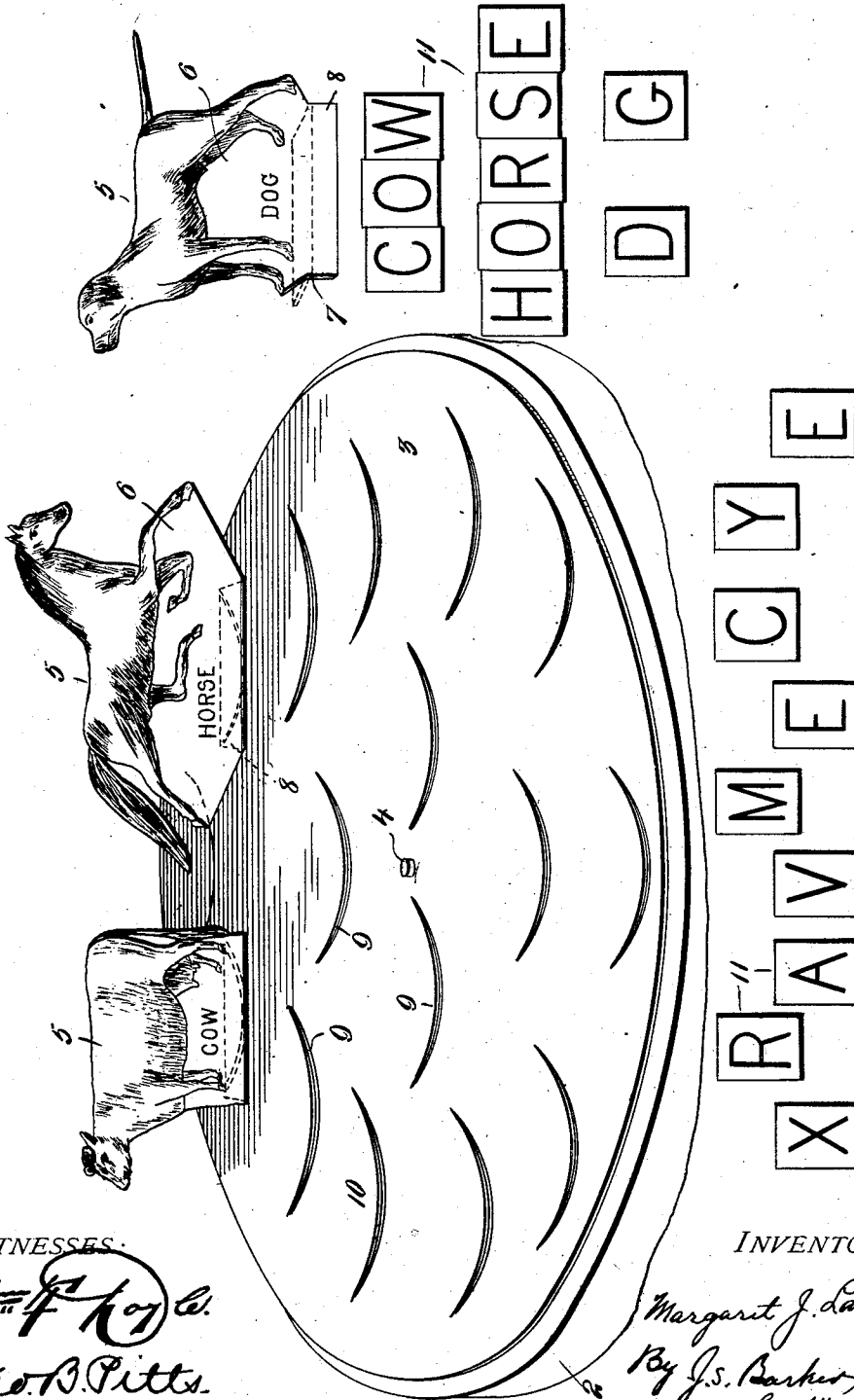


M. J. LANKLER.
GAME APPARATUS.

APPLICATION FILED MAR. 24, 1908.

1,009,421.

Patented Nov. 21, 1911.



WITNESSES:

H. F. Roy
Geo. B. Pitts

INVENTOR

Margaret J. Lankler
By J. S. Barker
her Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

MARGARET J. LANKLER, OF NEW YORK, N. Y., ASSIGNOR OF ONE-THIRD TO HARRIET M. WALSH, OF SANDY HOOK, CONNECTICUT.

GAME APPARATUS.

1,009,421.

Specification of Letters Patent. Patented Nov. 21, 1911.

