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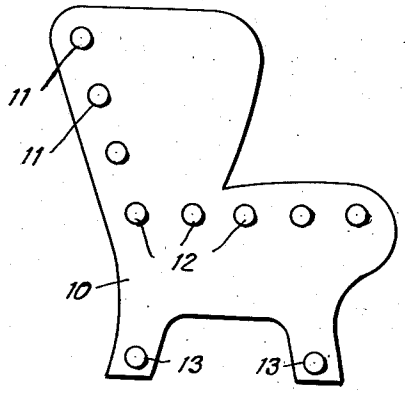


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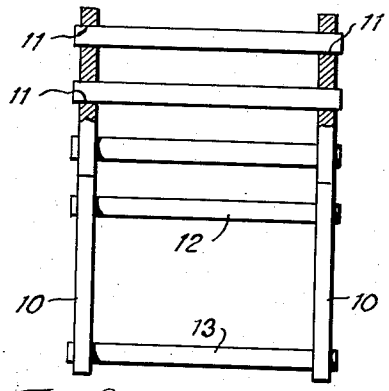


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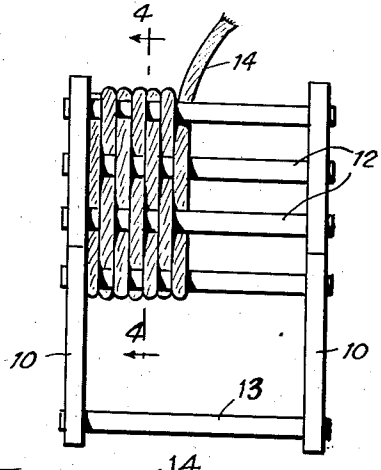


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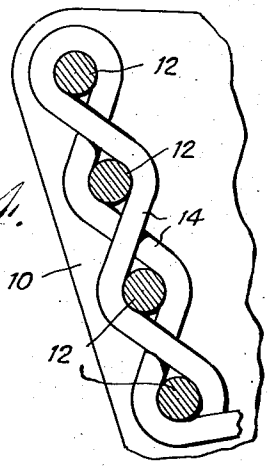


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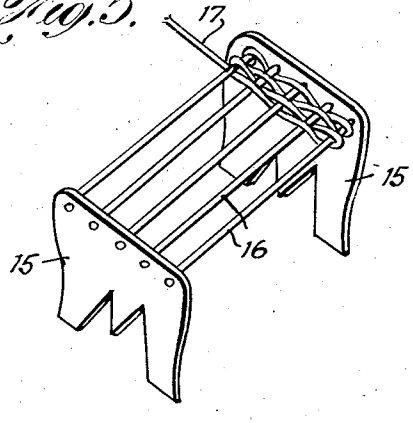
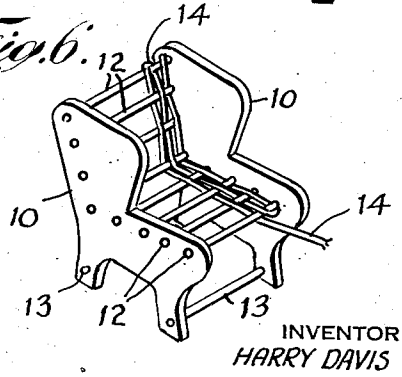


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1 Claim. (Cl. 46—15)

The invention relates to toy furniture and particularly to that type of toy furniture which is sold in knocked-down condition and is to be assembled by the child.

It is well known that the mental development of a child progresses more rapidly when constructive manual labor is performed. Obviously if the articles to be assembled are complex or somewhat mechanically complicated they will not be suitable, particularly for younger children. In accordance with the present invention there are provided sets of very cheaply constructed, preferably wooden, elements of such simple form as to enable the assembling thereof by young children even though they are not mechanically inclined.

The toy furniture readily lends itself to be made up and sold in sets, for instance one box might contain all the necessary parts to make up a set of toy dining room furniture, another box the parts for a set of toy living room furniture, another box the parts for a set of toy bedroom furniture, and other boxes parts for sets of porch furniture, garden furniture, library furniture, etc.

The invention will be fully described in the following specification and illustrated in the drawing forming a part thereof and in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a toy chair;

Fig. 2 is a front view showing the side pieces and dowels assembled before the cord has been woven in to form the back and seat;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing the cord partly woven to form the back and seat;

Fig. 4 is a enlarged fragmentary detail sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a toy table showing the cord partly woven to form the top of the table; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the chair.

Referring again to the drawing a chair and a table have been illustrated. It will be obvious as will be more apparent hereinafter that practically any article of toy furniture may be assembled in accordance with the invention. The tables and chairs may have various and numerous shapes and sizes and many other articles such as beds, dressers, cribs, cots, sofas, closets, buffets, etc. may be readily made up.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 to 4 in which one type of chair is illustrated flat side pieces 10 are provided. These side pieces are preferably made from thin sheets of wood, having lightness of weight and cheapness of material in mind, but other materials such as fibre, heavy cardboard, plastics, etc., are not precluded.

The side pieces have perforations or holes 11 in line with each other for the reception of dowels 12 which fit snugly in the holes and form the foundation for the back and seat of the chair. Other dowels 13 may be employed to form lower rungs for the chair.

After the child has fitted all the dowels in place a piece of cord, string or other analogous material 14 is woven through the dowels as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 thus forming the seat and back of the chair. The invention readily lends itself to the making up of attractive appearing toy furniture. The end pieces can be suitably decorated with designs or pictures and different colored cords may be utilized in the weaving. As illustrated in Fig. 3 the weaving is only partially completed.

Fig. 5 illustrates one type of a table made up in accordance with the invention. The end pieces 15 are connected together with dowels 16 and the cord 17 is woven through the dowels to form the table top.

It is thought to be apparent from the foregoing that attractive toy furniture is provided which is of extreme simplicity and can be manufactured very economically and yet will arouse a great deal of interest for the child when assembling it.

Applicant is aware that weaving of a cord around pegs on a base is known but he believes that manufacturing of toy furniture with side or end pieces or upper and lower pieces with removable dowels upon which a cord is woven to form a composite part of the article of toy furniture is novel. As heretofore stated, with different colored cord and suitably decorated end, side, bottom or top pieces, an attractive and interesting piece of toy furniture can be made up. It surely will arouse the interest of a child and as heretofore stated is not too complicated or involved for the child not mechanically inclined to assemble the piece of toy furniture. With suitable decorations on the end, side, bottom or top members and different colored cords and dowels, pieces of toy furniture may readily be made up that will exert real appeal to a child's imagination.

I claim:

An article of toy furniture comprising a pair of rigid flat members spaced apart from each other and each of which is shaped to simulate an end piece of the article of toy furniture, lines of perforations, said perforations being equidistantly spaced from each other, in said flat members, said perforations in each of said flat members being aligned with each other, dowels removably mounted in said perforations and extending between said flat members, and a flexible cord woven over and covering all of said dowels to form a component part of said article of toy furniture.

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