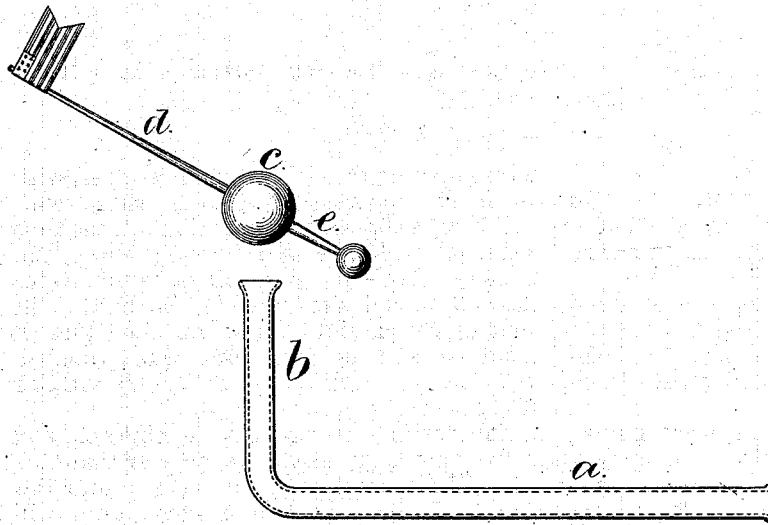


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOYS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER FRITZ, of the city and State of New York, have invented a Toy, of which the following is a specification:

In fountains there have been balls upon which the jet has acted to raise and sustain such balls, and conical baskets have been employed to catch such balls and return them over the jet when they fall.

My toy is operated in a somewhat similar manner by the action of air. I employ a tube with a vertical arm and flaring end, through which atmospheric air is blown from the mouth, and the ball is a hollow glass globe, with a spear or point projecting from one side. There may also be a second spear projecting from the other side.

A ball of wax may be applied at the end of the spears to act as a weight and lessen concussion in falling. There may also be a flag on the end of one or both spears.

In the drawing this toy is shown by an elevation as in use.

The tube *a* is adapted to be received in the mouth, and the vertical and flaring end *b* re-

ceives upon it the ball *c* of hollow glass, with one or two spears, *d e*, projecting therefrom.

When the breath is blown through the tube *a* the ball will be raised from the end *b*, and the spear *d* or *e*, or both, will serve to balance the ball in such a manner that the ball can be kept up easier and for a longer time than it could be without them, and when the ball falls the spear striking first lessens the risk of breakage.

This toy is very amusing to children, and if two spears are used, one heavier than the other, the lightest one can be run into the tube, and when the ball is blown up it will turn over and the other spear can be caught in the tube.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with a tube, *a b*, the glass globe *c*, having spears *d e*, substantially as described.

Signed by me this 2d day of June, A. D. 1876.

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