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EDUCATIONAL GAME.

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	ADMITTED TO UNION	SIZE	POPULATION
1	DELAWARE.	TEXAS.	NEW YORK.
2	PENNSYLVANIA	CALIFORNIA.	PENNSYLVANIA
3	NEW JERSEY.	MONTANA	ILLINOIS.
4	GEORGIA.	NEW MEXICO.	OHIO.
5	CONNECTICUT.	ARIZONA.	TEXAS
6	MASSACHUSETTS.	NEVADA	MASSACHUSETTS.
7	MARYLAND.	COLORADO.	MISSOURI.
8	SOUTH CAROLINA	WYOMING.	MICHIGAN
9	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	OREGON	INDIANA.
10	VIRGINIA	UTAH.	GEORGIA
11	NEW YORK	MINNESOTA	NEW JERSEY.
12	NORTH CAROLINA	IDAHO	CALIFORNIA
13	RHODE ISLAND.	KANSAS.	WISCONSIN.
14	VERMONT.	SOUTH DAKOTA.	KENTUCKY.
15	KENTUCKY.	NEBRASKA.	IOWA
16	TENNESSEE	NORTH DAKOTA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
17	OHIO.	OKLAHOMA	TENNESSEE.
18	LOUISIANA	MISSOURI.	ALABAMA
19	INDIANA.	WASHINGTON.	MINNESOTA
20	MISSISSIPPI.	GEORGIA	VIRGINIA
21	ILLINOIS	FLORIDA.	MISSISSIPPI.
22	ALABAMA.	MICHIGAN	KANSAS.
23	MAINE.	ILLINOIS	OKLAHOMA
24	MISSOURI.	IOWA.	LOUISIANA
25	ARKANSAS.	WISCONSIN	ARKANSAS
26	MICHIGAN	ARKANSAS.	SOUTH CAROLINA
27	FLORIDA.	NORTH CAROLINA	MARYLAND.
28	IOWA.	ALABAMA	WEST VIRGINIA
29	TEXAS.	NEW YORK.	NEBRASKA
30	WISCONSIN	LOUISIANA	WASHINGTON
31	CALIFORNIA.	MISSISSIPPI.	CONNECTICUT
32	MINNESOTA	PENNSYLVANIA	COLORADO.
33	OREGON.	VIRGINIA.	FLORIDA
34	KANSAS.	TENNESSEE	MAINE
35	WEST VIRGINIA.	OHIO.	OREGON
36	NEVADA	KENTUCKY.	SOUTH DAKOTA.
37	NEBRASKA	INDIANA	NORTH DAKOTA
38	COLORADO.	MAINE.	RHODE ISLAND.
39	NORTH DAKOTA.	SOUTH CAROLINA.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
40	SOUTH DAKOTA.	WEST VIRGINIA	MONTANA
41	MONTANA	MARYLAND.	UTAH
42	WASHINGTON.	VERMONT.	VERMONT.
43	IDAHO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEW MEXICO
44	WYOMING.	MASSACHUSETTS	IDAHO
45	UTAH	NEW JERSEY.	ARIZONA
46	OKLAHOMA	CONNECTICUT	DELAWARE
47	NEW MEXICO	DELAWARE.	WYOMING
48	ARIZONA.	RHODE ISLAND.	NEVADA

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Fig. 3.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	

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Fig. 1.

MASS.	CAL.	MINN.	ARK.	COL.	N.H.	WYO.
NEV.	UTAH	ME.	FLA.	S.C.	ALA	N.J.
O	TEX.	KY.	WIS.	N.Y.	MO.	PENN.
ILL.	N.D.	MICH.	N.C.	OKLA	DEL.	ARIZ.
IO	TENN.	VA	MISS.	IND.	KAN.	NEB.
R.I	M.D.	MONT.	LA	ID	GA.	N.MEX.
W.VA.	OREG.	VT.	CONN	WASH	S.D.	

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Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB L. KESNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Educational Games, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to produce an interesting game which shall at the same time have a high educational value.

The various features of novelty whereby my invention is characterized will hereinafter be pointed out with particularity in the claims; but, for a full understanding of my invention and of its object and advantages, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the game with the top cover of the box removed; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view or a top plan view with the blocks inverted; and Fig. 3 is a view of the inside of the cover.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents a box having a suitable cover, 2. Within the box are forty-eight square blocks, 3, lying side by side and completely filling the box except a single space, 4, of a size exactly equal to one of the blocks. If desired, the blank space may normally be filled with a blank block which forms no part of the game.

On the cover of the box are arranged several columns of inscriptions, each column containing the forty-eight States of the Union arranged in some definite order as, for example, the order in which the States were admitted to the Union, the order in which they stand according to size, and the order in which they stand according to population.

The forty-eight blocks may be numbered from 1 to 48. In playing the game, the blocks are arranged in any desired order, except consecutively, and are then shifted, without removing them from the box, so as to bring them in consecutive order. The blocks arranged in consecutive order correspond to the forty-eight States in the order of their admission to the Union. Then, without removing the blocks from the box, they are shifted about so as to bring them in order corresponding to the order in which the States are arranged with respect to size.

Thus the block 1, corresponding to the State of Delaware in the first column, must be shifted to take the place of the block 47 in order to aline the blocks to correspond with the second column and the block 46 when the blocks are arranged according to the third column.

On the rear side of the blocks are the names of the States so that, with the blocks arranged with the States following each other in any arbitrary order, as indicated in Fig. 2, the problem is to shift the blocks without removing them from the box so as to bring them into the order corresponding to any one of the columns on the cover or to bring them first into the order in which the States are placed in the first column, then shift them according to the second column and finally shift them according to the third column. This arrangement not only makes an attractive and interesting game but in the playing thereof various facts concerning the United States are inevitably taught to the player.

While I have illustrated and described with particularity only a single preferred form of my invention, I do not desire to be limited to the exact structural details thus illustrated and described; but intend to cover all forms and arrangements which come within the terms employed in the definitions of my invention constituting the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A game apparatus comprising a frame, forty-eight blocks of uniform size arranged in the frame and representing the forty-eight States of the Union, the frame being rectangular and of a size equal to the combined areas of the aforesaid forty-eight blocks and an additional block, and a series of tables containing the forty-eight States of the Union arranged in various different ways.

2. A game apparatus comprising a frame, forty-eight blocks of uniform size arranged in the frame and each bearing the name of one of the States of the Union, the frame being rectangular and of a size equal to the combined areas of the aforesaid forty-eight blocks and an additional block, and a series of tables containing the forty-eight States of the Union arranged in various different ways.

3. A game apparatus comprising a frame, forty-eight blocks of uniform size arranged in the frame and representing forty-eight States of the Union, the frame being rectangular and of a size equal to the combined areas of the aforesaid forty-eight blocks and an additional block, the blocks being numbered on corresponding faces from 1 to 48 and on other faces bearing the names of the forty-eight States of the Union.

4. A game apparatus comprising a frame, forty-eight blocks of uniform size arranged in the frame and representing forty-eight States of the Union, the frame being rectangular and of a size equal to the combined areas of the aforesaid forty-eight blocks and an additional block, the blocks being numbered on corresponding faces from 1 to 48 and on other faces bearing the names of the forty-eight States of the Union, and a series of tables containing the forty-eight States of the Union arranged in various ways.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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