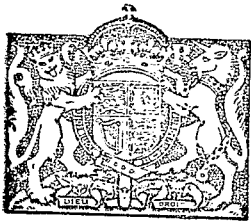


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A Supporting Board for Toy Soldiers and the like Toys.

We, **FREDERICK CHARLES PRYKE**, a British subject, and **BRITAINS LIMITED**, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain & Ireland, both of Lambton Road, Hornsey Rise, London, N.19, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

The invention relates to supporting boards for toys representing objects of various kinds in miniature, such as toy soldiers, animals, farm yard objects and other things made of cast or pressed metal or other materials, such toys having thin edged bases or flanges for their supports, or thin projecting parts such as the legs of a toy horse or other animal, the board serving to hold a plurality of the said articles in a row or rows, and preferably obliquely, for the purposes of display, or in some cases for holding them while in use, or for conveniently confining them in packages or boxes.

According to the invention the board comprises a stiff bottom strip or sheet and a slotted stiff upper strip or sheet attached thereon at intervals, the slots of the upper strip or sheet being closed at the ends and being for the most part of their length narrower than the bases to the toys and having wider portions or enlargements at one end or intermediate of their ends, larger than the said bases so that the bases or projecting parts aforesaid of the toys may be freely placed in the said enlargements and then be slid longitudinally into the narrower part or parts of the slots so as to be frictionally held there between the adjacent surfaces of the strips or sheets. The slots are preferably set obliquely to the general line of the row of slots across the board. There may be more than one row of slots across the board.

Where the enlargements are intermediate of the ends of the slots, the toys can be inserted to stand in two rows in each row of slots according as they are pushed to the rearward or forward ends of the slots.

In a modified form of construction, a third sheet with slots wider than the toy

bases is interposed between the bottom and upper sheets.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan and Fig. 2 a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, of a board formed of two layers. Fig. 3 is a plan and Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3 of a board formed of three layers.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, A represents the bottom sheet or strip, B the top sheet or strip, C the slots cut in the latter and D openings in the slots C which are larger than the bases of the articles to be supported. The bases of the articles can be freely placed in the openings D and then slid longitudinally into the narrower part or either of the narrower parts of the slots C and be frictionally held there between the adjacent surfaces of the strips or sheets.

In the modified form of construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4, A represents the bottom sheet, B the top sheet and E an intermediate sheet. The top sheet is provided with the slots C and openings D as in the former construction but the intermediate sheet is provided with slots F wider than the toy bases. The bases of the articles will then slip into the wide slots F of the intermediate sheet, when inserted through the openings D and slid longitudinally as aforesaid.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A supporting board for toy soldiers and other toys having thin edged bases or thin projecting parts such as the legs of a toy horse, consisting of a stiff bottom strip or sheet and a slotted stiff upper strip or sheet attached thereon at intervals, with a plurality of close-ended slots in the upper strip or sheet the several slots having wider portions or enlargements larger than the aforesaid bases so that the bases or projecting parts aforesaid may be freely placed in the said enlargements and then slid longitudinally into the narrow parts of the slots so as to be frictionally held there between the adjacent

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surfaces of the strips or sheets.

2. A board as in claim 1 in which the said enlargements are at the ends of the slots.

5 3. A board as in claim 1 in which the said enlargements are intermediate of the ends of the slots.

10 4. A supporting board as in claim 1, 2 or 3 comprising also a third sheet with slots wider than the toy bases interposed between the bottom and upper sheets.

5. A supporting board as in any of the preceding claims in which the slots are set obliquely as hereinbefore described.

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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

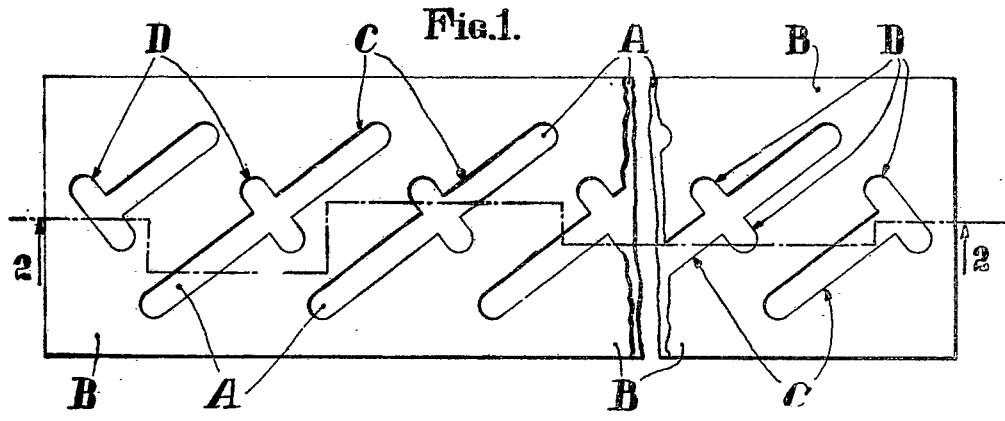


Fig. 1.

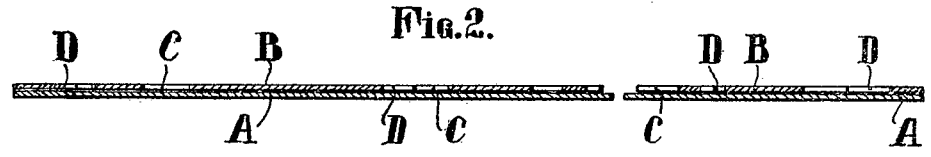


Fig. 2.

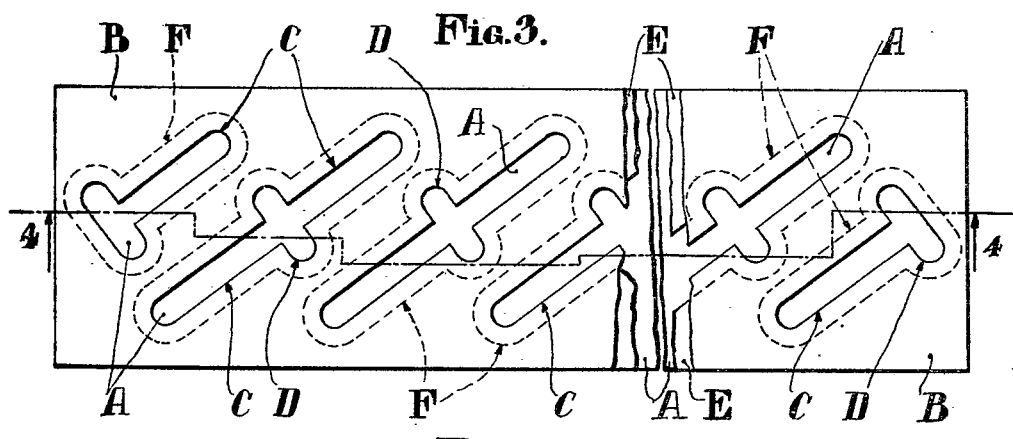


Fig. 3.

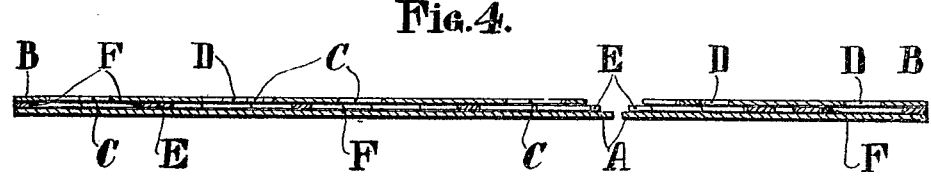


Fig. 4.