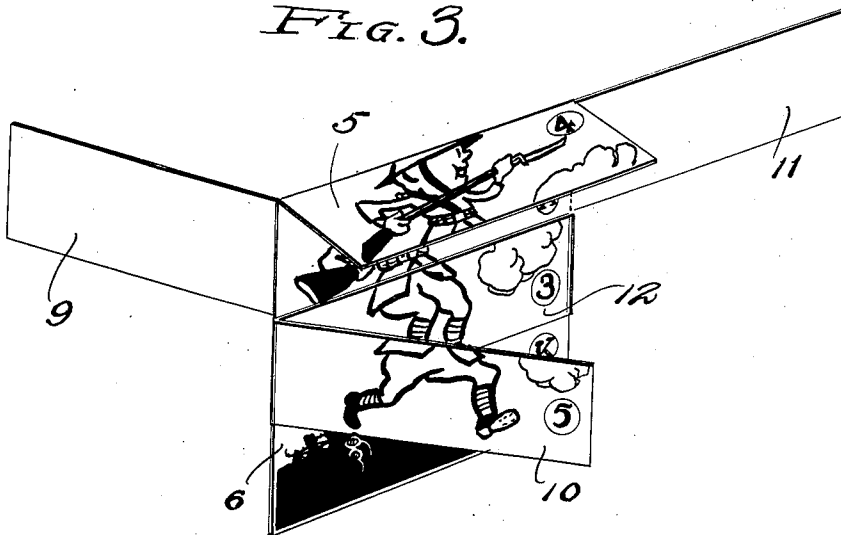


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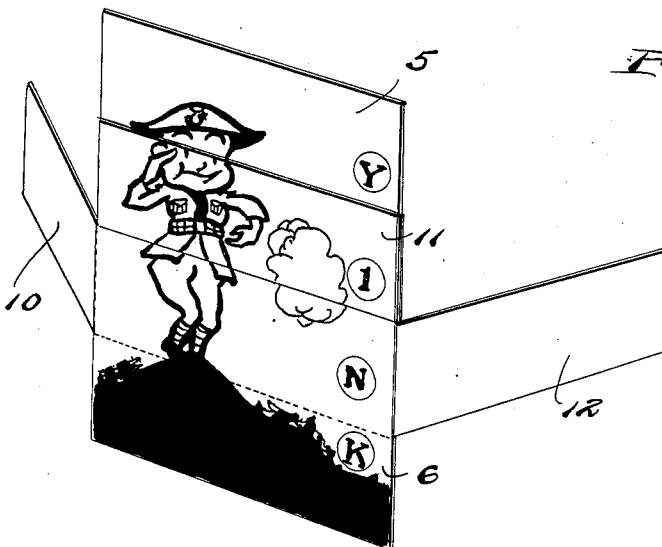
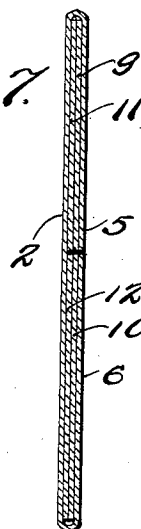


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. HOWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Novelty Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination novelty cards or puzzles and has for an object the provision of a blank equipped with appendages which may be folded in different positions to produce different combinations, each combination being accompanied with a complete image.

Another object consists in using a blank with appendages, the body of the blank and the appendages having truncated images portrayed thereon, all of these elements being coöperable to portray a complete object in different poses.

The card used in the present invention is capable of portraying a complete image in thirty or more different positions and if desired may be used as a game, the desideratum of which is to obtain at least thirty different poses of the image in consecutive order without repeating, by raising and lowering the appendages one at a time.

A further object of the invention is to make the card of pasteboard or some like material and of substantially the same size as a standard post card, to permit transmission through the mail, and the subject matter of the card depicting some object or the like in harmony with the sentiment of the country.

Other objects of this invention will be in part described and in part understood from the following description of the present preferred form of the invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a rear elevational view of the card comprising my invention, the same being shown in open position;

Fig. 2, is a front elevational view of the same;

Fig. 3, is a perspective view of the invention with some of the appendages open and others closed to show different phases of the truncated image;

Fig. 4, is a similar view depicting a complete image;

Fig. 5, is a rear elevational view of the card in completely folded position;

Fig. 6, is a front elevational view of the same, and

Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional enlarged view of the card in completely folded position.

