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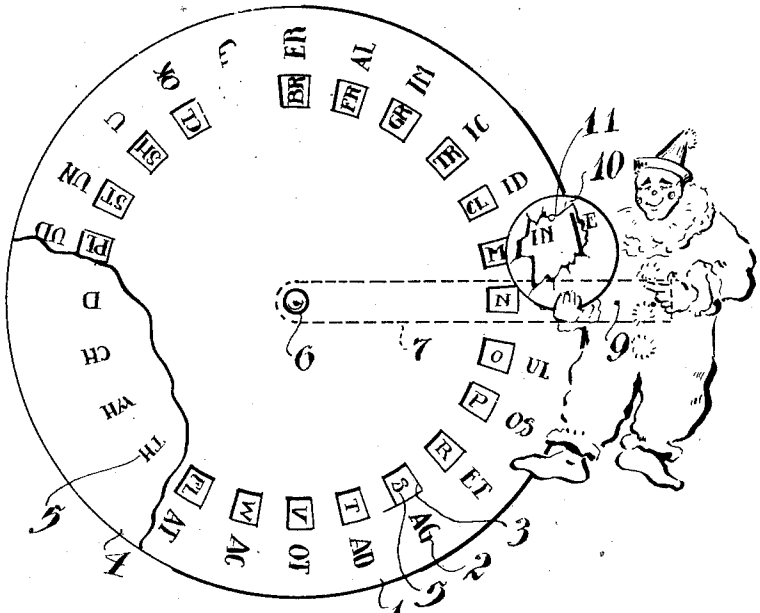


Fig. 1

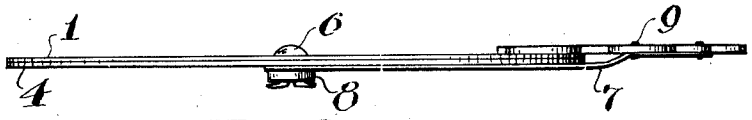


Fig. 2

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The present invention relates to a phonic game for use in instructing children of primary and pre-school age in the formation of letters into simple words and in the effect of a final "e" upon a group of letters.

It is well known that impressions which are associated in the mind with an interesting object are more easily recalled and more firmly retained than those which are not interesting in themselves and which are not so associated.

An object of the present invention is to facilitate the learning of words and letter associations by forming new words and letter associations on a device having a plurality of sound forming letters about the periphery thereof, and having a final "e" mounted in connection with a character of interest to register with any of said letters.

In order to attain this object, there is provided, in accordance with one feature of the invention, a pair of concentric disks mounted in superposed relation to each other, the upper of said disks bearing a plurality of letters and letter groups about the periphery thereof with an opening positioned radially inward of each of said letter or letter groups. Printed upon the lower disk, and positioned to register with the openings in the first named disk, are a plurality of letters and letter groups which may be combined with the first named letters and letter groups in a plurality of combinations.

Pivotally mounted in the rear of the lower disk is an arm bearing at its outer end a figure, said figure bearing a device with an opening therein to be aligned with the letters and letter groups about the periphery of the upper disk. A letter "e" is printed adjacent said opening to complete a word or syllable formed by the combination of a letter or letter group on the periphery of the upper disk and the letter or letter group which is visible through the opening adjacent said letter or letter group.

These and other features of the invention will be more fully brought out in the following description and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1, is a view in top elevation of a device made in accordance with the present invention, a portion of the upper disk thereof being broken away to more clearly illustrate the construction of the device; and

Figure 2, is a view in lower edgewise elevation of the device shown in Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings in detail, a disk 1 has a plurality of letters and letter groups 2 printed about the periphery thereof. Radially inward from each of said letters or letter groups is an opening 3, preferably somewhat larger than the space occupied by the letters or letter groups 2. A second disk 4 is mounted in the rear of the disk 1 and has printed thereon a plurality of letters and letter groups 5 to register with the openings 3 in the upper disk 1. The two disks are pivotally connected together by a rivet 6.

An arm 7, which may be of metal or stiff cardboard, is pivotally mounted in rear of the lower disk 4 and is held in position by means of a washer 8 which is held in place by the rivet 6. The arm 7 has securely connected to the outer end thereof, as by means of rivets 9, a figure which is here represented as a clown, bearing in one hand a representation 10 of a paper covered hoop with the center portion 11 thereof cut out to represent a hole torn in said paper covered hoop. On the radially outward portion of said paper covered hoop, in a position to be in alinement with the letters 2 on the periphery of the upper disk when positioned oppositely thereto, is printed the letter "E". The arm 7 is pivotally movable about the disks 1 and 4 and the disks are relatively rotatable with respect to each other. By rotating the upper disk any of the letters or letter groups 2 on the periphery of the upper disk 1 may be brought into register with the opening 11 and thereby into alinement with the letter "E".

By separately rotating the lower disk 4 any of the letters or letter groups 5 on the lower disk may be brought into register with the opening 3 adjacent the letter or letter group on the disk 1, which is in turn in register with the opening 11 in the clown's paper covered hoop.

When the parts are in the position indicated in Figure 1, the word "Mine" is spelled by the letter and letter groups which are in registering position. By moving the upper disk 1 one step in a clockwise position, the letter group "ID" on the upper disk would be brought into register with the opening in the clown's paper covered hoop and then by moving the lower disk so as to bring the letter "R" into register with the opening adjacent the letter group "ID", the word "Ride" would be formed.

The use of the device is not limited to the

letters or letter groups shown, since any group of letters ending in a final "e", or other desired final letter and forming pronounceable syllables would come within the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim:

A device of the character described, comprising a pair of disks superposed and relatively rotatable with respect to each other, the upper of said disks having a plurality of letters about the periphery thereof, and having an opening spaced radially inward from each of said letters, an arm pivotally mounted with respect to said disks and positioned rearwardly thereof, and a character carried on the outer end of said arm, mounted to overlap a portion of the forward face of the upper of said disks, and having a letter thereon to align with letters on the upper of said disks when in register therewith.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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