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FIG. 1.

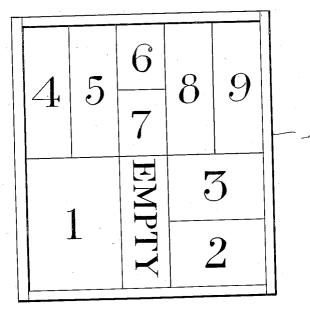


Fig. 2.

| 4 | 5' | 6' | 8' | 9' | — <u>A</u> |
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| 1' | | В | 3' 2' | | |

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To all whom it may concern:

a citizen of the United States, residing at New Brighton, S. I., in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Puzzles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to puzzles and the principal object is to produce a device of this nature which shall be cheap to manufacture, simple of construction, and highly

entertaining.

Another object is to produce a device of this nature in which the box shall be suit-15 ably marked to indicate the starting posi-

tion of the various pieces.

Another object is to produce a device of this kind in which the vacant space shall be provided with a filler of such size and shape 20 that it may be utilized in place of one of the other pieces, should such other piece be lost or mislaid.

With these and incidental objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel con-25 struction, combination and arrangement of parts, and particularly in the proportioning of parts, the essential features of all of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended 30 claim, and are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the box portion

of a puzzle.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the several pieces in place.

Like characters of reference refer to like

parts in both views.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A represents a box structure which is shown in Figure 1 as divided into a number of spaces by lines or grooves running parallel with the sides thereof. The spaces are marked respectively with the numerals 1 to 9 inclusive and with the word "empty." 45 For each of the spaces 1 to 9 there is provided a correspondingly shaped and sized block which in the drawings are numbered 1' this specification to differentiate between the spaces marked out on the box A and the blocks or men, but it is to be understood that when the device is manufactured, the blocks and spaces may be numbered alike so as to indicate the positions which the various size and shape as the other, the two together blocks should occupy when in normal posibeing of the same size and shape as said 119

tion. A filler B is used to cover the space Be it known that I, Wilbert A. Hutton, marked "empty" when the puzzle is not in citizen of the United States, residing at use, and in case of loss of one of the members 4', 5', 8' or 9' this block B may be substituted therefor as it is of the same size 60

and shape.

Referring more particularly to the detailed proportions of the various members, it is to be noted that there is only one large block 1' which covers approximately two-tenths of 65 the available area of the box bottom. The members 2' and 3' are together equal in area to the member 1' and may be generated therefrom by cutting the member I' in two in the direction of its minor axis. The mem- 70 bers 4', 5', 8', 9' and B may each be generated by cutting the member 1' in two in the direction of its major axis. The members 6 and 7 are generated by cutting one of the members 4', 5', 8' or 9' transversely 75 in the line of its minor axis.

The object of the puzzle is that when the member B is removed, the operator should so shift the various blocks without removing the same from the box, that the members 1' and 2' and 3' will change places. This is accomplished by the accompanying

series of movements:

Move 1' to right; move 4' down; move 5' to left; move 7' to left and up beside 6'; 85 move 1' up; move 2' to left; move 3 down; move 8' and 9' down; move 6' and 7' to right; move 1' up; move 2' up; move 3' to left; move 8' and 9' down; move 6' down and left under 7'; move 9' up move 8' to 90 right; move 6' and 7' down; move 9' to left; move 8' up; move 7' to right and down begind 6'; move 9' up; move 9' to right and down begind 6'; move 9' to right and down begind 6'; move 9' up; move 9' up; move 9' up; move 9' to left; side 6': move 2' to right; move 3' up; move 6' and 7' to left; move 2' down; move 3' to right; move 7' up and left over 6'; move 2' 95 and 3' to left; move 8' down; move 9' to right, move 1' to right; move 7' and 6' up; move 4' to right; move 5' down; move 6' to left and up beside 7'; move 5' and 4' up; move 2' to left; move 3' down; move 1' 100 down; move 6' and 7' to right; move 5' and 4' up; move 2' up; move 3' to left; to 9' inclusive. The primes are utilized in move 1' down; move 7' down and left under. 6'; move 9' left; move 8' up; move 1' right. What is claimed as new is:—

A puzzle comprising a square box; a large block movable therein; a group of two blocks movable in said box and each of the same

large block; a group of four blocks movable in said box and each of the same size and shape as the others and different from the blocks of the first said group, and each having one-half the area of the said large block; and two small blocks each having one half the area of any of the blocks of the WILBERT A. HUTTON.