

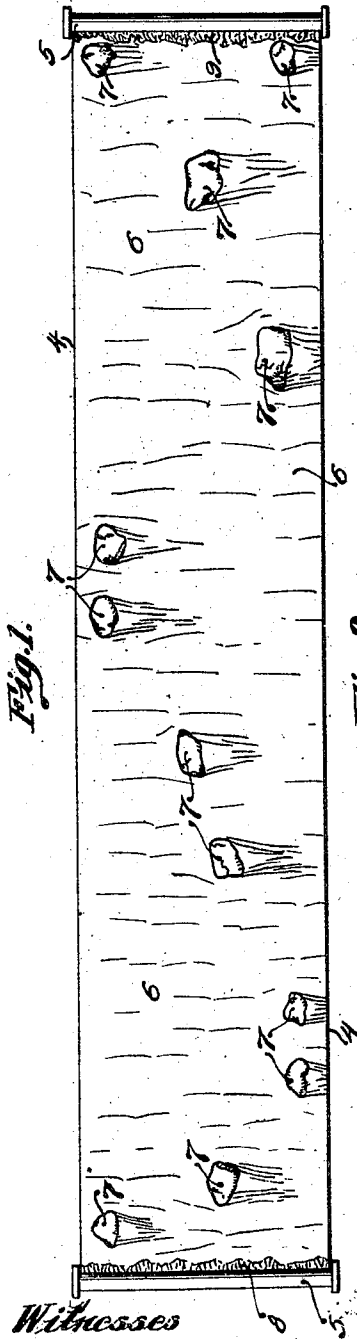
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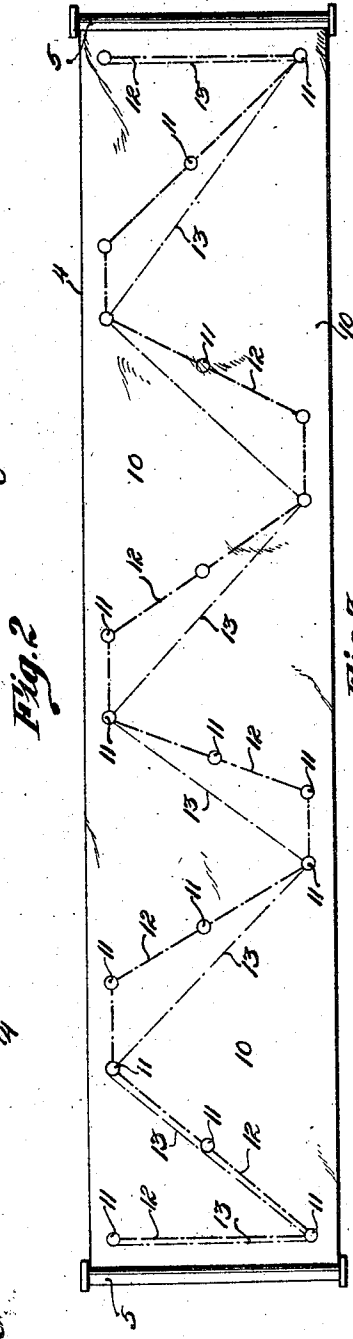
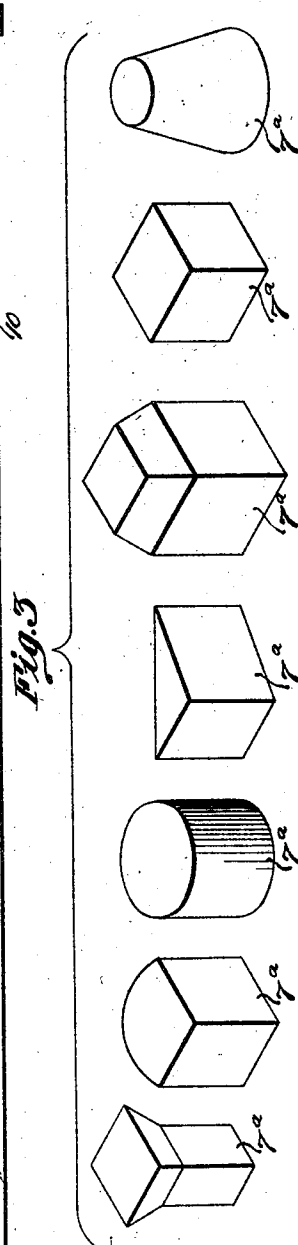
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES BROWN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

One object of my invention is to provide novel game apparatus by the use of which various stepping games can be played; the same serving to afford amusement and cause the players to exercise patience and skill.

