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S. LYMAN.

Letter, or Toy Building-Blocks.

No. 8,466.

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Fig. 1.

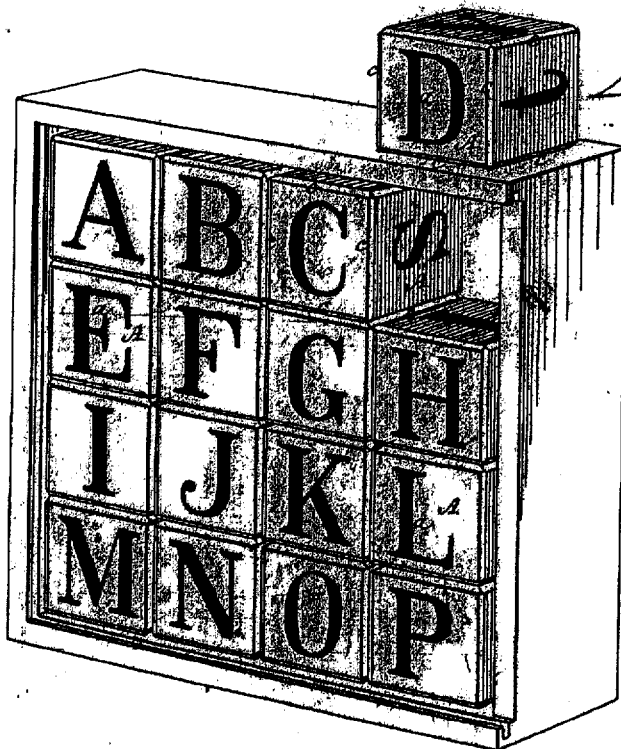
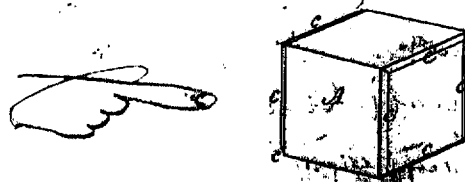


Fig. 2.



*S. Lyman, design for letter or toy building blocks.*

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## DESIGN FOR LETTER OR TOY BUILDING-BLOCKS.

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[Term of Patent 14 years.]

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SEYMOUR LYMAN, of Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented or produced a new, useful, and original Design for the Shape or Configuration of Children's Letter or Building Blocks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents, in perspective, a box or nest of lettered blocks, one of the blocks being removed from the box or nest and placed on top thereof, to show some of the sides of such blocks, otherwise concealed. Fig. 2 represents, in perspective, an unlettered block, having its ends beveled, cornered, or "arrisid."

The nature of my design is fully represented in the drawing, to which reference is particularly made; and it consists in dressing off the corners of the blocks, and coloring them of a different shade from that of the face, so that when piled up they shall resemble at their joints the pointing of bricks, or an arris-joint, as it is termed.

In Fig. 1, I have represented the blocks *A* as having their faces covered with letters *a*, large and small, and they may be in colors to suit the taste or fancy of the maker or user. The corners *c* of the blocks are dressed off, as seen, and these beveled or "arrisid" corners

are of a different color from the faces of the blocks, so as to more closely resemble the pointing of bricks, or the joints of a stone structure.

I prefer to cover the faces of the blocks with letters or pictures, as thus they are capable of instruction, as well as of amusement, to children; and also to "corner" or bevel all of the edges of the rectangular blocks. But, as shown in Fig. 2, the blocks may be plain and the ends, which would show in being built up, beveled or arrisid, to represent pointing, mortar, or joints.

I am aware that long blocks of octagonal form in cross-section, provided on one side with a longitudinal rib or tongue, and on the opposite side with a corresponding groove or recess, have been made. I lay no claim to any such blocks.

What I claim as my invention is—

A design for letter or building blocks of cubical form, in which the corners are beveled or dressed off, and colored of a different shade from that of the face, so that when built up the joint shall resemble those of brick or stone work, substantially in the manner described and represented.

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