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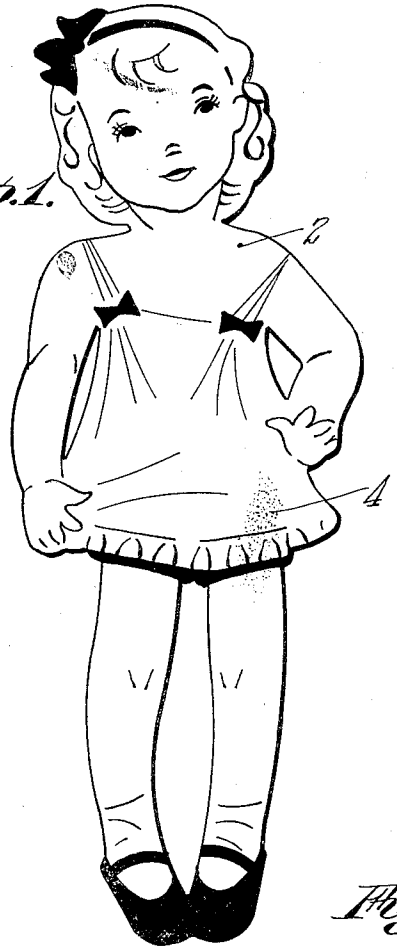


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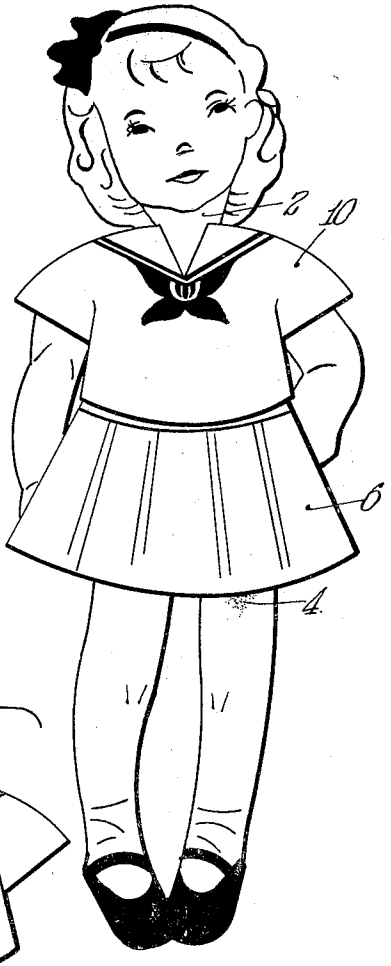
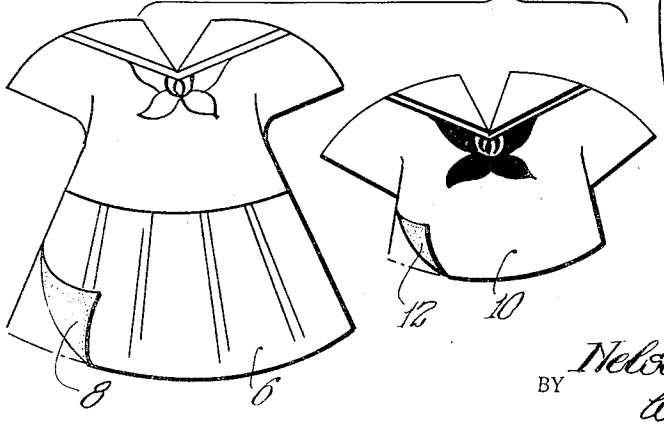


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to improvements in dolls and costumes therefor and is directed more particularly to the provision of a novel doll body and distinctive costumes which are adapted to be removably attached to the doll body.

It is one of the principal objects of the invention to provide a substantially flat doll and clothing therefor which is formed of sheet material and adapted to be placed thereover. The parts are so arranged that the clothing will more or less cling to the doll body without the use of paste, pins or other attaching means.

It is another object of the invention to provide a doll body which is distinctively provided with a particular kind of forward surface to which clothing for the doll will removably adhere. This surface will be more particularly described below but it is of such a nature that it may be readily secured to a flat body of cardboard or the like, or the body itself may be formed of material which by its nature has the particular surface desired.

It is another object to provide costumes or dresses for a doll body from flat sheet material formed to have a rear or bottom surface which is adapted to adhere to the doll body. According to the preferred form of the invention, the material is cloth-like and the surface just mentioned is formed during the process of manufacture of the material.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will become more apparent after a reading of the following description and reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the doll body of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of costumes of the invention; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the costumed doll.

