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Fig. 1.

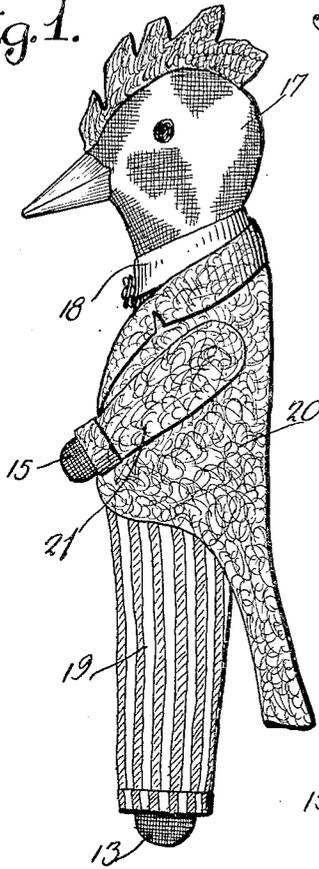


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.

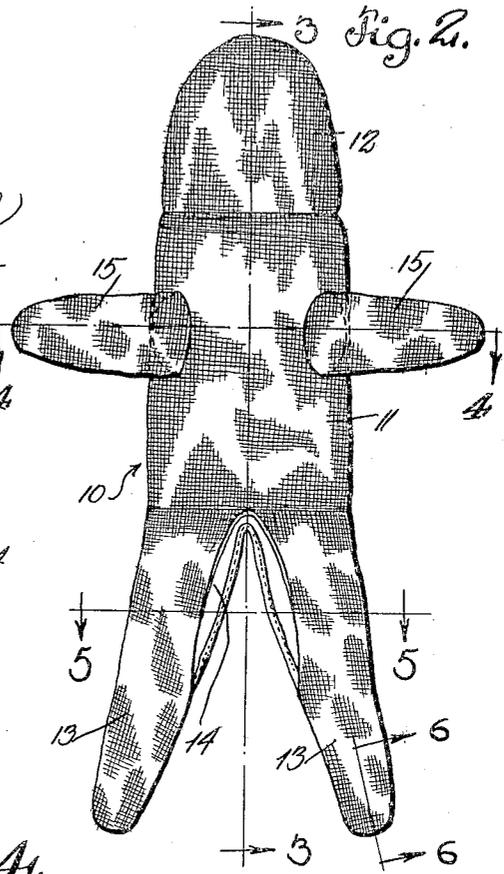


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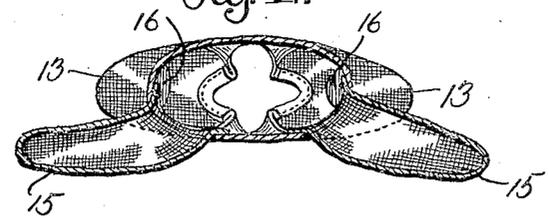


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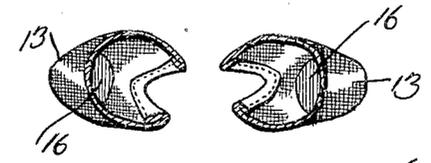
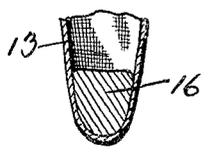


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in puppet doll.

In puppet dolls of this general character, it has been heretofore customary to construct them whereby the middle finger was placed in the head portion and a thumb and little finger placed in arm or leg portions and no provision has been made for the intermediate fingers with the result that considerable difficulty and confusion resulted in the successful operation of the puppet doll in causing the same to assume different poses and attitudes and it is the primary object of this invention to construct a puppet doll of a tubular knitted or stocking character with one end thereof fashioned for the reception of three intermediate fingers and with side arm portions for the reception of the thumb and little finger with the other end of the stocking bifurcated to provide leg portions in which weights are placed, and with a relatively wide crotch opening through which the entire hand may be inserted for manipulation of the puppet doll.

A further object of the invention is to provide a rag bag alley puppet doll of the foregoing character wherein the head end of the form receives an ornamental head of a doll, bird or animal with the body portion costumed in any desired manner, the head and costume being removable for the substitution of other accessories to change the character of the puppet doll.

With the above and other objects in view that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a rag bag puppet doll constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the stocking form or base having the relatively wide head end, side arms, depending legs with a relatively wide crotch opening for the insertion of a hand;

Figure 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 2; and

Figure 6 is a detail sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 2, showing the weight in the lower end of the leg portion.

The knitted base or form 10 comprises a tubular body portion 11 having a relatively wide closed end 12 constituting the head portion thereof, while the opposite end of the body portion 11 is bifurcated to provide side legs 13. The side seams of the leg portions 13 at the inner sides thereof are separated substantially from the knee portions of the legs up to and through the crotch to provide a relatively wide opening 14 as shown in Figures 2 and 3, this opening being of a size to permit insertion of the hand into the interior of the body portion 11. Side arms 15 extend from the body portion 11 and into these side arms a thumb and little finger are extended, the head end 12 of the knitted form being of a width to permit reception of the three intermediate fingers. To maintain the leg portions 13 in extended position during the manipulation of the puppet doll, a weight 16 as shown in Figure 6 is inclosed in the lower end portion of each leg 13.

The rag bag or knitted form is of a design to permit costuming thereof in various ways, and as shown in Figure 1, an ornamental head 17 incloses the head portion 12 of the knitted form to be removably retained thereon in any convenient manner, the body portion 11 being covered by a customary shirt and collar 18, trousers 19 covering the legs 13, while a coat 20 with sleeves 21 incloses the body portion 11 and arms 15.

In the manipulation of the puppet doll, the hand is inserted through the crotch opening 14, the thumb and little finger placed in the arms 15 and the three intermediate fingers introduced into the head portion 12, all of the fingers having a function to perform as contrasted with puppet dolls as heretofore known in which several fingers were unem-

ployed which resulted in confusion in manipulation of the puppet doll.

While there is herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the present invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:—

- 10 1. In a puppet doll, a knitted form comprising a tubular body portion, a head portion at one end, lateral arms carried by the body portion, bifurcated legs at the other end of the body portion, said head and body portion being closed throughout the length thereof, and said legs being closed at their lower ends and weighted to maintain each leg in a straight extended position, a relatively large crotch opening in the form to permit insertion of a hand with the thumb and little finger extended into the arms and the intermediate fingers extended into the head portion, the doll being placed on the hand by passing the hand through the crotch opening with the closed leg portions free of the hand of the user, a puppet doll head removably mounted on the head end of the knitted form and a body costume removably mounted on the body and legs of the knitted form.
- 20 2. In a puppet doll, a stocking form comprising a tubular body portion, a head portion at one end, lateral arms carried by the body portion, bifurcated legs at the other end of the body portion, said head and body portion being closed throughout the length thereof, and said legs being closed at their lower ends and weighted to maintain each leg in a straight extended position, a relatively large crotch opening in the form to permit insertion of a hand with the thumb and little finger extended into the arms and the intermediate fingers extended into the head portion, said opening being located at the inner sides of the legs and extending completely across the crotch, the lower ends of the crotch opening extending upwardly from substantially the knee areas of the legs, the doll being placed on the hand by passing the hand through the crotch opening with the closed leg portions free of the hand of the user, a puppet doll head removably mounted on the head end of the stocking form and a body costume removably mounted on the body and legs of the stocking form.
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