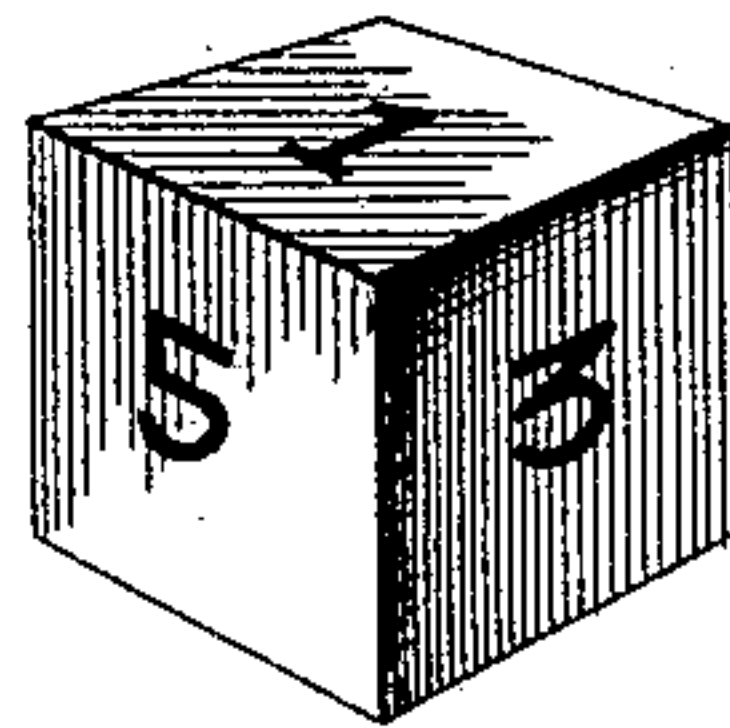
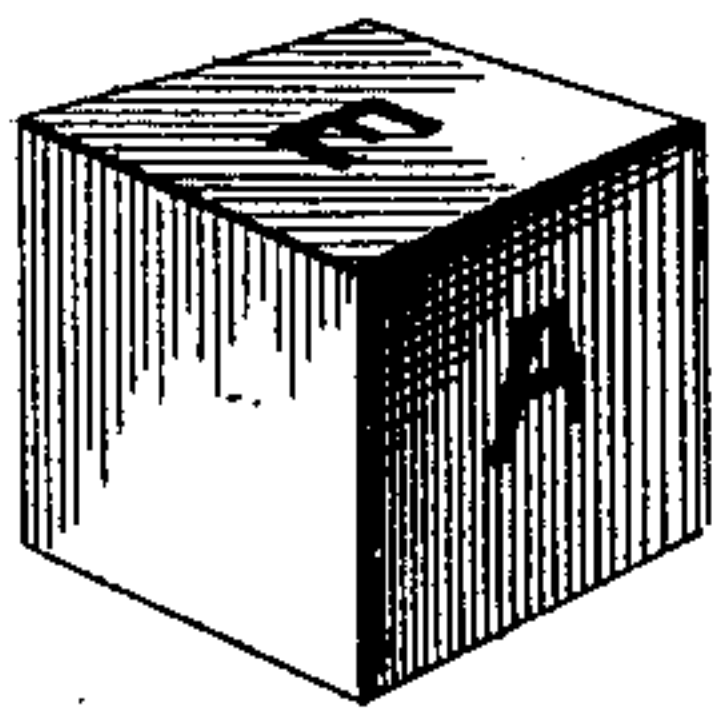
