

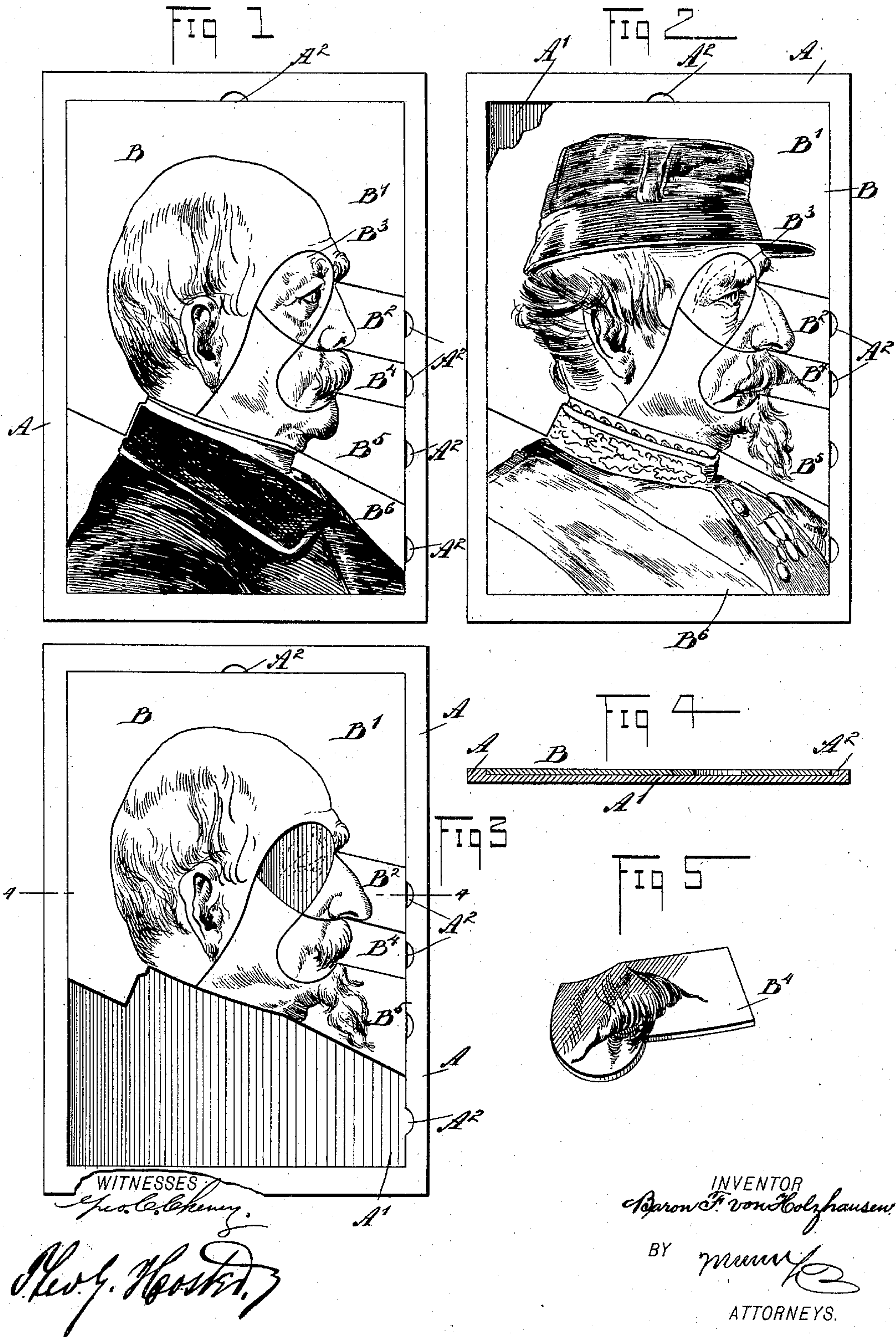
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRIEDRICH VON HOLZHAUSEN, of Graz, Styria, Austria-Hungary, have invented a new and Improved Game Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved game apparatus arranged to afford considerable amusement and to enable a player to form from the portraits of well-known persons object lessons in character studies.

The invention consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a face view of one of the portraits. Fig. 2 is a similar view of another of the portraits with parts broken out. Fig. 3 is a like view of the same with some of the body parts removed and others interchanged. Fig. 4 is a sectional plan view of the same on the line 4 4 in Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the removed parts.

The improved game apparatus consists of a series of trays A, each adapted to receive in its depression A' a portrait B, made of cardboard or other stiff material and cut into various parts B' B<sup>2</sup> B<sup>3</sup> B<sup>4</sup> B<sup>5</sup> B<sup>6</sup>, the several parts in the various portraits being alike in shape, so that they can be readily interchanged from one portrait to another.

In order to permit a convenient removal of the pieces from the trays, I provide the trays with cut-out portions A<sup>2</sup> to allow the player to conveniently take hold of one of the said pieces and remove it from the tray.

As shown, for instance, in Fig. 1, the portrait represents Bismarck, while that shown in Fig. 2 represents Napoleon III. Now the player by removing the piece B<sup>4</sup> of the portrait shown in Fig. 2 and inserting in place thereof the piece B<sup>4</sup> of the portrait shown in Fig. 1 will form a character study, as indicated in Fig. 3, and by removing the neck and body portion B<sup>6</sup> of the portrait shown in

Fig. 2 and inserting in lieu thereof, for instance, the neck and body portion B<sup>6</sup> shown in Fig. 1 still another character study is obtained.

It is expressly understood that the corresponding parts of the portraits are exactly alike in configuration to permit a ready interchange from one portrait to another, the principal characteristics being a separable nose-piece, mouthpiece, chin-and-cheek piece, eyepiece, head-piece, and body-piece; but I do not limit myself to the special lines and pieces shown, as the same may be varied for accomplishing the same result.

I also do not limit myself to portraits only, as other representations may be treated in a similar manner. In each case, however, the outline of the tray and of the sectional block to be received therein does not coincide with the outline of the portrait or other picture, and the lines of division between adjacent pieces extend from the outline of the block to the outline of the picture and then into the picture, each of said division-lines forming an angle where it meets the outline of the picture. The outer portion of each division-line between the outline of the picture and the outline of the block is preferably straight.

It is evident from the foregoing that the game apparatus will afford considerable amusement to a player and enable him to produce an endless variety of object lessons in character studies.

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

A game apparatus, comprising a series of trays, and portraits made in separable pieces, and adapted to fit into the depressions in the said trays, the separable pieces of the various portraits being alike in shape, to permit of interchanging the pieces of the various portraits, the said pieces being removable from the trays by having the sides of the trays formed with cut-out portions, as set forth.

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