

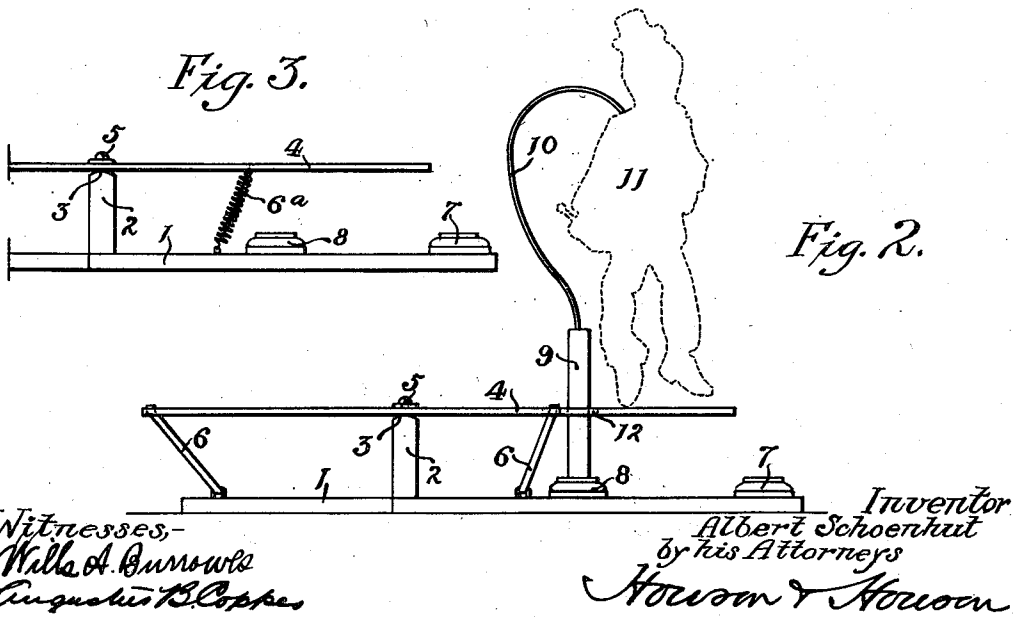
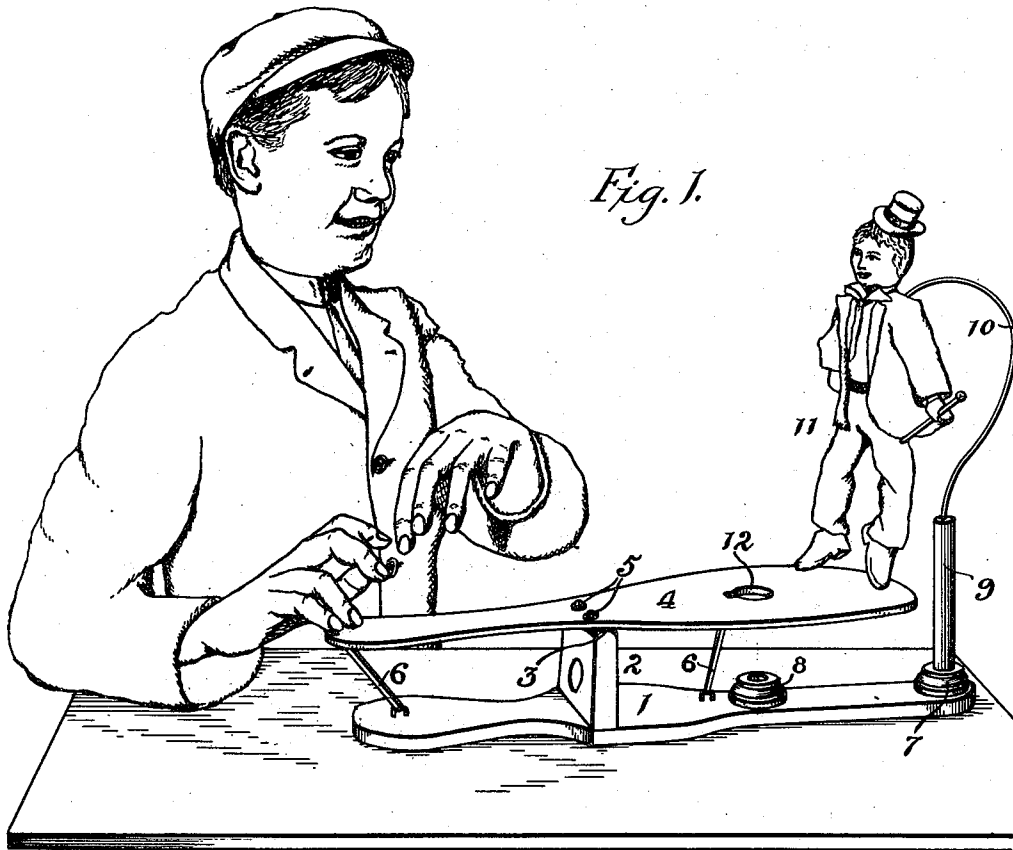
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT SCHOENHUT, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to toys, and consists of an improved form of dancing toy and a mounting for the same; the object of my invention being to facilitate the movement of the figure and to provide means whereby such figure may be viewed from different points with respect to its operating means.

