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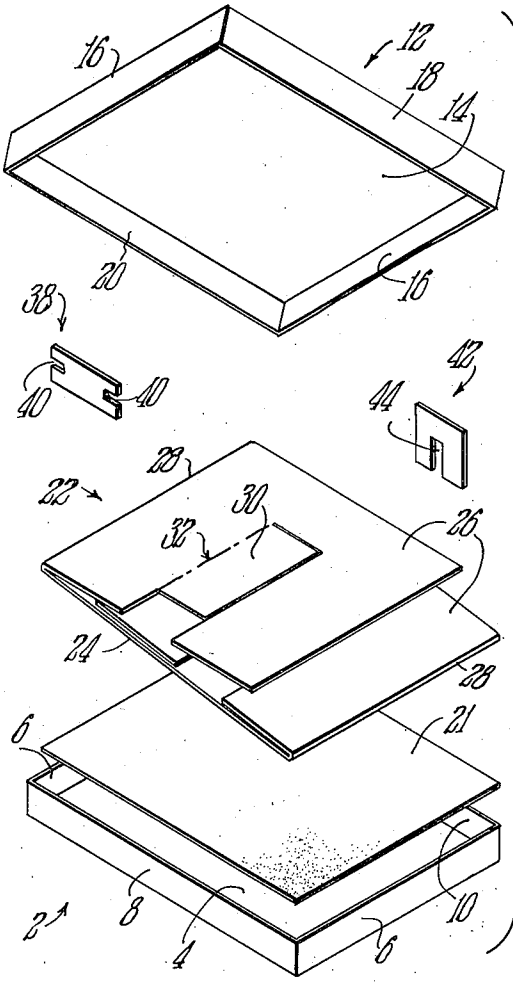


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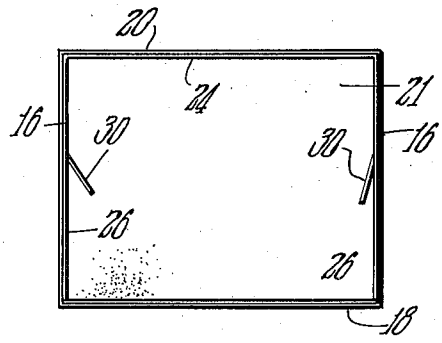


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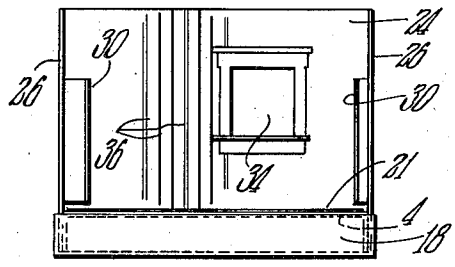


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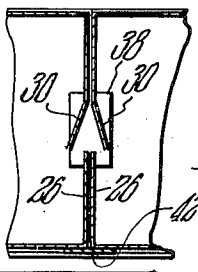


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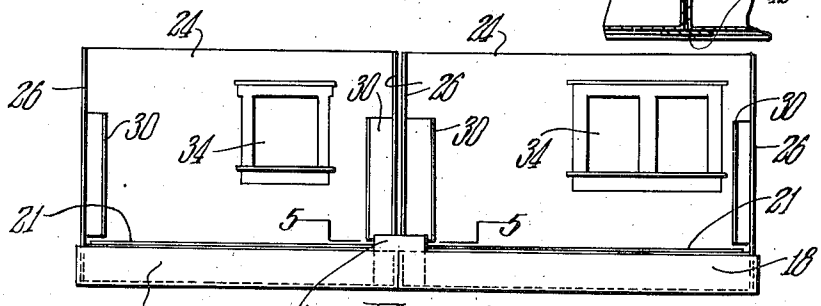


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This invention relates to improvements in doll houses.

The principal objects of this invention are directed to the provision of a doll house construction which is characterized by a box and cover for containing a wall structure and other components which components said box and cover are adapted to support in set-up relation.

According to novel features of the invention, the construction is adapted for economical manufacture and is arranged for compactness for storage and shipment while at the same time it is easily and readily set up.