Referring now to the drawing more in detail the invention will be fully described.

There is shown in Fig. 1 a doll figure 2 which is cut out from a flat sheet of some relatively stiffish yet light-weight material such as cardboard. The body is formed, and may be printed, to represent a doll figure and its forward surface is formed to have a substance or material 4 which is adapted to more or less frictionally or cohesively engage with another surface.

It is not desired to be limited to any particular substance or material 4 as the desired surface may be provided in many ways. According to the preferred form of the invention, however, this surface is provided by securing to the forward side of the flat doll body 2 a sheet of what is known in the paper industry as suede or phlox paper, which paper by its very nature has a somewhat fuzzy surface formed by relatively loosely-arranged fibers.

In another way, this surface 4 may be provided by applying to the body 2 a coating of some rubber-like composition, such as latex. Again the body may be formed of a fibrous mass so as to have a roughened surface as contrasted with the usual finished surfaces of card-board so that on contact therewith the clothing will adhere thereto by means of friction.

In Fig. 2 costumes for the doll body are shown. A dress, indicated by 6, may be cut out from flat sheet material which, preferably, is cloth-like. This also may take various forms but it, too, has a tacky or adhesive rear surface 8. At 10 there is shown a jacket, having an adhesive surface 12.

According to the preferred form of the invention, the clothing material consists of a cloth-like material having a roughened rear surface, such as does felt or wool. As is well known, wool consists of a plurality of loosely-arranged fibers so that its surfaces are fuzzy. In another way, the material may be a laminated fabric including an outer printed and/or colored piece of relatively hard-surfaced cloth, such as linen, and an inner piece of wool-like material.

The dresses are placed over the doll body with the surfaces 4 and 8 or 12 adjacent one another. I have found that then the parts tend to cling to one another and the costumed doll may be moved about and into various positions with the costumes removably attached to the body without the use of glue, pins or other auxiliary fastening means.

In another way, however, the sheet material from which the dresses are made may consist of paper or the like having latex or a similar substance on its rear surface. Latex is suitable where the surface 4 is formed of a similar substance because this material tends to adhere to itself, yet the parts may be separated when it is desired to change the costume.

In Fig. 3, the costumed doll is shown with the dress 6 adhering to the roughened surface of the doll body 4 and the jacket 10, which may or may not be of similar material to the dress 6, adhering to the said dress 6. Where the dress is cloth, I have found that the adhesive surfaces of the dresses will adhere thereto just as well as to the doll body. In this way parts of the costume may be changed at will.

The construction of this invention is such that the parts may be made simply and at low cost.

As is obvious, various and many effects can be obtained and any one of a plurality of costumes may be readily removably attached to the doll body.

While I have described the invention in great detail and with respect to a preferred form thereof, it is not desired to be limited thereto since many changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. What it is desired to claim and secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A doll and costume therefor comprising in combination, a substantially flat doll body having a forward non-tacky surface to which clothing may frictionally adhere, and an article of clothing cut out from cloth-like material having a rear surface in frictional engagement with the forward surface of the body substantially throughout the area thereof.

2. A doll and costume therefor comprising in combination, a doll body formed of flat sheet material having a non-tacky velvety forward surface, and an article of clothing cut out from flat cloth-like material having a rear surface in frictional engagement with the said velvety surface of the body substantially throughout the area thereof.

3. A doll and costume therefor comprising in combination, a doll body formed of flat sheet material having a non-tacky velvety forward surface, and an article of clothing cut out from a sheet of felt in frictional engagement with the said velvety surface of the body substantially throughout the area thereof.

4. A costumed doll comprising in combination, a substantially flat two-dimensional doll body cut out from relatively thin flat sheet material into the form of a doll and provided with a non-tacky velvety forward surface, and a two-dimensional member cut out from a relatively thin and flat sheet of cloth-like material into the form of an article of clothing and provided with a non-tacky velvety rear surface, the said non-tacky surfaces being disposed in frictional engagement with one another whereby the clothing member and doll body may be readily assembled and disassembled.

5. A costumed doll comprising in combination, a substantially flat two-dimensional doll body cut out from relatively thin and flat cardboard into the form of a doll, a coating of a non-tacky velvety substance secured to the forward surface of said body, and a two-dimensional member cut out from a relatively thin and flat sheet of cloth-like material into the form of an article of clothing and provided with a non-tacky velvety rear surface, the said member being placed on the forward surface of the body so its non-tacky rear surface is in frictional engagement with the said coating on the doll body whereby the clothing member and doll body may be readily assembled and disassembled.

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