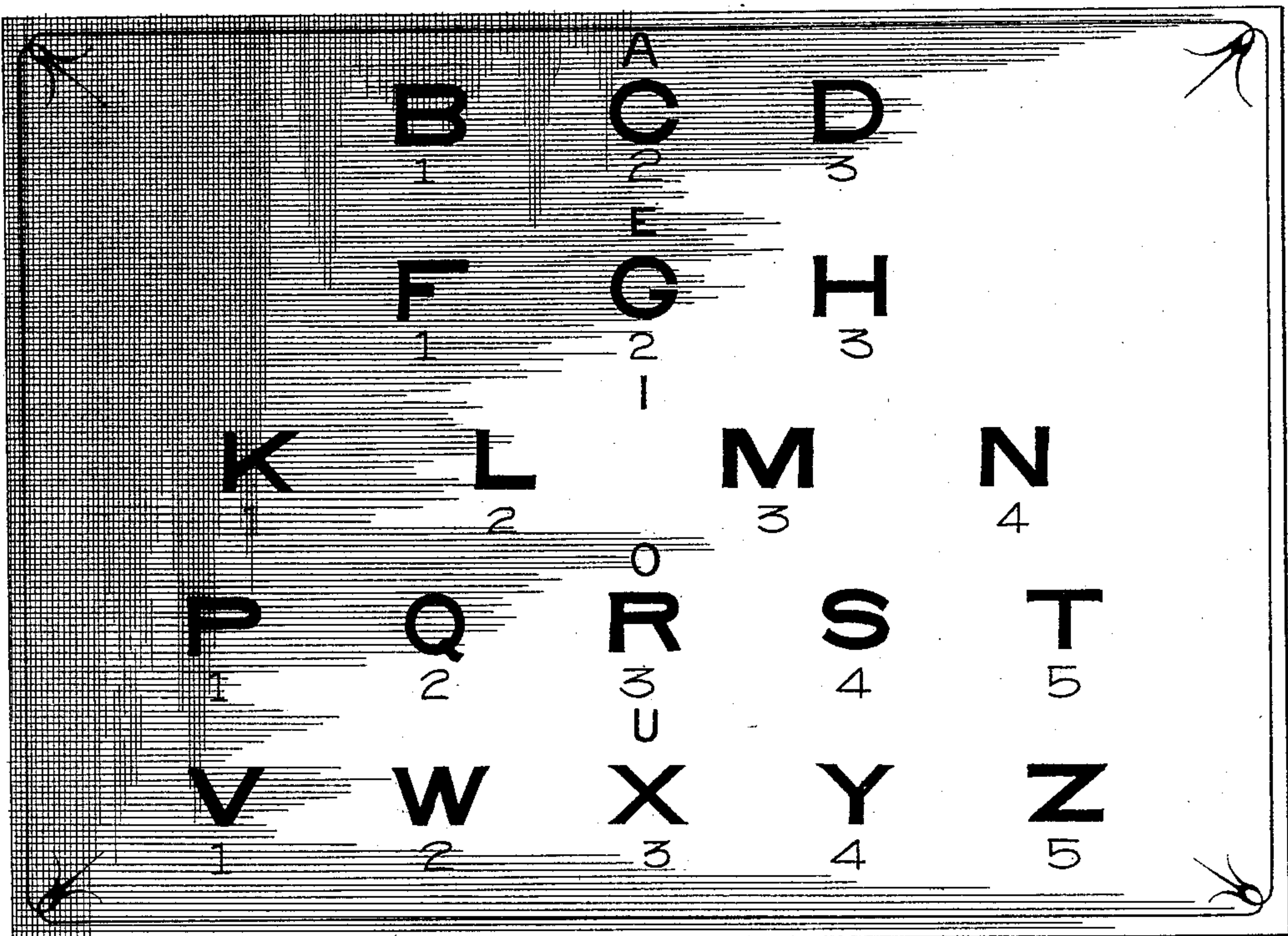
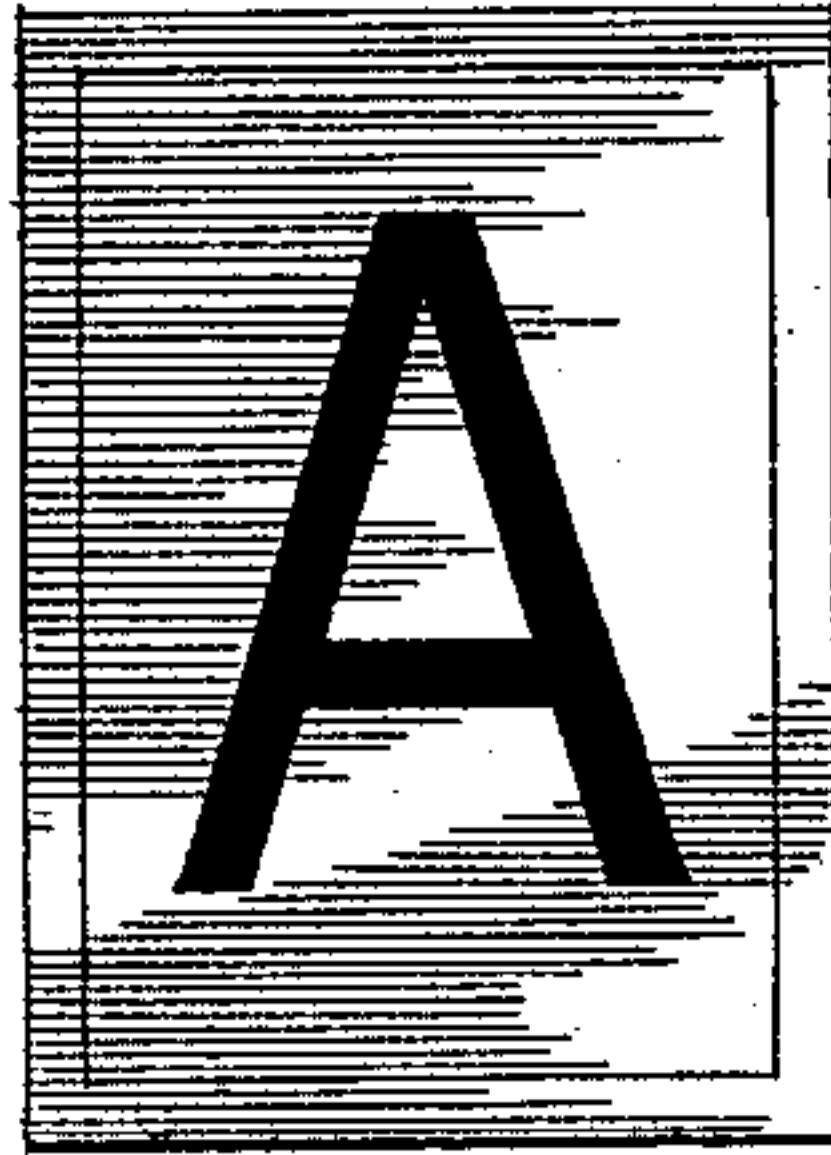


