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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

A combined Book and Toy Theatre.

I, MARJORIE EMMA ELIZABETH SAMUELSON, of 56, Wykeham Road, Hendon, London, N.W. 4, a British Subject, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

The front portion of the book is an ordinary story book but the back forms a toy theatre. The back cover is "cut out" in the form of a theatre proscenium and coloured accordingly.

Attached to each end of the back cover is a wing or flap upon the inner side of which are painted proscenium wings. When the back cover (the proscenium) is raised the flaps open concertina fashion and support the "proscenium" thus forming the front of the theatre. The book being laid face downwards. The last page of the book is painted a neutral colour forming a stage cloth.

Attached to the last page but one of the book on the side opposite the binding is a flap which when opened forms the back-cloth of a scene and on each end of this flap is a wing, similar to that attached to each end of the back cover, which when opened supports the back cloth and forms the side wings of the scene. This is repeated upon any number of pages according to the number of scenes required.

Upon the back of each "back cloth" is printed the dialogue of the scene to be enacted.

The "characters" are printed on stiff paper or cardboard inserted in the book, to be pressed or cut out by the owner or other person.

Dated this 16th day of June, 1930.
MARJORIE E. E. SAMUELSON.

COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

A combined Book and Toy Theatre.

I, MARJORIE EMMA ELIZABETH SAMUELSON, of 56, Wykeham Road, Hendon, London, N.W. 4, a British Subject (Married Woman), do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

My invention relates to children's books of the kind which combine a toy with an ordinary reading book. The front portion of the book is that of an ordinary story book but the back portion may be formed into a stage of a toy theatre. The back cover is "cut out" in the form of a theatre proscenium and coloured accordingly. Attached to each end of the back cover is a wing or flap upon the inner side of both of which are painted proscenium wings. When the back cover (the proscenium) is raised the flaps open concertina fashion and support the proscenium thus forming the front of the theatre stage. The book being laid face downwards. The last page of the book is painted a neutral colour forming a stage

cloth. Attached to the last page but one of the book on the edge opposite the binding is a flap which when opened forms the backcloth of a scene and on each end of this flap is a wing, similar to that attached to each end of the back cover, which when opened supports the backcloth and forms the side wings of the scene. This is repeated upon any number of pages according to the number of scenes required.

Upon the back of each "back cloth" is printed dialogue and stage instructions of the scene to be enacted.

The "characters" are printed on stiff paper or cardboard inserted in the book, to be pressed out by the owner or other person. Attached to each figure is a strip of the same material as that used for the figures and when the figure has been bent upwards upon the strip it forms a stand by which the figures may be moved about the stage.

In order to enable the nature of my invention to be understood, reference is made to the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1. Represents a plan of the theatre part of the book opened up.

Fig. 2. Shows a perspective view of the book and theatre.

5 Fig. 3. Is a detached figure for use on the stage.

The flat surface "A" is the "stage cloth" formed by the last page of the book which covers the entire stage. "B" 10 is the proscenium formed by the back cover of the book which is cut out to provide the proscenium opening. "C.C." are proscenium wings attached to the proscenium which when opened out support the proscenium in an upright position. "D" is a backcloth scene supported by two wings "E.E." Both backcloth and wings are changeable as required by the play to be enacted. Upon 20 the back of "D" is printed the dialogue of the scene of which it forms the backcloth. "F" represents one of the figures depicting the "characters" of the play supported and made mobile by the stand 25 "G".

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I 30 claim is:—

(1) A toy device of the kind combining a toy and a reading book, the book being formed so that it can be opened up to form a theatre or stage, the body of the book, that is the leaves as a whole, lying horizontal while the back is opened up to form a proscenium and proscenium wings while 35 a backcloth is formed by turning up a sheet of card paper or the like attached at the outer edge of a leaf that is the edge parallel to the bound edge of the leaves; wings or other projections being attached to or formed upon the other edges of the said backcloth and other leaves of the book having attached further backcloths to form 40 different scenes. 45

(2) A combined book and toy theatre as in claim 1 having a page or pages on which are printed figures with strips to represent characters and properties for use 50 on the stage which may be pressed out.

(3) In a toy book and theatre as claimed in claim 1 providing the scenes, figures and properties appropriate to letterpress, story or instructions inscribed upon the 55 reverse side of the backcloths.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1931.

MARJORIE E. E. SAMUELSON.

[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

