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Toy Building Block;

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Fig. 1.

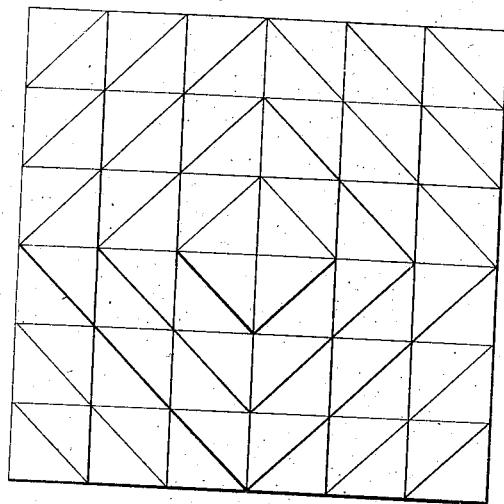


Fig. 3.

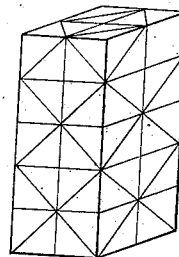


Fig. 2.

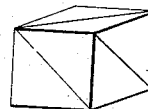


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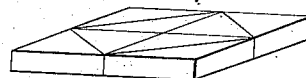


Fig. 4.

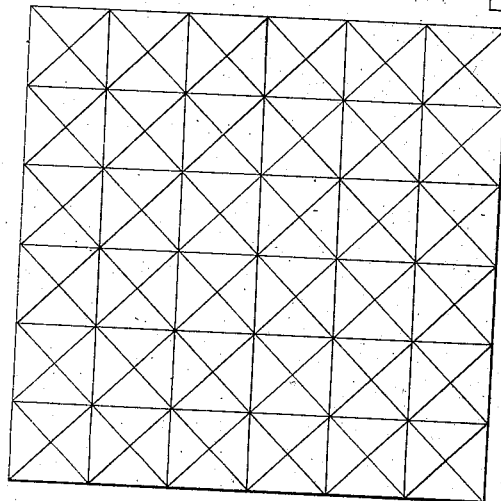
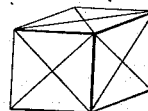


Fig. 6.



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MOSAIC TOY BLOCK.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 46,525, dated February 21, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS GEORGE HAROLD, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use an Improvement in Mosaic or Toy Blocks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan of my said mosaic blocks. Fig. 2 represents one of said blocks in perspective. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of several of said blocks piled up. Fig. 4 is a plan of said mosaic blocks, each being formed with diagonal divisions from each corner; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of said mosaic blocks with the same surfaces as in Fig. 1, but thin and flat, instead of cubical. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a block, as described in Fig. 5.

Blocks of a flat and of a cubical form have heretofore been made, and the surfaces of those blocks have been painted, and blocks or flat pieces have been made of a triangular form for toys.

The nature of my said invention consists in a series of square or cubical blocks that are painted or colored diagonally, either in two or four colors on the square surfaces of such blocks, thereby a series of triangular figures are produced that can be placed together in such a manner as to make a great variety of mosaic figures or patterns, either for designing or for children's toys or building-blocks, thus

combining in the said blocks cubical and triangular shapes and various colors, so as to increase the interest in to children and to give opportunity for greater exercise of their faculties in the placement of such blocks.

The character of my invention will be fully understood on reference to the drawings, Figs. 2 and 6, in which the blocks are shown separately. The surfaces of said blocks are formed in triangular spaces by diagonals from either the two or the four corners of the square surfaces upon these blocks. The painting or coloring upon the surfaces of these blocks is to be effected by stencil-plates, or by painting them in straight lines diagonally to the square of the blocks when several are placed together, as illustrated in Fig. 1. These blocks should be in sets, and placed in suitable boxes adapted to their reception.

The surface of the wood may remain without being colored or painted, and form one of the colors on such surface.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A series of square or cubical blocks whose surfaces are colored in triangular forms, as and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my signature this 26th day of May, 1864.

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