The device of my invention consists of a blank 1 the outer face of which, as shown in Fig. 2, is adapted to receive an address. On the rear face of the blank an image 3 is portrayed. The blank is foldable on the scored lines 4 adjacent the upper and lower margins of the blank, thereby providing appendages or flaps 5 and 6. The front faces of the appendages 5 and 6 have truncated images 7 and 8 respectively portrayed thereon.

The body of the blank, that is the rectangular portion inclosed by the scored lines in Figs. 1 and 2, has integral appendages or tabs formed on both ends as indicated at 9—10—11 and 12. These tabs are foldable on the scored lines 13 and have truncated images portrayed thereon on one side only, the other side being adapted for the inscription of rules governing the use of the device as a puzzle or game.

It will be observed that when the blank is in an open position, as shown in Fig. 1, a complete image is visualized in one position. When the flaps 5 and 6 are folded the image is portrayed in a different position. Any one or all of the tabs 9—10—11 and 12 may be folded when the blank is in an open position, and in each instance a different pose of the image will be visualized. Also, either or both of the flaps 5 and 6 may be superimposed on the body of the blank or superimposed on the tabs, and in each instance a different pose of the image will be presented. It will also be noted that the body of the blank, the flaps 5 and 6 and the tabs 9—10—11 and 12 have letters or numerals thereon so that in using the device as a puzzle or game, the different poses of the image may be recorded. As a suggestion for one use of the card, attention is directed to the fact that the flaps are first folded, pursuant to which one flap is raised and lowered at a time. The score may be kept by making note of the combination of letters and numbers representing the poses, the combination being read from top to bottom. A predetermined score may be agreed upon before starting the game, and the player permitted to continue his playing until a pose is repeated.

It is to be understood that the above only generically discloses the details of my puzzle and various changes may be made therein, in conformity with the appended claims.

5 What I claim is:—

1. A puzzle card including a blank with a truncated image portrayed thereon and equipped with appendages having truncated images portrayed thereon, said appendages being coöperable with the blank to depict a complete image and being likewise coöperable with each other to depict a complete image.

2. A puzzle including a body with a part of an image portrayed thereon, and marginal flaps formed on the body and having truncated objects portrayed thereon and coöperable with the blank to visualize a completed object, said flaps being coöperable with each other to portray a completed object.

3. A novelty card including a blank having a truncated image portrayed thereon, flaps hinged to the margins of the blank and having truncated images portrayed thereon, said flaps being singly or collectively folded on the blank to depict a complete image in different positions.

4. A novelty card including a blank having an image portrayed on one side, the upper and lower margins of the blank being folded over to provide flaps with truncated images portrayed thereon for coaction with each other to depict a complete image and either one or both of the flaps being coöperable with the body of the blank to depict a complete image, and tabs formed on the opposite ends of the blank and equipped with portrayed truncated images for coöperation with each or with the flaps or the body of the blank to depict completed objects.

5. A novelty card including a blank which centrally portrays a truncated image, and truncated images portrayed at the sides, top and bottom of the central image and coöperable with the latter to portray a completed image.

6. A puzzle card including a blank with an image portrayed thereon and equipped with a plurality of uniplanar appendages at each end having truncated images portrayed thereon, said appendages being selectively coöperable with the blank and with each other to depict a series of completed images.

7. A puzzle including a body with an object portrayed thereon and a plurality of uniplanar appendages at one end having objects portrayed thereon and selectively coöperable with the body and with each other to portray a series of completed objects.

8. A novelty card including a blank having an image portrayed on one side, the upper and lower margins of the blank being foldable over to provide flaps with truncated images portrayed thereon for coaction with the blank and with each other to depict a series of completed images, and a plurality of tabs formed on each side of the blank and equipped with portrayed images for coöperation with each other or with the flaps or the body of the blank to successively depict series of completed images.

9. An article of manufacture consisting of a blank rectangular sheet equipped with a plurality of uniplanar laterally extending tabs at each end foldable on the blank, the upper and lower margins of the blank being foldable on the main body portion thereof.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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