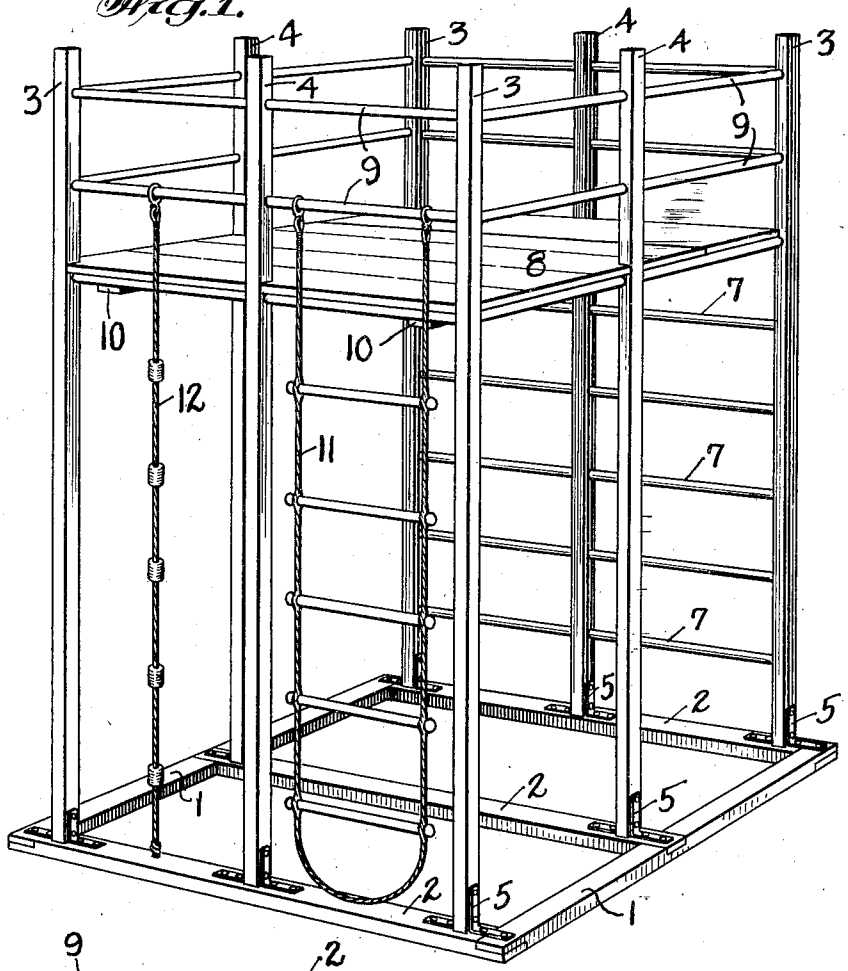
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Fig. 1.



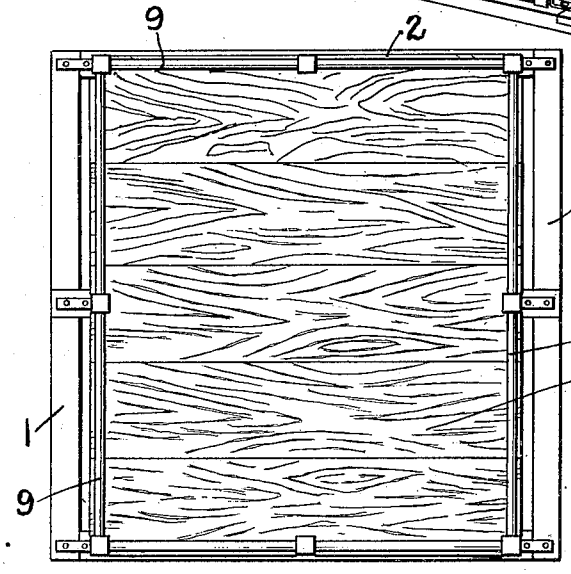


Fig. 2.

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The object of the present invention is to provide a play apparatus for small children, so designed that it may afford beneficial exercise and stimulate imagination of the child. It consists primarily of an elevated deck which is reached by parallel bars, a rope ladder or a climbing rope, the deck being protected by a railing, preferably of bars. The child may, for example, play that the deck is deck or crow's nest of a ship and may climb to and over the same by the rope devices, and, inasmuch as the apparatus is largely of skeleton form, he may play, for example, that he is a carpenter on a house under construction, may climb to and from the deck or platform by means of the parallel bars, simulating a carpenter's ladder. The device offers a wide variety of exercise for the imagination on the part of the child, as well as providing exercise for the entire body.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the embodiment of the invention, and

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

Referring to the drawings, the device therein shown comprises a base consisting of the parallel longitudinal members 1 and the connecting transverse members 2. Rising from the corners of the base member are the four uprights 3. Intermediate uprights 4 are provided to reinforce the construction, and the uprights may be secured to the base by means of angle-irons 5 or any other suitable manner.

The uprights at the back of the device form longitudinal rails for cross-bars or spokes 7 so that a ladder is provided by means of which a child may climb to a platform 8. The risers 3 and 4 project a sufficient distance above the platform 8 to afford a balcony rail or guard, when said risers are connected by a plurality of horizontal rails or bars 9. In the embodiment shown in the drawing, two sets of rails are provided.

The platform or deck 8 is supported by the uprights 3, 4, in any suitable manner. For example, the planks or flooring of the platform may be connected by cross pieces 10 and a plurality of the planks of the platform, or the cross pieces 10, may be set into horizontal tenons formed in a plurality of the uprights.

One or more of the horizontal rails 9 may carry rings supporting a rope ladder 11 and a climbing rope 12, both preferably disposed at the front of the device.

The child may climb up the ladder afforded by the bars or rungs 7, and may pull himself up upon the deck 8. He may climb the rope ladder and thence over and upon the front rungs 9, and may descend via the rope ladder or the climbing rope.

It is to be understood that various modifications may be made in the form and arrangement of the elements illustrated in the drawings without departing from the spirit of the invention, for example a pole may be substituted for the climbing rope and the pole may have lateral projections or foot pieces for climbing.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent being as follows:—

A nursery play apparatus comprising an elevated rectangular deck, a vertical supporting member secured to the deck at each corner and extending above the same, horizontal rails connecting said corner members above the deck, a supplementary vertical supporting member for the deck intermediate each of said corner supporting members and connected to said horizontal rails, horizontal bars connecting opposed corner members and one of the supplementary supporting members, a horizontal, rectangular base for said vertical supporting members, and a rope device suspended from one of said rails above the deck, said rope device lying immediately adjacent the deck.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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