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Fig. 1.

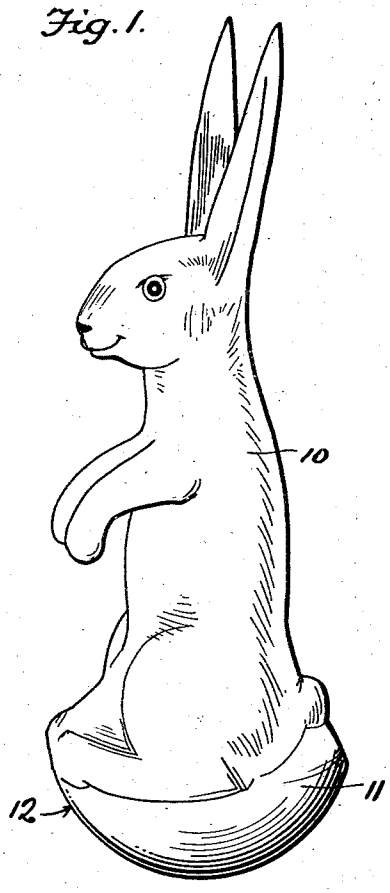
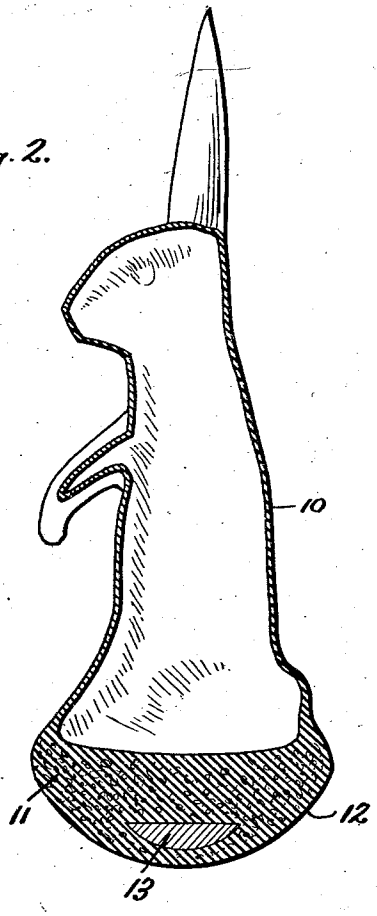


Fig. 2.



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GRAVITY-OPERATED FIGURE TOY.

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This invention relates to improvements in toys and has for an object the provision of a toy which is shaped to imitate a rabbit or other figure, provided with means acting to maintain the figure in an upright position.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a toy of this character which includes a base formed of soft or sponge like rubber, which will cause the figure to rebound when thrown or dropped, so that the figure will bounce and produce the effect of a jumping rabbit.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings;

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a rabbit-like figure constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the same.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates the body of the figure which is preferably made of rubber and is hollow, being formed with thin walls so as to provide a light structure. The body is mounted upon a base 11 whose under face is rounded or curved as indicated at 12 so as to permit of a rocking or rolling movement. The base 11 is preferably made of light spongelike rubber and is relatively thick, while embedded in the base near the lower face thereof is a weight 13. The weight is preferably formed of some heavy material, such as lead, so as to provide a relatively heavy base. By constructing the figure in the manner shown and described, when the toy is dropped or thrown against the floor, it will rebound or bounce due to the construction of the base 11, while the weight 13 will maintain the toy substantially upright and the effect of a jumping rabbit will be provided.

While the toy is shown in the form of a rabbit, it is of course obvious that its shape may be changed to represent other animals or figures.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

As an article of manufacture, a toy consisting of a relatively thick solid base formed of sponge-like rubber with a lower spherical globular surface, a weight having a similar bottom surface eccentric to the first bottom surface, said base in cross section having a substantial diameter and having an edge extending around the greater diameter of the base, said edge being arcuate in cross section, and a light hollow upstanding figure forming an integral part of the base, the hollow figure being of less diameter than the greater diameter of the base, whereby the weighted base will maintain the figure always in an upright position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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