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FIG. 1

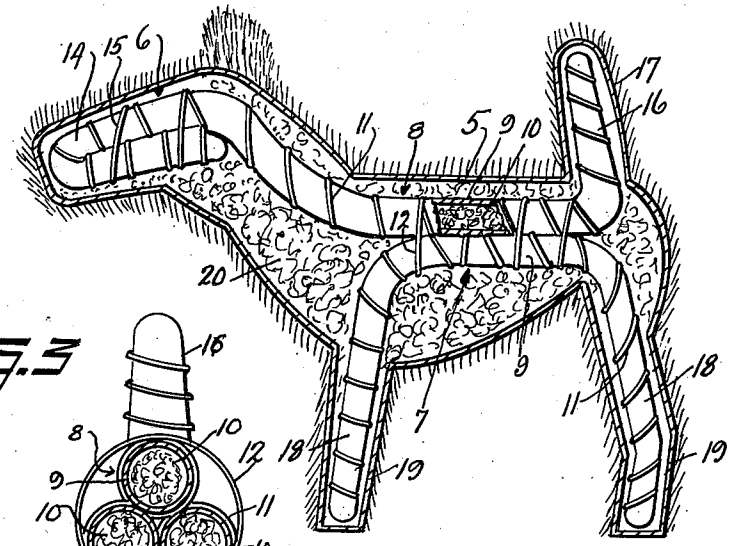
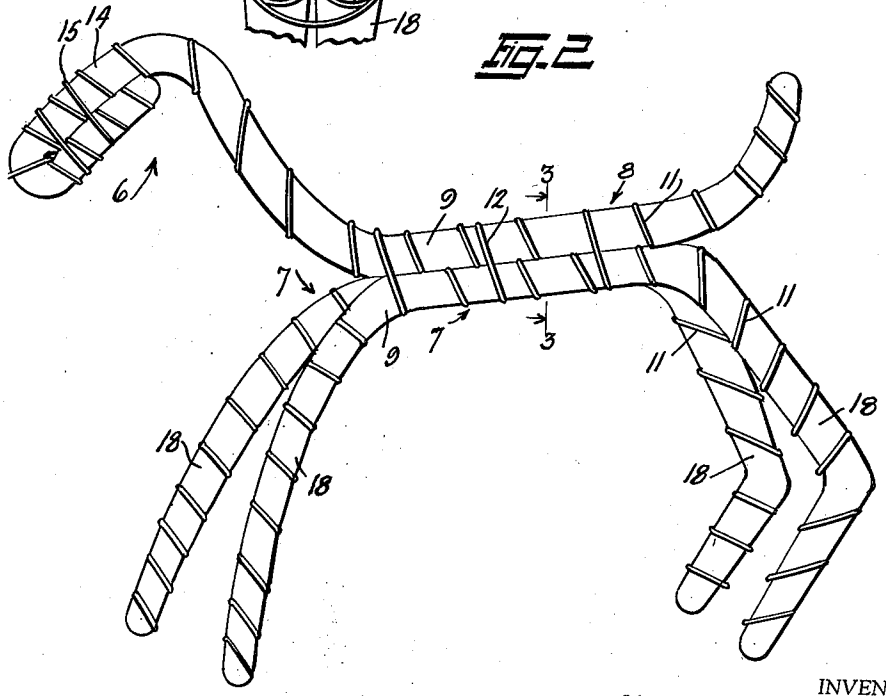


FIG. 3

FIG. 2



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This invention relates to stuffed animal toys and has for one of its objects the provision of such a toy which may be made to assume all of the lifelike postures of the animal it simulates.

Another object of the invention is the provision of such a toy having an inner stuffed frame which extends from the body into the head, tail and legs so that each of the said parts may be flexed to assume any desired life-like posture.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a toy with an inner bendable body so that a substantial amount of stuffing may be eliminated to give to the animal a life-like appearance and feeling.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a toy of the character referred to which will be easy to manufacture and which has no breakable parts and in which the inner frame will not creep from its normal position.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the nature of the improvements is better understood, the invention consisting substantially in the novel arrangement and co-relation of parts herein fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein similar reference characters are used to describe corresponding parts throughout the several views, and then finally pointed out and specifically defined and indicated in the appended claims.

The disclosure made the basis of exemplifying the present inventive concept suggests a practical embodiment thereof, but the invention is not to be restricted to the exact details of this disclosure, and the latter, therefore, is to be understood from an illustrative, rather than a restrictive standpoint.

The inventive idea involved is capable of receiving a variety of mechanical expressions, one of which, for the purpose of illustration, is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view through a stuffed animal embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the inner frame or skeleton; and

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, 5 indicates the outer covering of the toy animal which in the present instance is in the form of a dog. The said covering may be made of pile fabric or other material suitable for the purpose.

Located within the covering 5 is a frame or skeleton 6 comprising a pair of trunk and leg filling members 7, and a body, head and tail filling member 8. Each of the said members 7 and 8 comprises an outer tubular fabric covering 9 the interior of which is preferably stuffed with a cotton or kapok stuffing 10 so as to make same pliable. To give stability to the frame 6 the members 7 and 8 are each bound on the outside with a strip of soft wire 11 wound spirally about the member with its convolutions spaced from each other. The three members are bound together by a second wire 12 wound spirally about the intermediate portions of the three members. A head forming or filling portion 14 is formed by bending the forward end of the member 8 back upon itself and tying same with a wire 15; the rear of the said member 8 being bent up to form a tail filling section 16 which fits into the tail portion 17 of the fabric covering 5. Each of the lower tubular members 7 is bent at both ends to form leg fillers 18 which extend into the leg portions 19 of the covering 5. The space in the interior of the covering 5 not occupied by the frame 6 is loosely filled with a filler 20 of kapok or cotton or other similar material to give to the toy a natural or life-like feeling.

Due to the construction and material used in the frame 6, the animal toy can be twisted and bent into any desired shape in simulation of life-like poses and it will maintain such poses until they are manually altered.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that I have provided a stuffed animal toy which may be made to assume and maintain any desired life-like pose and thus hold the interest of children or grown-ups.

I desire it understood that wherever in the claims I use the term cotton, all equivalents thereof such as kapok, floss, etc., etc. are to be included.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a stuffed figure toy having a body, legs, a tail, and a neck and head, a skeleton comprising a plurality of elongated members each consisting of a tubular fabric casing, a soft downy filling for said casing, and a binding of soft wire wound spirally about the casing, said members having their intermediate portions secured against each other to provide portions in bunched formation extending longitudinally in the body of the toy, end portions of certain of said members being bent to extend into the legs of the toy longitudinally thereof, and end portions of another member being bent to provide a portion extending into the tail and a portion extending through the neck and into the head of the toy.

2. A stuffed figure toy comprising a fabric casing, a soft filling for said casing, and a skeleton frame extending through the body, neck, head and legs of the toy, said skeleton frame comprising a plurality of elongated pliable members, each member consisting of a fabric tube, soft downy stuffing in said tube, soft flexible wire wound around said tube, and a binding of soft flexible wire for securing portions of said elongated members in close bunched engagement with each other.

3. A stuffed figure toy comprising a casing, a soft filling, an inner skeleton frame comprising three tubular pliable fabric members, two of said members being disposed in side by side relation to each other and extending through the body and legs of the toy figure, the third member being disposed over the first two and extending through the body, head and tail of the toy figure, soft downy stuffing in said tubular members, a binding of soft wire wound around each of said tubular members, and soft wire binding intermediate portions of the tubular members into bunched formation within the body of the toy figure.

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