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GAME OR PUZZLE

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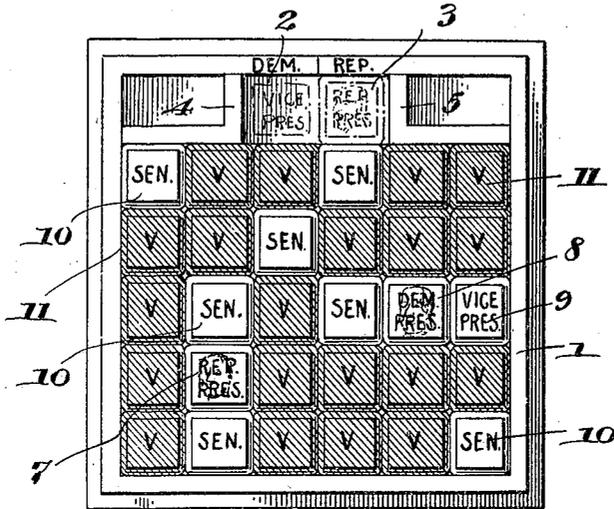*Fig.1.*

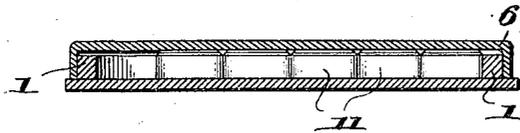
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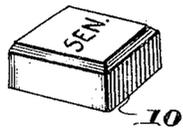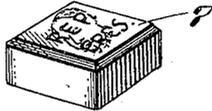

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The object of the present invention is the provision of a puzzle or game of the class employing movable blocks which may well be designated a "presidential puzzle" because the purpose is to so manipulate the blocks that those blocks representing the presidential and vice-presidential candidates of a given party, for instance, the Republican Party, or, the Democratic Party, may be eventually arranged side by side in blank spaces which are utilized for the shifting of the blocks.

The puzzle or game comprises movable blocks or pieces bearing indicia representing the presidential candidates of the opposing parties, another block bearing indicia representing the vice-president, a plurality of blocks representing senators and another series of blocks representing citizens or voters.

Without intending to limit to any given number of blocks, the game may conveniently comprise, in addition to the blocks representing the presidential candidates, and the vice-presidential candidate, seven senators, and twenty citizens or voters, a total of thirty blocks. The blocks are contained within a box or tray having two unoccupied spaces equivalent to the areas which will accommodate two of the blocks. All of the blocks are of the same shape and size.

The purpose of the puzzle or game and the manner in which it is played are set forth in the annexed specification and the novel features are recited in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1, is a plan view of the blocks in the holder or tray, the cover of which has been removed, dotted lines showing the presidential and vice-presidential blocks in the two extra spaces, representing the solved condition of the puzzle;

Fig. 2, is a cross section through Fig. 1, showing the cover in position;

Fig. 3, is a detail view of one of the senatorial blocks; and

Fig. 4, is a detail view of one of the presidential blocks.

The blocks are contained within any suitable holder or tray 1 whose interior is of rectangular shape and which is of such size that it will hold all of the blocks and also provide two extra spaces 2, 3, each adapted to accommodate a single block. These spaces may be provided in any manner but I have shown them as defined by the partitions or inserts 4 and 5 constituting a part of the tray 1 and, it will be observed, that said extra spaces are at one side of the main space or compartment which contains all of the blocks.

In Fig. 1, dotted lines represent selected presidential and vice-presidential blocks in the compartments or spaces 2, 3, which is the solved condition of the puzzle, but it will be understood that when these blocks are in the compartments 2 and 3, there are two open spaces in the tray.

To enclose the blocks and retain them in the tray, there is provided a cover 6 which fits around the top of the tray.

It is not essential that blocks to the number of those illustrated be used as a lesser, or greater number may be employed.

As shown, thirty blocks are provided. Of this number there is a block 7 representing the presidental candidate of one of the parties, for instance the Republican Party, another block 8 representing the other presidential candidate, for instance representing the Democratic Party, and there is a single vice-presidential block 9. These blocks may bear any suitable indicia indicating what they represent. Preferably, they will bear portraits of the leading presidental candidates and also such suitable abbreviations as "Rep. Pres." on the block 7 and "Dem. Pres." on the block 8. The block 9 may simply have the designation "Vice-Pres."

There are seven blocks 10 which represent senators. These may bear suitable indicia such as "Sen."

There are twenty blocks 11 bearing indicia showing that they represent citizens or voters, for instance, these blocks will bear the letter "V".

The blocks 7, 8, 9, and 10 are of one color, for instance white, whereas blocks 11 are of a contrasting color, for instance, green.

The two spaces 2 and 3 are designated with the names of the political parties, for instance the space 2 is designated "Dem.", and the space 3 is designated "Rep."

The blocks having been placed in an indiscriminate position in the tray 1, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1, a presidential candidate is chosen. The game is then played in the following manner.

If the Republican candidate represented by the block 7 is chosen, the object of the game is to finally locate this block 7 in the space 3 and the block 9 in the space 2. If a

Democratic candidate is chosen, the block 8 must be located in the space 2 and the block 9 in the space 3 when the game is solved. No candidate move may be followed by moving another candidate, or a vice-presidental block or a senatorial block. One of the citizen or voter blocks 11 must be used to make every second or alternate move. Two voter blocks 11 may not be moved in succession. In brief, in solving the puzzle, blocks of contrasting colors, for instance a white block and then a green block and next a white block and then a green block must be moved. The extra spaces 2 and 3 are utilized to enable the blocks to be moved.

What I claim is:

1. A puzzle or game comprising a plurality of blocks or pieces of the same size and shape adapted for relative shifting, of which two, respectively, having indicia representing opposing candidates for office, another block having indicia representing an officer who is intended to become associated with either of the aforesaid candidates, the remaining blocks comprising two sets marked to represent two distinct classes controlling the selection of the candidates, and a container for holding said blocks in edge to edge relationship, said container being provided with an unoccupied space substantially equivalent in area to the combined areas of a candidate block and an officer block, whereby provision is made for shifting the blocks, and for the accommodation of the two last-named blocks.

2. A group of blocks of the same size and shape adapted for playing a "presidential" game or puzzle, comprising blocks representing opposing candidates for the Presidency, a block representing a Vice-President, which is adapted to be arranged alongside either candidate block, blocks representing Senators, and blocks representing voters, and a tray for accommodating all of said blocks in edge-to-edge arrangement for relative shifting, the area of which is greater by the area of two of said blocks than the aggregate of the areas of all of the blocks.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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