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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID BLOCK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toys, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an improvement in toy trundles which will add instruction to amusement, and thus increase the interest and pleasure of children playing with the same.

The invention consists in a hoop or trundle having letters or figures raised or depressed upon its surface, and provided with a suitable handle, by which it may be rolled in contact with sand, loose earth, or snow, to legibly impress in its path the figures or letters of the said trundle.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of my improved toy trundle, showing at a glance the construction and operation of the same.

A is the hoop or trundle. This is preferably made out of a band of sheet metal strengthened by a bead at each edge, as shown in the drawing. Upon the surface of the trundle are raised, by a suitable stamp or press, the letters of the alphabet, so that when the trundle is rolled upon sand or snow, (or anything else suitable for the purpose,) and in rolling is pressed sufficiently against the surface upon which it is rolled, the letters will be impressed in a row in the path of the wheel or trundle.

Diametrically across the hoop A, at opposite edges thereof, are secured bars *a*, by which,

and by holes and a pin through the center of the said hoop and bars, it is attached to and mounted to revolve in the fork end *b* of the usual handle B, by which similar toys are operated.

Instead of the letters of the alphabet, other figures—such as outlines of animals, houses, &c.—may be formed upon the hoop, and hoops made in sets, each having a different design, may be exchanged and replaced one for another upon the same handle by simply removing the pin or bolt *c*, in order to detach one hoop or trundle, and inserting it again for the attachment of another.

The figures on the surface of the band A are preferably raised figures, so as to form a deep impression in the path of the wheel or band, while the face of the wheel adjacent to the figures smooths the path adjacent to the said depressions.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A toy trundle consisting of a band or wheel, A, having letters or figures upon its surface, and adapted to be attached to a handle, B, for imprinting the said figures in the path of the said wheel, by the rolling of the latter, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 6th day of June, 1884.

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