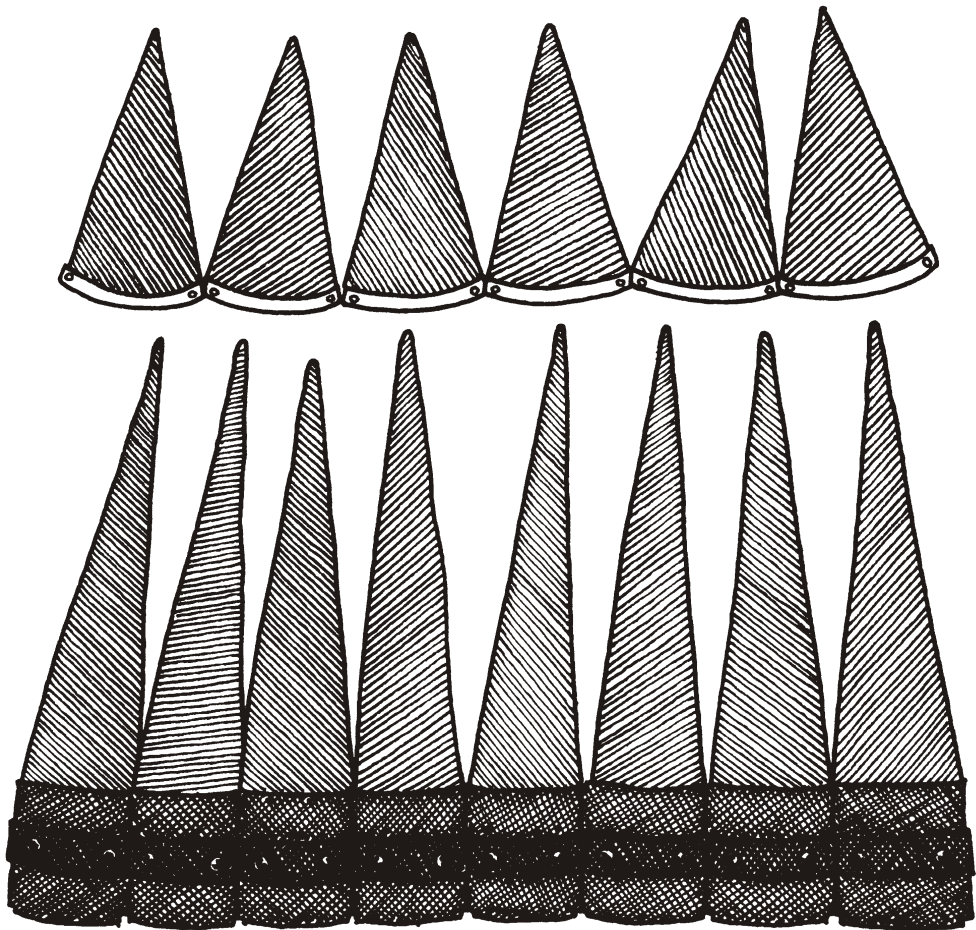
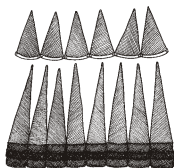


WHAT IS THIS THING?



- A. A teaching tool for math
- B. Stakes to secure a tent
- C. Tie hangers

A. A FRACTION SPHERE



This teaching tool for math was made from wood and could be opened in part or in whole to teach halves, thirds, fourths, and eighths.

Children of the 1800s were expected to recite aloud, often all at the same time. The child who did not say his fractions correctly could expect to be introduced to another type of wood, the hickory stick!