

Hungarian Rings



Designed by E. Pap, made by Politoys in Hungary, 1982.
(left, plastic, 3.1 by 4.9 by 1/2 inches,
right is identical to left but with different colored balls,
bottom version circa 2000 is 3-dimensional but works the same way)

An old puzzle similar to this (the *Race War Puzzle*), with 22 balls in a ring and each ring one color, is shown on Page 131 of the Slocum and Sonneveld *Fifteen* book, and the mechanism is presented in the 1892 patent of *W. Churchill*.

Further Reading

Jaap's Page, from: www.geocities.com/jaapsch/puzzles/rings.htm

Churchill Patent, from: www.uspto.gov - patent no. 507,215