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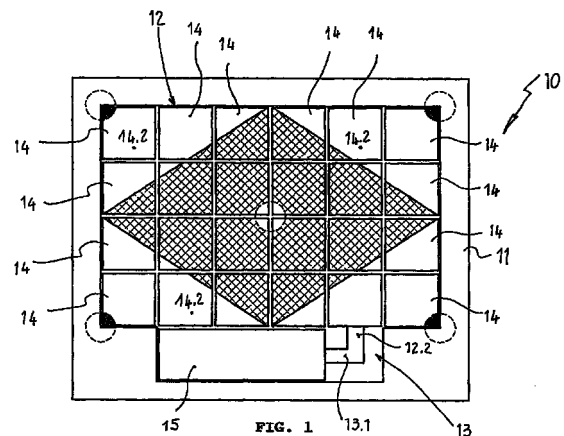
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(54) **Educational game device with sliding tiles to arrange in predetermined sequences**

(57) The educational game device with sliding tiles to arrange in predetermined sequences includes a support or board (11) and, according to the invention, comprises, in the said support (11), two mutually adjacent and communicating tracks (12, 13), a principal track (12) having greater area and an auxiliary track (13) of smaller area.

At the beginning and end of the game the principal track (12) is completely occupied by a plurality of tiles (14), positioned side by side in an arrangement of rows and columns and able to slide in perpendicular directions, while the auxiliary track (13) is occupied only partly by a block (15) that is able to slide in a single direction parallel to one direction of sliding of the said tiles (14).

The block (15) is moveable between two positions of play, in each of which it leaves in the said auxiliary track (13) an unoccupied space (15.3) of variable position and of dimensions approximately corresponding to the dimensions of one tile (14). In each of the said two positions of play of the block (15) a respective tile (14) in the row of tiles adjacent to the auxiliary track (13) is next to the said unoccupied space (15.3), which this tile can be made to occupy by sliding it in a direction perpendicular to that of the said block (15). This opens up in the principal track (12) a corresponding unoccupied space between the tiles (14), which - during the game - can be rearranged relative to each other in the principal track (12) by movements in perpendicular directions.





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