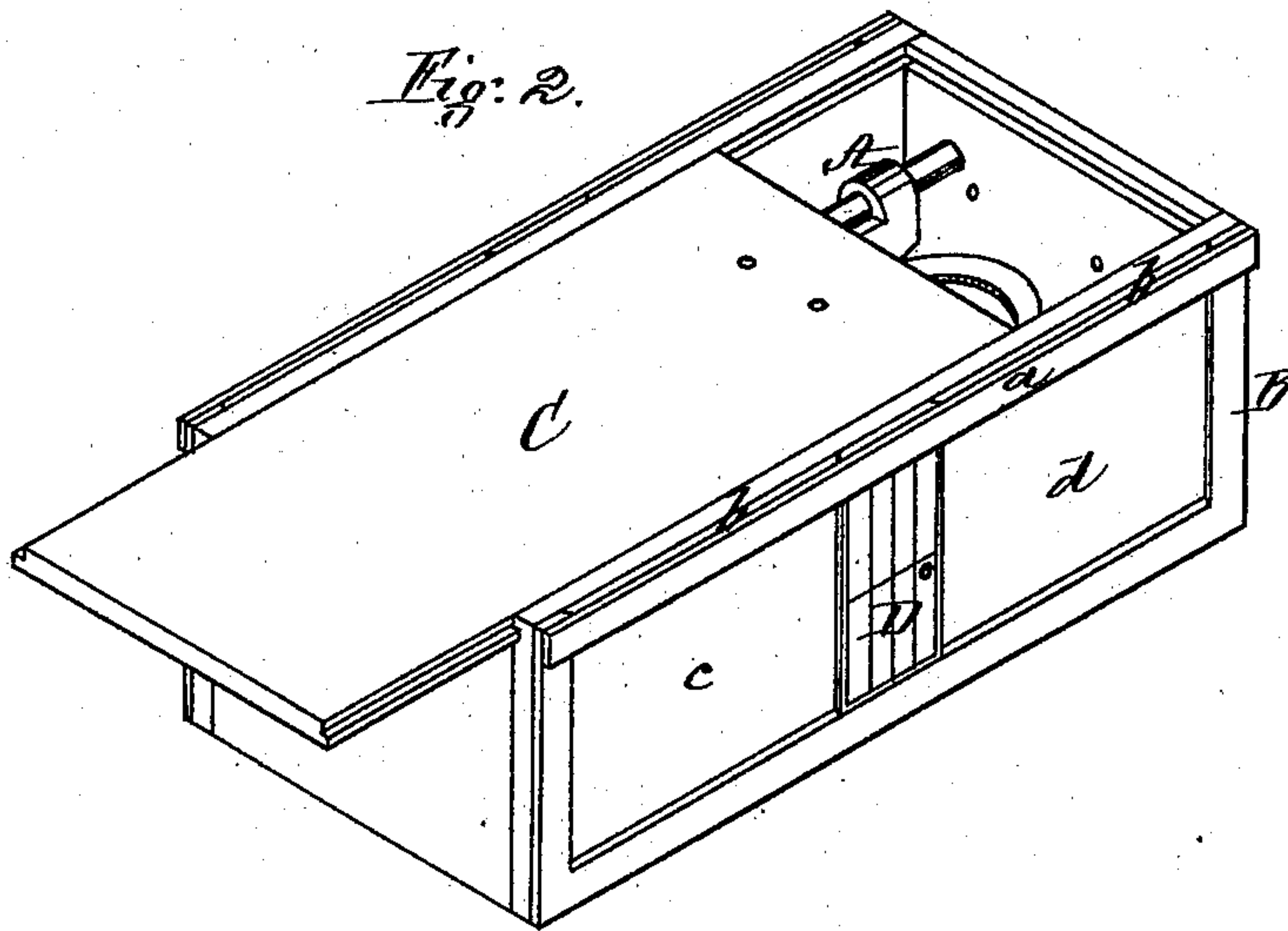
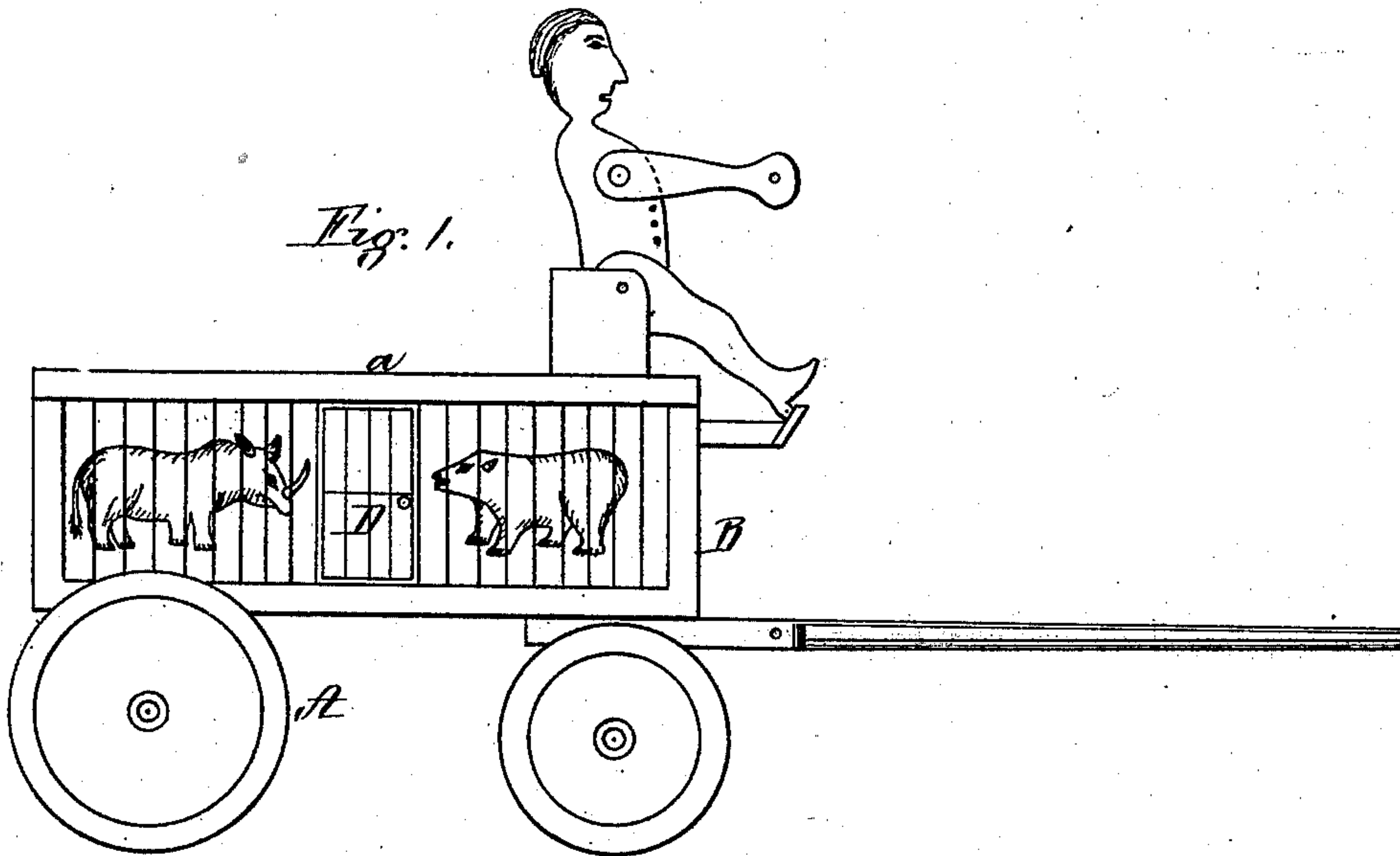