Another object is to so construct my improved apparatus that it can be cheaply manufactured and when not desired for use can be stored in a comparatively small space.

These objects, and other advantageous ends which will be described hereinafter, I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view showing a base structure which forms a part of my invention.

Figure 2 is a view looking at the reverse side of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 shows perspective views of some of many forms of blocks or objects which may be placed upon either side of the base shown in Figures 1 and 2 for the purpose of playing various games.

Referring to the drawing, 4 represents a playing base which may be made of any suitable material and of any shape. A convenient and suitable form in which said base can be made is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 in which the base is elongated and made of a strip of cloth which when not desired for use can be wrapped or rolled into a compact form. I have illustrated members 5 in the form of rods attached to the opposite ends of the base to facilitate the rolling of the base but it will be understood that if desired one of these members will suffice or they both may be dispensed with and the base wrapped or rolled in any desired manner.

One face 6 of the base, as shown in Figure 1, may be painted, printed or otherwise made to represent a transversely extending portion of a brook or stream of water with representations of rocks or stones 7 spaced apart in any predetermined manner such for example as the spacing as illustrated. Representations of the banks or shore lines 8

and 9 may also be formed adjacent the opposite ends of the base. Said rocks and banks may be painted, printed or otherwise suitably formed on the base 4. On each of the representations 7 of the rocks may be placed a block or other object 7^a of any desired form or size, such for example as blocks of any of the forms illustrated in Figure 3. Or if desired different blocks of different shapes and sizes may be placed on the various representations of the base. Each of the blocks or objects may be numbered or otherwise suitably marked and in playing a game the player endeavors to step upon the blocks or objects in successive or consecutive order prescribed by a rule of the game. The player while stepping or standing on any of the blocks must not permit his or her foot or other portion of the body to touch the base.

For example, a game may be played which may be termed "Crossing the brook" when the face 6 of the base is uppermost with the base upon the floor. In playing this game, blocks of any suitable character can be placed upon the representations 7 of the rocks or stones and the object of the player is to cross from the bank 8 to the bank 9 by stepping on the blocks in the order prescribed by the rule. If desired, various rules may be formed so as to render the crossing more or less tedious.

The opposite face 10 of the base 4, as shown in Figure 2, may also have suitable markings, such for example as indicated by the small circles 11, and these markings 11 may be in any zig-zag formation and by placing blocks thereon a game may be played which may be termed the "Cake-walk." In playing this game, the player for example will be required to follow the course indicated by the heavy dot-and-dash lines 12 from one end of the base to the other and then return following the path indicated by the thin dot-and-dash lines 13. It will thus be noted that by varying the rules the game can be made more or less complicated and as such may be played by small children or by older persons and will afford amusement in a novel manner.

By making the blocks or objects small and uneven the difficulty of the game may be increased. Also by varying the distance from one block to another the game may be made more difficult.

While I have described my invention as

taking a particular form, it will be understood that the various parts of my invention may be changed without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit
5 myself to the precise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention,
10 what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. Game apparatus including a base having markings thereon; and objects adapted to be placed on said markings and stepped
15 upon in a predetermined order; substantially as described.

2. Game apparatus including a base having markings representative of rocks in a stream of water; and objects adapted to be
20 placed on said markings and stepped upon in a predetermined order; substantially as described.

3. Game apparatus including a base and

markings on said base indicating a path; and objects adapted to be placed at distances
25 apart along said path and adapted to be stepped upon; substantially as described.

4. A game apparatus including a base having markings thereon and objects adapted to be placed on said markings and rest unat-
30 tached to said base and to be stepped upon in predetermined order, substantially as described.

5. A game apparatus including a base and markings on said base indicating a path;
35 and objects adapted to be placed at distances apart along said path and to rest unattached thereon and adapted to be stepped upon, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
40 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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