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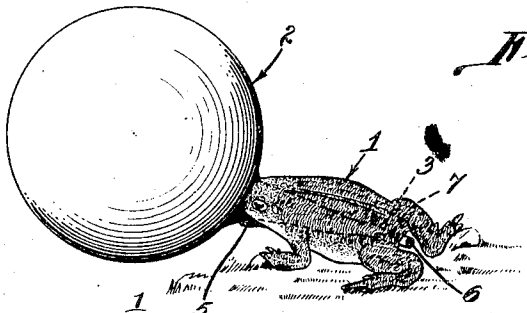


Fig. 1.

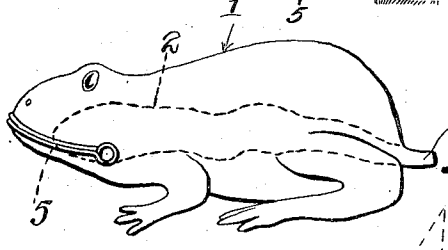


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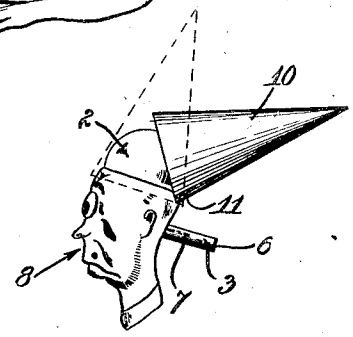


Fig. 2.

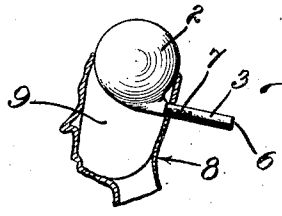


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE E. BROCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Figure Toy, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toys and more particularly to noise producing toys of the type known as squawks.

The object of the invention is to provide a toy in which the ordinary rubber squawk, found on the market is employed as an energizing factor, being enclosed by a figure of any desired configuration such as the representation of a small animal, or the like, and which is actuated by inflation of the squawk and caused to undergo transformations and contortions in addition to the noise producing feature of the novelty.

Another object is to so construct the retaining figures that the balloon member of the squawk may be concealed completely within the figure when not in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a toy in the form of the frog embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the application of the invention to a clown's head, and

Fig. 3 is a vertical section thereof.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a toy in the form of a frog showing its mouth closed and the squawker deflated and retracted.

It is to be understood that this invention may be applied in many ways and as shown in Fig. 1, comprises the representation of a frog which has a spring closed mouth through which the balloon member 2 of the rubber squawker ordinarily found on the market is designed to be projected and retracted, the stem 3 of the squawker being mounted in the body of the frog with the mouth piece thereof extending between the legs so that when air is blown into the squawker, the balloon portion or member 2 will project through the mouth 4 and be inflated as shown in Fig. 1. This projection and inflation of the balloon will operate to open the frog's mouth against the tension of the spring 5, and when the balloon is deflated incident to the passage out of the air through the mouth piece 6, this mouth will be closed by said spring and thus present a frog of ordinary shape with its mouth closed.

The squawker is equipped with the usual reed 7 which produces a squawking noise during the inflation and deflation of the balloon 2.

In Figs. 2 and 3, the invention is shown in the form of a clown's head 8 which is hollow forming therein a balloon receiving chamber 9. The top portion of the head is made open and normally closed by a cap or hat 10 which is hingedly connected at 11 to the head so that when the balloon 2 is inflated, it will rise out through the opening in the head and force the cap 10 backward into the position shown in full lines in Fig. 2 producing what may be termed a swelled head. The stem 3 of the squawker is here shown projecting through the rear portion of the clown's head with the mouth piece 6 conveniently located for blowing up the balloon. From the above description it will be obvious that when the balloon 2 is deflated, it will be retracted into the chamber 9 and completely concealed permitting the cap or hat 10 to be placed in operative position on the clown's head.

It is to be understood that the retaining figure for the squawker may be made of metal, composition or any other rigid material which will retain its shape and permit any movable part thereof to work on the blowing of the balloon portion 2. It will thus be seen that any hollow figure may be employed having an opening through which the balloon 2 will project when inflated and into which the balloon will contract and retire when deflated.

I claim:—

A toy of the class described comprising the representation of a frog provided with a mouth having spring closed jaws, a normally collapsed rubber squawker concealed within the body of the frog and having the balloon portion thereof positioned to protrude through the mouth when inflated forcing the jaws open against the tension of their

spring, and a stem connected with the balloon extending longitudinally through the body of the frog at a point in alinement with and remote from the mouth to provide for the blowing up of the balloon and the projection thereof through the mouth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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