With the foregoing and various other novel features and advantages and other objects of my invention as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more particularly pointed out in the claim hereunto annexed and more fully described and referred to in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the several components of the doll house construction of the invention;

Figs. 2 and 3 are plan and front elevational views of the components in set-up relation;

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view showing adjacent doll house constructions in set-up relation; and

Fig. 5 is a sectional plan view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

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

A box is represented by 2 which has a bottom wall 4, end walls 6 and front and rear walls 8 and 10.

A cover is shown at 12 which has an upper wall 14, end walls 16, and front and rear walls 18 and 20. Said cover and box are made from cardboard and the cover telescopes over the box so as to form a container for the other components of the structure which are as follows.

A sheet to simulate a rug is represented by 21 which may be a sheet of paper known as velour paper and may be of any desired color it it may be decorated.

A wall structure 22 is provided which includes a rear wall 24 and end walls 26 and 26 hinged at 28 to opposite ends thereof. The end walls have doors 30 cut therefrom and hinged thereto at 32 and the rear wall may be provided with one or more window openings 34. Inner faces of said walls 24 and 26 preferably carry ornamentation

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to simulate wall paper or other decorations as indicated by 36.

Said wall structure will be made from cardboard and the end walls are swingable from the superposed relation shown in Fig. 1 for packing in the box to a set-up position.

A threshold member 38 is provided which may be made from cardboard and is provided with notches 40 at opposite ends adapted to receive the edges of the door openings in the end walls. There may be as many of such thresholds as may be desired and they function to hold adjacent walls of adjacent wall sections together.

A lock member 42 also made from cardboard is provided which has a notch 44 to receive adjacent end walls of adjacent cover walls to lock the covers together.

In setting up the construction, the box and cover are arranged in telescoping relation with the bottom wall of the box uppermost.

The wall structure has its end walls 26 inserted between end walls of the box and cover and its rear wall inserted between the rear walls of said box and cover as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. In this position of the parts the rug 21 is set on the wall 4.

As will be seen the walls simulate the walls of a room and toy furniture may be placed in the room. The front and upper side of the room being open the room is readily accessible and the child may position the furniture and move it about as desired.

In Fig. 4 adjacent room constructions are shown. The lock 42 is inserted between the front walls 18 of the covers and adjacent front walls of the boxes with the end walls of the covers received in the notch 44 thereof, see Fig. 4.

The threshold 38 has edges of door openings of adjacent end walls 26 disposed in the notch 44 thereof, as shown in Fig. 5.

The lock and threshold cooperate to hold adjacent room constructions together and in such a manner that the doors 30 are swingable on their hinge connections.

The components are easily and readily set up to provide the room construction and may be as ornamental as desired while all of the parts may be packed and stored in the container formed by the cover and box.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the essential characteristics thereof. Hence, the present embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects merely as being illustrative and not as

being restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claim rather than by the foregoing description, and all modifications and variations as fall within the meaning and purview and range of equivalency of the appended claim are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

What it is desired to claim and secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A doll house construction simulating plural adjacent rooms comprising in combination, cover members each having upper walls and side and end walls extending at right angles from marginal edges thereof, said upper walls adapted to rest on a support with said side and end walls extending upwardly therefrom and said members adapted to serve as a foundation, room structures each having rear wall sections and end wall sections hinged thereto at opposite ends thereof, box members each having a lower wall and side and end walls extending therefrom at right angles, said box members inserted in said cover members with the lower wall thereof uppermost and the corresponding side and end walls of said cover and box members in adjacency, lower ends of the rear and end walls sections of the room structures inserted between the adjacent wall of the cover and box members and extending upwardly therefrom, a lock member provided with a slot extending upwardly from the lower side thereof providing side portions at opposite sides thereof, said side portions of the lock member inserted between the adjacent front walls of the cover

and box members and adjacent end walls of adjacent cover members received in said slot to hold said cover members against separation at the forward sides thereof, adjacent end wall sections of the wall structures provided with cut-out door openings spaced inwardly from the forward edges thereof and having marginal edges extending upwardly from the lower wall of the box members, and a threshold member having slots extending inwardly from opposite ends thereof and having marginal edges extending upwardly from the lower wall of the box members, said members resting on the lower walls of the box members and the slots thereof snugly receiving portions of the end walls of the wall structures adjacent the door openings and cooperating with said lock member to hold said cover members and wall structures against separation at a point rearwardly of said lock member.

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