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. REED, of Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Toy Exhibition Wagon or Car, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved toy wagon, having removable pictures of animals exhibited upon its sides and the figure of a driver on its top. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with the removable pictures, figure of the driver, and running-gear of the wagon inside its body, which serves as a packing-box therefor.

My invention consists in a toy wagon or car the body of which is provided with a cover, and serves as a receptacle for containing a series of cards or tablets bearing pictures or figures of animals or other objects, which are intended to be successively exhibited upon the sides of the body or through apertures therein, the body also serving as a receptacle for the figure of the driver or others on the top of the wagon or car, and also for receiving the running-gear thereof, if desired, the whole serving as a means of combined pleasure and instruction for children.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A represents the running-gear, B the body of a toy-wagon, and C its sliding cover.

Across the outside of the upper edge of the body is a narrow strip or cleat, *a*, so attached thereto as to form a narrow slit or aperture, *b*, on each side of the top of the grated door D, two panels, *c d*, being formed as shown, within which are intended to be placed, successively, a series of picture-cards having representations of animals and other figures or objects thereon, to be exhibited for the instruction and pleasure of children.

The removable cards may have the alphabet or spelling lessons thereon, and when one is removed another may be substituted therefor; and when the toy wagon or car is not in use the several cards are packed away within the interior of the body and the sliding cover closed thereover, a box or receptacle being thus formed therefor, the cards and wagon being always at hand when desired for use.

Upon the top of the cover is placed the figure of the driver, which is also made removable, so as to pack within the body or receptacle other figures. For instance, those representing the members of a musical band may be placed in position by means of pins and apertures upon the top or cover of the body, and be removed and stowed away therein.

The wheels, axles, tongue or pole, and dashboard are also so constructed as to admit of instant removal, and may be stowed away within the body or receptacle, if desired.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the setting up and taking apart of the several portions of the wagon and the placing for exhibition and removing of the picture or object cards from the sides and figures from the top and packing them within the body or receptacle discipline the mind of the child, and are not only amusing but instructive.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The within-described toy exhibition wagon or car, having a body, B, provided on its sides or top with cleats, apertures, dowel-pins, or other suitable means for supporting and holding in view figures or pictures of animals or other objects, which, when not in use, can be inclosed within the body B, provided with a cover, C, substantially as and for the purpose described.

Witness my hand this 22d day of March, 1878.

WILLIAM S. REED.

In presence of—

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