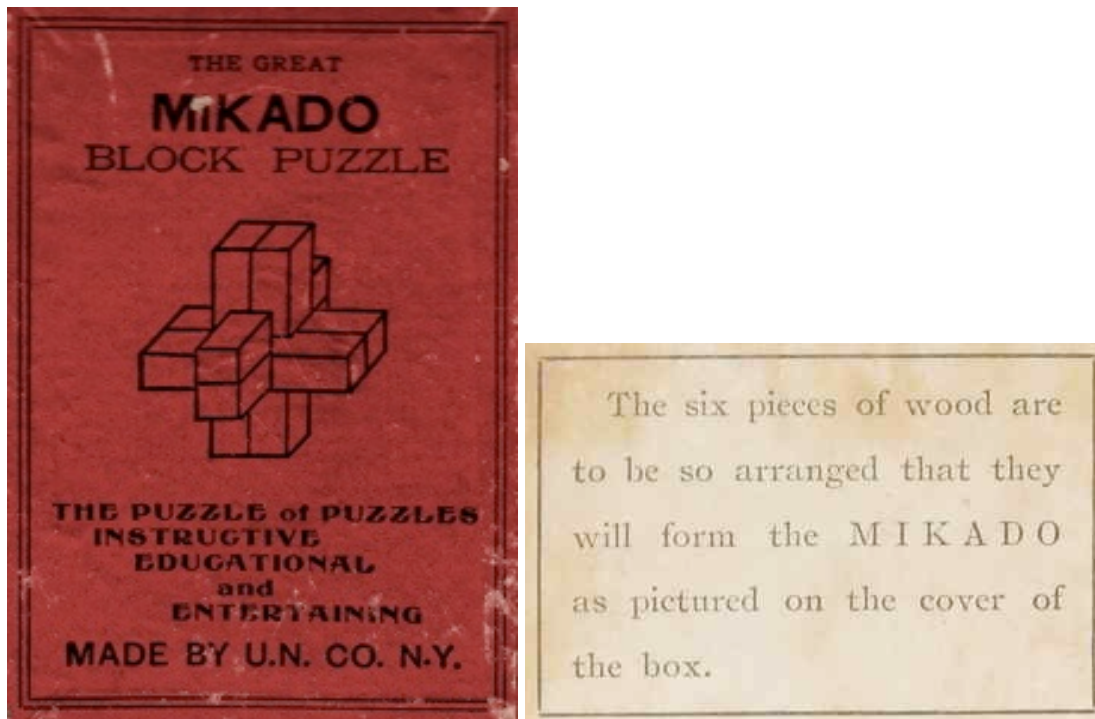


Mikado Block Puzzle



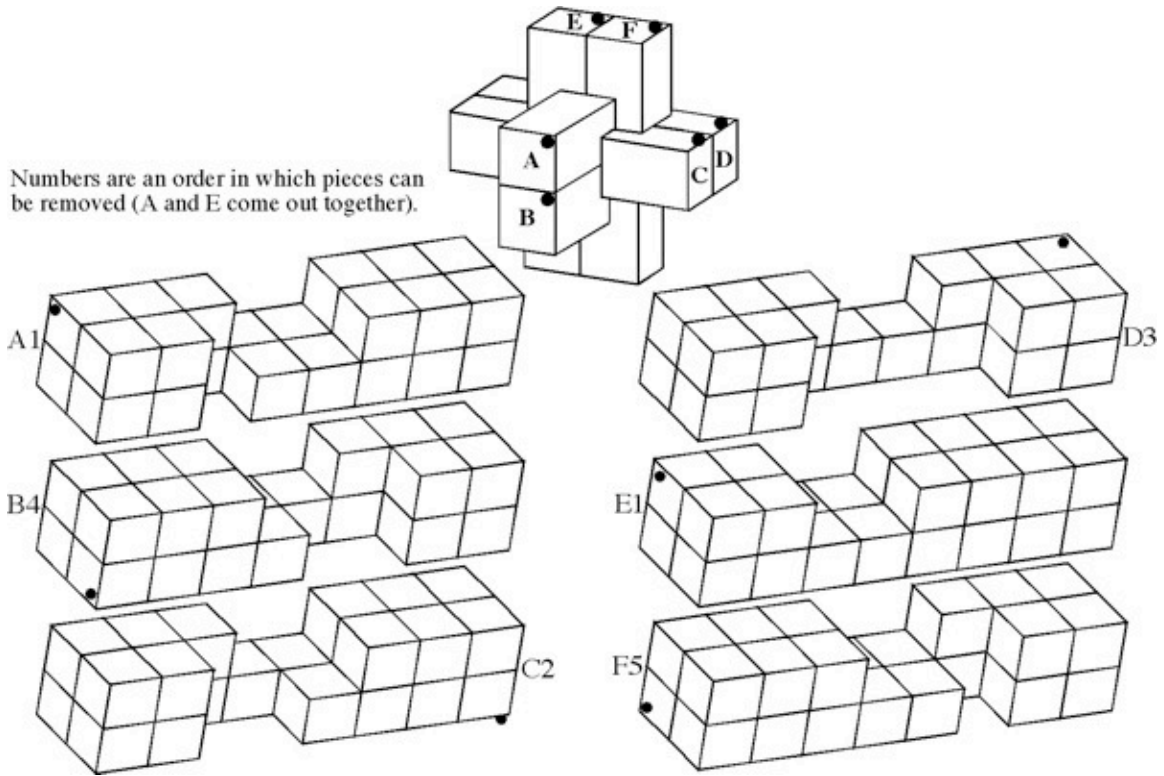
"Made by U.N. Co. N. Y.", circa 1920?, level 1, no holes, notchable, 2x2x8 pieces.
(cardboard box, 3.2 by 2.2 by 5/8 inches, and six 1/2" x 1/2" x 2" wood pieces)

Along with the *Yamato Block Puzzle*, this puzzle is discussed on page 262 of the *Puzzlers' Tribute Book* in a chapter by Jerry Slocum and Rik van Grol on antique Japanese export puzzles. They show a picture from the 1915 C. J. Felsman Catalog of a Mikado puzzle saying "A problem of problems ...", and note that the similar language here, "The puzzle of puzzles ...", is further evidence that although it says NY, it may in fact be a Japanese import. Here is what is on the cover and the inside of the cover:



Mikado Solution

Numbers are an order in which pieces can be removed (A and E come out together).



Here are photos of solution stages:

