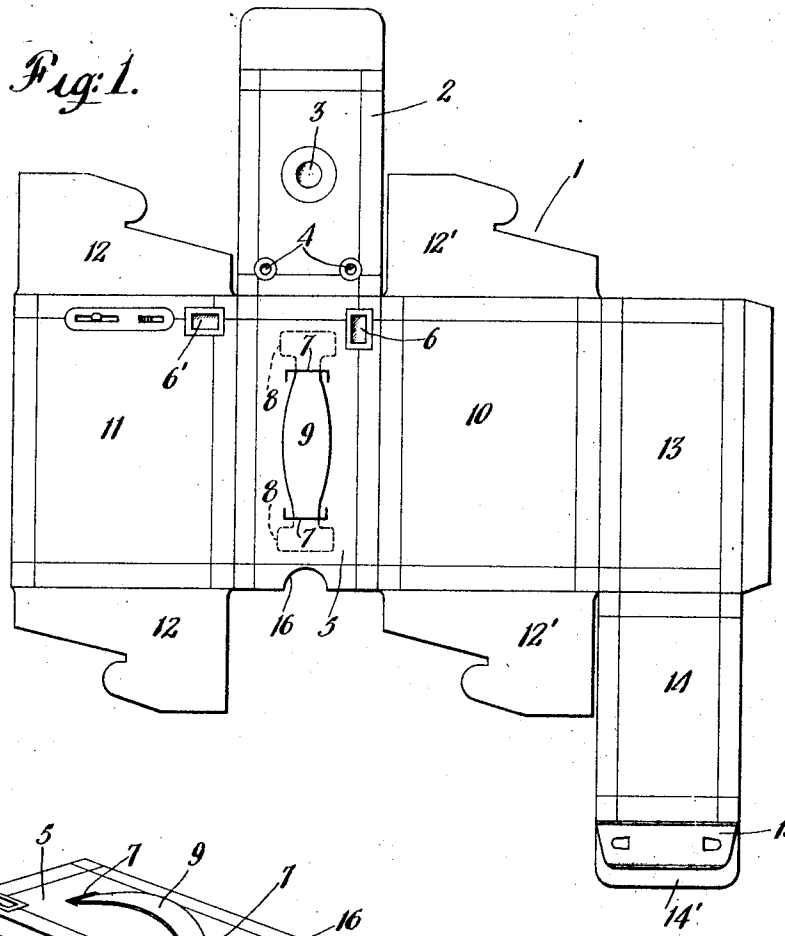
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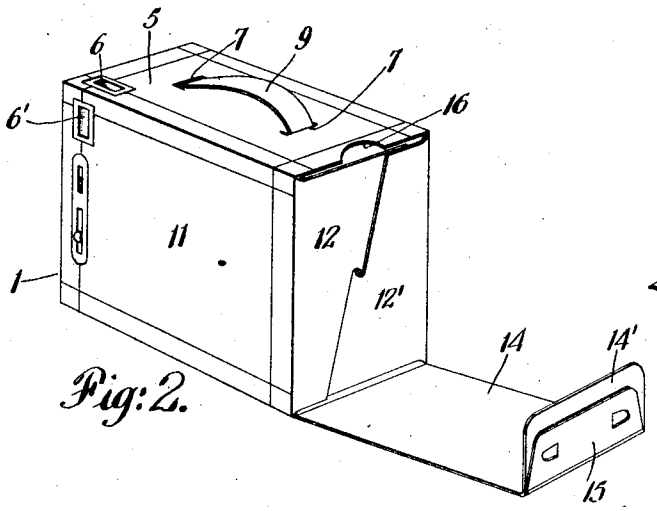




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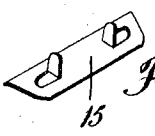



Fig: 3.

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Fig: 4.

