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Fig. 1.

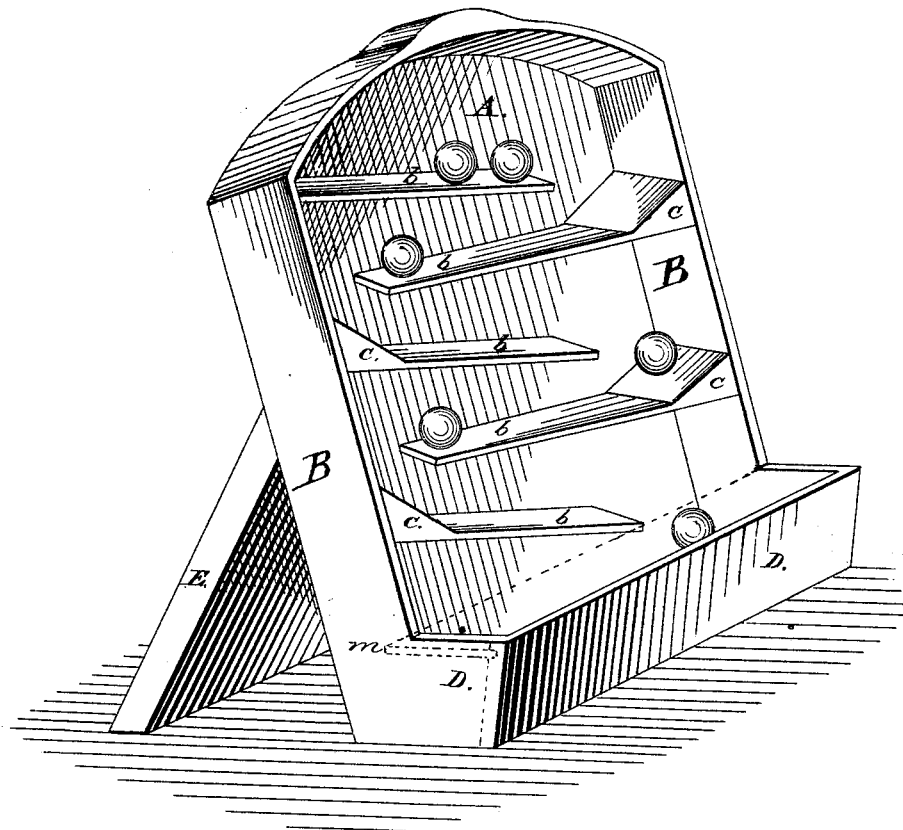
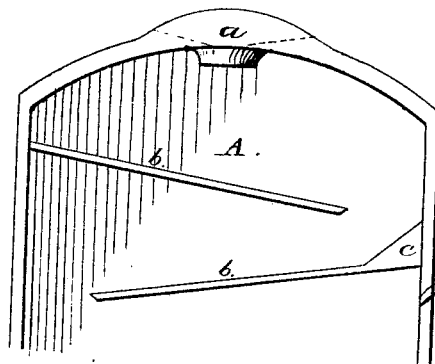


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOYS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELI PERRY HASBROUCK, of Syracuse, New York, have invented a Toy for the amusement of children, which I have named the "Marble Runaway," fully described herein.

The invention consists of an upright background, constructed to rest in a slightly-inclined position, and having several inclines, arranged one above another, that extend nearly across it, so that when a marble or glass ball touches the top incline, it will run down all the inclines and fall into a trough at the bottom.

The drawing represents the toy in perspective, Figure 2 showing merely the aperture at the top, through which to drop the balls.

The upright portion A is slightly inclined and supported by the prop E, which may be hinged, so as to vary the inclination. Its top and sides are surrounded by a border of the width of the inclines. The border gives them the appearance of sitting in a recess. The whole portion should be ornamented to give it an attractive appearance.

The downward inclines *b* are arranged one above another in any desired number. They have triangular stops *c* at the end where they are secured to the border, which assist in giv-

ing momentum to the balls in the new direction. The inclines might be grooved, if necessary.

The balls are dropped through the aperture *a*, and they run down each incline successively until they drop into the box D, where they may be covered up by a lid, *m*, which slides in grooves over the top of the box.

The placing of several marbles on the runaway at once to chase each other into the box will be a source of great delight to the little ones.

I make no claim, broadly, to the inclines, as they are shown in the patent granted to S. Patterson, August 1, 1871.

I claim—

A toy consisting of the inclined back board A, frame B, having opening *a* at top and receptacle D at bottom, provided with lid *m*, inclines *b c*, and support E, all constructed and arranged to operate in connection with a ball, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name in presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, New York.

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