Nine Puzzle

A smaller version of the Fifteen Puzzle.

Superman
(plastic, 9" square by 3/8" thick)

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More Versions Of The Nine Puzzle

Alien, DaMert Co. 1993.
(plastic, 4 inches)

Praying Mantis.
(plastic, 3 inches)

Lisa Simpson, plastic.
(plastic, 1.9 inches)

Maggie Simpson.
(plastic, 1.9 inches)

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The Nine Magic Square Problem

The 1985 patent of **Morrone** shows a version of the Nine Puzzle where instead of a missing square there are 9 pieces and an extra tenth position into which one can be slid so the others can move around like the standard Nine Puzzle; the patent also defines the object of the puzzle to arrange the pieces so that the numbers add to 15 in all directions. Below is an add for **Phenyo Caffein** (which was tucked into the pages of the green cover version of the 1893 **Hoffman book** by some previous owner) that presents a 3x3 magic square puzzle. This puzzle is also shown on the back of the solution to the **Misfit Puzzle** (which was sold by Phenyo Caffein).

Further reading:

**Morrone Patent**, from: www.uspto.gov - patent no. 4,548,410

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