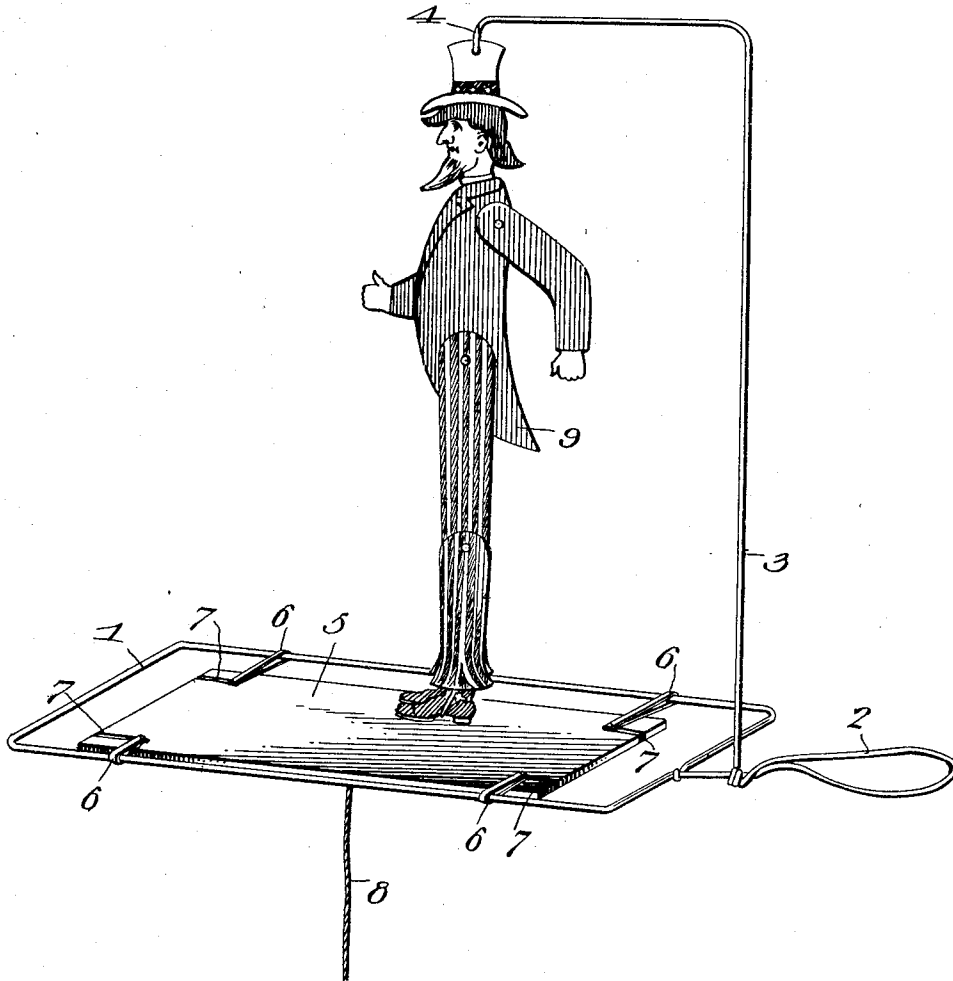


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## TOY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, FRANCIS A. NEVILLE and ANCEL HODGES, citizens of the United States, residing at Meredosia, in the county of Morgan and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Toy, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to toys, and particularly to dancing toys, in which a figure is caused to dance upon a suitable platform.

The objects of the invention are to improve and simplify the construction of such toys and to reduce materially the expense attending their manufacture.

With these objects in view the invention resides in the particular arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

In the drawing the figure is a perspective view of a toy constructed in accordance with the invention.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates a rectangular frame formed with a handle 2 and an upright 3, having a hook 4 on its free end. For the sake of cheapness the frame 1, handle 2, and upright 3 are formed from a single piece of wire twisted around itself at the center to form the handle and bent at one end to form the frame and at the other to form the upright.

A light wooden platform 5 is supported within the rectangular frame 1 by rubber bands 6, which pass around the wire of the frame and are pinched into slits 7, formed in the wooden platform adjacent to the corners thereof. Attached to the under side of the platform 5 in any suitable manner is a string 8, by means of which the platform may be jogged or caused to vibrate.

Suspended from the hook 4 of the upright 3 is a figure 9, which is preferably formed

with a flat perforated hat, through which the hook 4 extends. The figure 9 is provided with jointed legs and pivoted arms, as shown. 45

By pulling upon the string 8 and causing the platform to vibrate the figure 9 will be caused to dance.

In the drawing the figure is illustrated as representing Uncle Sam; but it will be understood that any other desired form of figure may be employed. 50

The improved toy is light, strong, simple, and extremely inexpensive in construction. In its precise arrangement of parts and details of construction it presents a decided improvement over prior devices of a similar character. 55

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. A toy comprising a jointed figure, a frame, a platform disposed within the frame and having slots arranged at each end, and rubber bands inserted in the slots and engaging the sides of the frame. 60

2. A toy comprising a jointed figure, a frame, a platform having slits therein, and rubber bands pinched into the slits and engaging the frame. 65

3. A toy comprising a frame, a platform disposed within the frame and having slots arranged at its terminals, rubber bands inserted in the slots and engaging the sides of the frame, a jointed figure supported over the platform, and means for vibrating the platform. 70

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses. 75

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