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC HUFF, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Mainz, in the Duchy of Hesse and German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Games; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to games.

The object of the invention is to produce a game apparatus whereby a new and useful game for amusement and as a means for familiarizing little children and illiterate persons with the alphabet and its combinations in words and sentences may be played.

With this object in view the invention consists in a game apparatus comprising a series of blocks, chips, slips, or the like bearing upon their faces the letters of the alphabet, and two cubic dice, one die being marked on each of five sides with one of the vowels of the alphabet, the sixth side being blank, the other die having on five sides one of the numbers from 1 to 5, and one side being blank, and a board or table, chart, or the like on which are marked or arranged in five sections or divisions, each section being indicated by a vowel, the consonants of the alphabet, the letters of each section or division being designated by one of the numbers from 1 to 5.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents one of the blocks or slips forming part of the apparatus. Fig. 2 represents the arrangement of the consonants in sections or divisions in accordance with my invention. Fig. 3 represents the die bearing the vowels, and Fig. 4 represents the die bearing the numbers.

The game to be played by my apparatus is conducted as follows: First, a word or sentence—such, for instance, as the word "Washington"—is made up by arranging suitable blocks bearing the letters of the alphabet in proper position forming the word. Then each player in turn casts the die marked with the vowels and the side up will indicate one of these. Next the numbered die is cast, the number to which the thrower is entitled being indicated by the one on the upper face of the die. The vowel cast refers to the row, section, or division of consonants under the corresponding vowel on the board, and the

figure cast indicates the particular consonant thus marked in the row, section, or division designated by the throw of dice bearing the vowel. Thus, for instance, if in accordance with the board as herein illustrated the vowel E be thrown with one die and the number 3 with the other, it means that a letter under the section marked E and that the particular letter numbered 3 is meant.

In case of the row, section, or division indicated by the vowels such as A, E, or I, which have only a series of three or four consonants under them, should four or five be cast by the numbered die, then 4 would read the same as 1, thus indicating the letter B in the case of division A, and 5 the second, thus indicating the letter C. If a vowel and a blank are thrown, then the vowel itself is meant.

For each letter indicated by the dice thrown the player is entitled to take from the word or sentence set up a corresponding letter, and the player having the most letters after the word or sentence is exhausted is the winner.

If both dice are thrown blank, then the player throwing them has won the whole of the word or sentence and the game against all the other players. If the blank side of a vowel-die is thrown, then this does not count and a new throw is made.

Much amusement will be afforded to set up letters and words in accordance with the dice thrown as indicated.

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

A game apparatus comprising a series of blocks, chips, slips, or the like bearing upon their faces the letters of the alphabet, two of the usual cubic dice, one being marked on each of five sides with one of the vowels of the alphabet, the sixth side being blank, the other die having on each of five sides one of the numbers from 1 to 5, one side being blank, and a board or table on which are marked or arranged in five sections, each section being indicated by a vowel, the consonants of the alphabet, the letters of each section being designated by one of the numbers from 1 to 5, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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