

Old Oak Of England



Level 1, circa early 1900's??

(4" wood box with directions and 18 wood pieces, 3.6 inches assembled;
right vertical piece in photo above is solid key piece.)

THE OAK OF OLD ENGLAND.

This very ingenious and amusing Toy consists of Eighteen pieces of wood, the shapes of which are represented by the Engravings below. (See *Fig. 2.*) There is one piece of the shape of A, two of B, one of C, two of D, four of E, two of F, two of G, and four of H. When these pieces are all properly put together they form the Toy represented in the Engraving by *Fig. 1.* The puzzle consists in separating the pieces and putting them together again.

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

THE MANNER OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE DIFFERENT PIECES

Will be readily understood after attentively reading the following Instructions, and at the same time consulting the Engraving marked *Fig. 3.*

Place one of the D's with the notches upwards on a table; on this piece place the two B's, and cramp the four H's on their sides, two above D and two below; cramp these again vertically with the F's, and place the other D over the first one, with the notches downwards; then through the hole S insert C, and slide the whole of the pieces downwards into its centre notch. Two of the E's are then cramped vertically over the H's, resting on the B's (but which cannot be shown in the figure); and these are again cramped crossways with one of the G's, which rests on the notch of C; the hole O will then be square, partly through which let A be placed. Turn the Puzzle over, and repeat the operation with the remaining E's and G, then draw the piece A to its proper position, and the Puzzle is completed.

By reversing the above mode of operation, the Puzzle may be taken to pieces again.

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