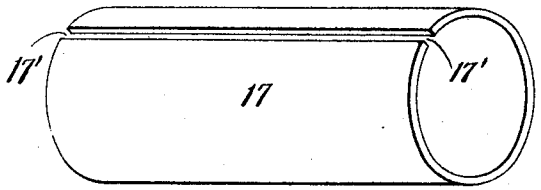



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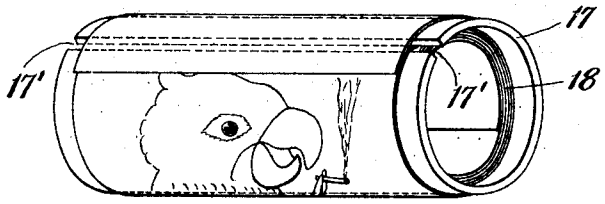
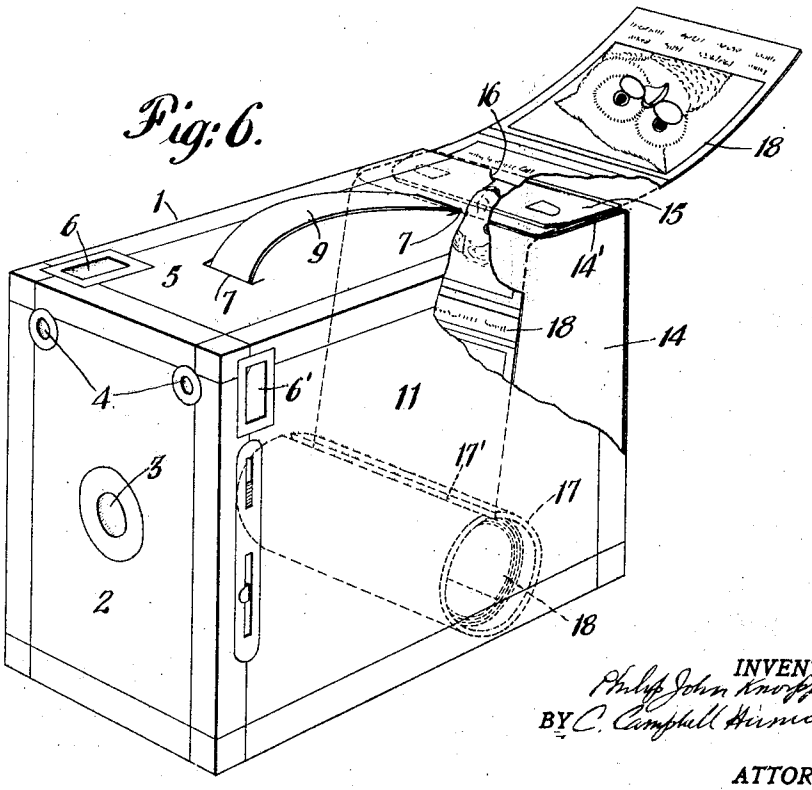



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## COMIC CAMERA.

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This invention relates to a toy comic camera.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a toy for children which simulates a camera.

Another object of this invention is to provide a novelty as a favor at parties. Still another object of this invention is to provide a container in which articles may be sold and which will have certain useful and amusing functions in addition to its utilization as a container.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1, is a plan view of the box in an unfolded position.

Figure 2, is a view of the box folded up with the exception of the back flap.

Figure 3, is a metallic cutter.

Figure 4, is a view of the roll container showing the slot and before insertion of the roll.

Figure 5, is a view of the container with roll of pictures.

Figure 6, is a view in perspective, parts broken out, showing the roll within the container and the picture about to be torn.

In carrying out my invention, I propose to provide a box or container 1 of paper, cardboard or other suitable material in simulation of the exterior of a camera.

Box 1, has face flap 2 having pictured thereon lens 3 and finder glass 4. Front 2 is integral with top 5 and the latter has pictured thereon finder 6 and contains slits 7 for the insertion of the ends 8 of handle 9. Adjacent to top 5 and integral therewith are sides 10 and 11. Side 11 has pictured thereon finder 6′ and the ends thereof terminate in notch flaps 12. Side 10 terminates likewise in notch flaps 12′ co-operating with flaps 12. Adjacent to side 10 and integral therewith is bottom 13. Integral with bottom 13 is back piece 14 terminating in flap 14′. Secured to flap 14′ is metallic cutter 15. Top 5 has notch 16 cut therein.

Box 1, is folded as shown in Figure 2. The notches 12, 12′, being interlocked and the front and back with their flaps close the box and prevent the unlocking of flaps 12, 12′.

Within box 1, I propose to insert a roll container 17 having a slot 17′ longitudinally in the wall thereof. Within container 17 is inserted a roll 18 which may have thereon humorous pictures and verse or any other illustrations or printed matter that may be desired. Container 17 may be made of cardboard, metal or any other suitable material and roll 18 is inserted therein with a free end extending through slot 17′. The elasticity of the paper of the roll 18 causes the roll to slightly unwind and bear against the inside walls of container 17 and thereby prevent further unrolling and in addition supply sufficient friction to maintain the roll and container in proper relationship and yet enable the pictures to be withdrawn. In other words, the friction of the roll 18 against the walls of container 17 functions as a braking friction. By this type of construction it will be seen that a spindle or axis is dispensed with and the relative position of the container in the box is immaterial and therefore additional parts are not required such as the spring bearings of a regular camera roll.

Roll 17 is of a width approximately the same as the internal width of the box 1. The container 17 with roll 18 is inserted in box 1. The end of the roll 18 is drawn up and held by friction between flap 14′ and cutter 15 and the top side 5 of box 1. Notch 16, permits the child to withdraw a picture from the roll 18 and when the picture has been withdrawn a pressure downwards causes the tearing or cutting of the picture by cutter 15 from the balance of the roll.

Although I have shown box 1 as a cut out, yet it may be distributed to be cut out by the child.

It will thus be seen that I have invented a comic camera having but few parts, cheap to manufacture and capable of operation by very young children and adapted to furnish considerable amusement.

What I claim is:

A comic camera comprising a box, said box formed from one piece of foldable material and having its exterior made in simulation of a camera, a cylindrical container loose in said box, said container having a slot length-

wise thereof and adapted to receive a roll of paper having pictures and printed matter thereon and to hold same frictionally within said container, said roll of pictures adapted to be withdrawn from said container through said slot, a metal cutter secured to said box, said pictures adapted to pass over said cutter to permit of tearing off of individual pictures and printing matter.

Signed at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York this 4th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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