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Toy Ark.

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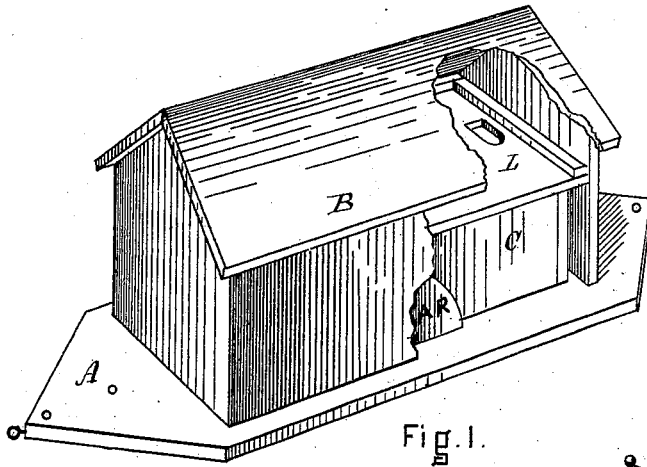


Fig. 1.

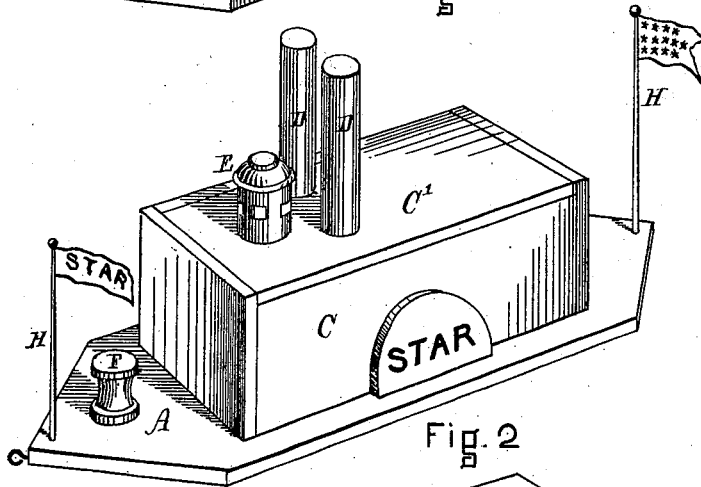


Fig. 2.

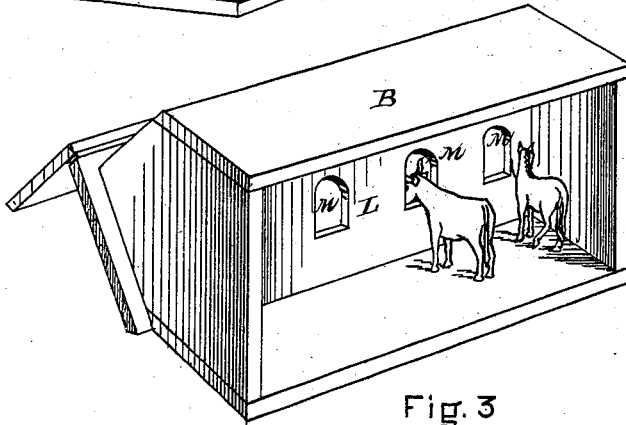


Fig. 3.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOY ARKS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. IRELAND, of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Arks, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to a toy known as "Noah's ark;" and consists in making the same essentially in two parts—the lower part representing a steamboat, while the upper part, which fits over so as to contain the lower part, is made in the form of a house having an upper story, in which the images may be stowed. The floor of the said second story has openings in it so shaped and placed that when the house is laid on its side this floor becomes a partition to represent a manger in a stable.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my entire invention, a part of the house being represented as broken out. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the lower part, representing a steamboat. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the upper or house part turned on its side to represent a stable.

A represents what may be called the "deck" of the ark, upon which is built a cabin, C, Fig. 2. This cabin C is made with a lid, C', which may open for convenience in stowing the chimneys D D, the pilot-house E, capstan

F, and flags H H, as well as any other parts of the toy steamboat.

The house part B fits over and closes the upper works of the steamer, as shown in Fig. 1. This may be made in any desired style, and is provided with a floor, L, which is so placed that when the house is in position it will be just above the top of the cabin C C', and is perforated, as shown at M M M, (see Fig. 3,) so that when the house is turned on its side it may represent a stable, as shown at Fig. 3. One side of the roof is hinged, so as to open, the upper part of the house serving as a receptacle for receiving the images.

If desirable, the lower part A may be provided with wheels or rollers.

I claim as my invention—

1. A combination toy consisting of the parts A C C', and forming a mimic steamboat, with the part B L K forming a mimic stable, all substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with the toy ark, the partition-floor L, provided with openings M M M, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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