My invention is fully shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a perspective view illustrating my improved dancing toy and the mounting therefor; Fig. 2, is an elevation of the structure indicating by dotted lines the figure in a different position than that shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 3, is a view of a portion of the mounting and operating means for the toy, illustrating a modification of the same.

In the drawings, 1 represents a suitable base having a supporting block 2 with a rounded top surface 3, to which is secured a thin board 4, by means of screws or suitable fastenings indicated at 5. This connection is sufficiently loose to permit ready vibration of the board by moving one end of the same. To maintain the board normally in a substantially horizontal position, I provide tension means connecting said board on opposite sides of its support with the base member 1. Such tension means may be rubber bands 6, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, or a suitable type of spring 6^a, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Carried by the base member 1 are sockets 7 and 8 adapted to receive a post 9 having a curved wire 10 fitted in the top of the same, to the end of which wire a loosely jointed figure, indicated at 11, is attached. The wire is secured to the body of the figure, and all of the limbs as well as the hands and feet are loosely jointed so that by vibrating the board 4 in contact with the hanging feet of the figure, the body may be caused to assume various fantastic positions and to partake of a movement which may be termed "dancing."

As shown in Fig. 1, the mounting for the figure is disposed in the socket 7, bringing the figure with its face toward the operator. By placing the mounting for the figure in the socket 8, the figure is displayed away from the operator, and in view of another person or an audience.

The board 4 is apertured at 12 for the passage of the post 8 when in the position shown in Fig. 2. The board is preferably vibrated by striking the end of the same away from the figure with the fingers, as clearly indicated in the drawings, although other means may be provided if desired. The wire 10 which supports the figure has a certain amount of resiliency, so that when the feet of the figure are struck by the vibrating board, the whole figure will have a certain amount of movement imparted to the same.

I claim:

1. The combination of a base, a block carried thereby, a board loosely mounted on top of said block to rock or vibrate thereon, a loose jointed figure, a support for the same, a socket in said base to receive said support, said figure being adapted to contact with the board when the latter is vibrated, and tension means connecting the base and vibrating board on opposite sides of the fulcrum of the latter.

2. The combination of a base, a block carried thereby, a board loosely mounted on top of said block to rock or vibrate thereon, a loose jointed figure, a support for the same, sockets in said base to receive said support, the vibrating board being apertured to permit the figure support to engage one of said sockets, whereby said figure may contact with the board when the latter is vibrated, and tension means connecting the base and vibrating board on opposite sides of the fulcrum of the latter.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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