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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. CRANDALL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement 5 in Toys; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in toys; and the invention consists in a toy obelisk composed of hollow sections, the top and bottom of each section being open and their sides embellished with letters of the 15 alphabet, numerals, and hieroglyphics.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my toy, showing sections built up into obelisk; Fig. 2, a plan view of same nested; Fig. 3, a cross-section 20 taken in the line x x, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts

in the several figures.

This toy is intended to combine amusement with instruction, and is composed of a series 25 of sections, A, each section having the form of a pyramidal frustum with their tops and bottoms opened, and so proportioned with relation to each other as to form an obelisk, B, when one section is placed on top of the other, 30 the edges of these sections when so placed being contiguous to and coinciding with the edges of the sections immediately in contact with them.

Onto one side of each section is painted or 35 otherwise fixed the capital letters, a, of the alphabet. Onto another side is, in like manner, fixed the small letters of the alphabet, on a third side numerals, and on the fourth side

Egyptian hieroglyphics, so that when one section is placed upon another in regular order 40 an exact representation of an Egyptian obelisk is formed, which is terminated at its top by a

pyramidal block, b.

The child, in arranging the several sections, soon learns the order or proper arrangement 45 of the letters of the alphabet, and is made familiar with their characters, is taught his numbers and their proper order, and at the same time is amused at the hieroglyphics and gratified by the result of his construction. If 50 desired, the upper edges of each section may have small dowel-pins inserted in its edges, which will tend to keep the several sections in place.

When it is intended to take down the obe- 55 lisk each section is lifted from the other, and, beginning from the top, the upper section is placed in the one next below it, and so on until all the sections are received in the lowermost one, as is shown in Fig. 3.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is-

1. A toy obelisk composed of sections fitted together edge to edge, each section provided 65 with letters of the alphabet, numerals, and hieroglyphics, substantially as is shown and described.

2. In a toy obelisk composed of sections, the several sections having dowel-pins, as and for 70 the purpose described.

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