Application filed March 24, 1908. Serial No. 423,015.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET J. LANKLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game Apparatus, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to produce a game apparatus that may be used by children, or others if desired, and which shall be the means of not only affording amusement to those using it but also teaching the names of objects and the art of spelling.

The invention may be best understood by illustrating and describing an embodiment thereof, and I have accordingly illustrated a game that may be termed "The child's menagerie" although, it will be understood, my invention may be adapted to a wide variety of games.

The apparatus by which the game is played comprises a suitable support, a series of figures adapted to be set upon or secured to the support, and a set of letter cards by means of which the names of the objects represented by the figures may be spelled.

In the drawings the figure is a perspective view of the apparatus as it is used in the playing of the game, sufficient parts being shown to illustrate the method of playing the game or using the apparatus.

Referring to such drawings 2 designates a base board or support which will be usually employed, although the surface of a table or the floor might be used in lieu thereof. Upon this base is placed a support or carrier, 3, for a series of figures. The carrier or support is preferably circular in form and is secured to the base by a center pin or pivot, 4. 5, 5, designate figures adapted to be supported by the carrier, 3. The figures represented are those of animals. They may be applied to the support or carrier, 3, in different ways. In the form of the invention illustrated the figures appear upon pieces of flat cardboard, 6, being either suitably secured thereto or printed thereon directly. Each cardboard carrier of a figure is preferably scored along the line 7 so that the lower end, 8, thereof may be turned at right angles to the main body portion, 6, to constitute a flange therefor that serves as a base or support for holding the figure in an upright position.

In order to permit the easy attachment of the figures to the carrier, 3, the latter, which is preferably formed of a thin disk of more or less flexible material, such as paper, has formed in it a series of curved slits or cuts, 9, arranged to form a set of flaps, 10, adapted to be slightly raised above the plane of the disk or carrier, 3, to permit the flanges, 8, of the figure supports to be passed through the slots and under the flaps, by which means the figures will be held in an upright position above the surface of the carrier.

11, 11 indicate letter-bearing cards, of which there may be any number desired and suitable to play the game, it being important that the number and selection of the letter cards be such at least that the names of all of the figures that may be used in playing the game may be spelled out by the use of such cards. The cards are preferably lettered on one side only so that when face downward they cannot be distinguished one from the other. Upon the face of each figure or each support therefor I preferably print the name of the object represented by the figure.

The game is played as follows: Each person is given a blank carrier, 3, which he is to fill with figures, according to the rules of the game, and he who first succeeds in filling his carrier is considered the winner. To each player or contestant is then given one of the figures which he exposes face upward. Before this figure can be placed in the carrier, 3, the name of the object represented by the figure must be by the player spelled with the letters of the cards 11, which may be dealt to him. Each person being thus supplied with a figure, he has dealt to him or draws a single letter card, the dealing or drawing preferably being in determined sequence among the players. Each player seeks to spell from the cards he may receive the word which is the name of the object represented by the figure. As soon as he has accomplished this he is entitled to place his figure upon the carrier, 3, and to receive another figure, the name of which he at once proceeds to spell from the letter cards he already has and those he may subsequently receive. The game thus proceeds until one of the players succeeds in filling his carrier, after doing which he is considered the winner; and, if the figures represent animals, he

may be said to have a menagerie, which he can exhibit to the others in the game by rotating the carrier about its central pivot, 4.

The game may be played as a solitaire game, although interest is added by having several contestants engage in it together.

What I claim is:

1. A game apparatus comprising a support arranged to carry a plurality of figures, a set of figures adapted to be separately applied to the said support, and letter cards in number and selection sufficient to spell the names of all the figures used in the game by means of which the names of the objects represented by the figures may be separately spelled.

2. A game apparatus comprising a support, a set of figures adapted to be separately applied to the support or removed therefrom at will, each figure bearing the name of the object it represents, and letter cards in number and selection sufficient to spell the names of all the figures used in the game, arranged to be shuffled and indi-

vidually dealt to the players and by means of which the said names may be spelled.

3. A game apparatus comprising a set of supports in number equal to the players who take part in the game, adapted to be distributed individually among the players and arranged to support and display figures, a set of figures to be distributed one at a time to the players and adapted to be applied to the said supports and carried thereby, and letter cards in number and selection suitable to spell the names of all the figures used in playing the game, adapted to be shuffled and individually distributed one at a time in an impartial manner to the players, which cards are used in spelling the names of the figures distributed to the players, the figures being placed in the support as the names thereof are spelled by the use of the letter cards.

MARGARET J. LANKLER.

Witnesses:

WM. S. WALSH,
J. L. CASSIDY.

Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the "Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C."