

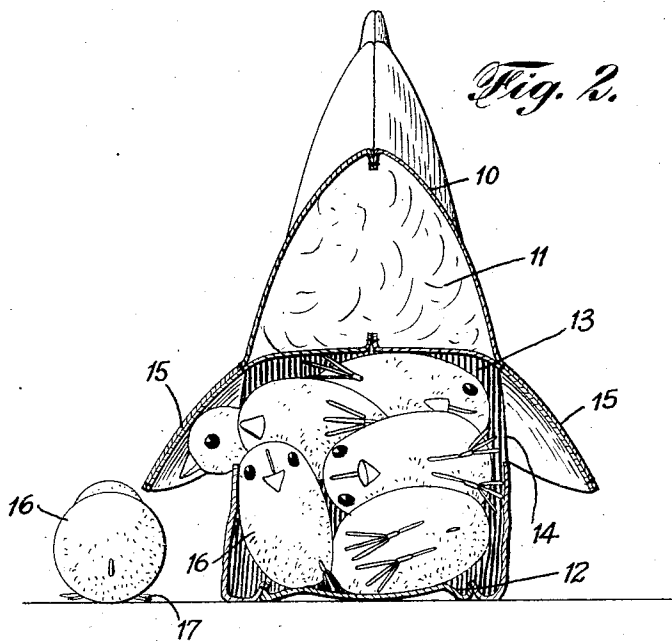
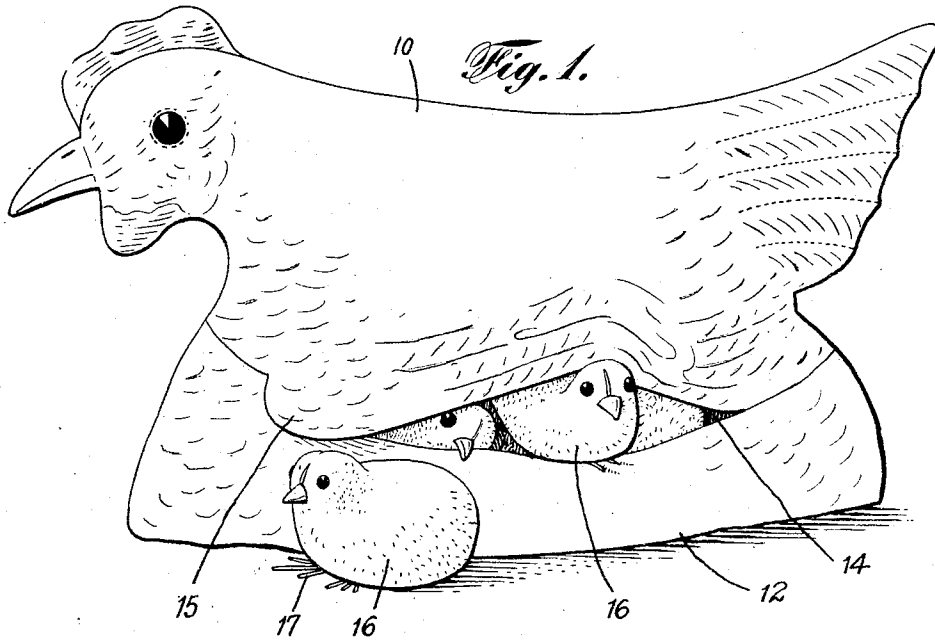
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FIGURE TOY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZAIDA B. WEBB, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Astoria, Queens County, New York, have invented an Improvement in Figure Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in figure toys, and the object of my invention is to produce a simple, inexpensive and amusing device as a plaything for children, and which is in the form of a living creature and its young, and more particularly a bird, preferably a hen, with its young or chicks. The design of the bird may be changed at will, but I make it preferably with a soft body so that a child cannot be injured by it, and I also prefer to make the toy in the form of a hen or some bird which is in the habit of hovering its young. To this end I make the body with a base broad enough for it to rest firmly thereon in an upright position, and produce in the lower part of the body a pocket, the openings to which are covered by the wings, so that the chicks or young may be placed in the pocket, and the wings, being preferably of cloth or other flexible material, will drop over the pocket openings and conceal the chicks. The chicks, or young, may also be grouped around the body, all to the great amusement of the child using the toy. The particular construction of the toy is not so important as the idea above outlined, which will be better understood from the description which follows.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved toy showing one of the wings raised to expose the pocket opening, and

Figure 2 is a cross section of the toy.

The drawings are by way of example, as obviously the design and general appearance of the toy may be changed very greatly without affecting the principle. As illustrated, the toy is in the form of a hen having a soft body 10, preferably made of cloth or other flexible material or fabric, which is stuffed as shown at 11 with cotton or other material to hold it in shape, and of a nature to keep the body soft so that it will not be injured if thrown about, or will not injure a child or person with whom it may

come in contact. The body is provided with a base 12, broad enough to permit it to be set down on the base and to retain its upright position. It can be colored and decorated to suit the fancy. The base portion of the article is formed into a pocket 13 with openings 14 preferably on the side and beneath the wings 15. The material of the wings obviates the necessity of hinges, as the wings naturally drop into a substantially vertical position so as to cover the pocket openings 14.

As a part of the structure, and to make the toy particularly amusing and interesting, I use in connection with it a flock of chicks 16, which are made of soft fluffy material, having preferably feet 17 on which they may stand. The chicks are not a new article of manufacture, as such things are well known in the trade, but I have never known of their being used in connection with a mother fowl or bird having a pocket to contain them, so as to simulate the action of a fowl in hovering its young.

It will be seen that with the structure shown, if the chicks are all stuffed into the pocket 13, the figure will simply appear as a hen, or it may be some other living creature, preferably of the bird type, and it is particularly amusing because a child can arrange the chicks about the body and with some of them peeking out from beneath the wings so as to simulate quite naturally the action of a mother bird and her young.

It will be noticed that the structure lends itself to various ornamentations such as a peculiar style of comb or imitation feather decoration and the like, and it will be observed of course that the actual formation of the body and the pocket can be varied almost indefinitely without departing from the principle of the invention, the important thing being to have the soft body of the desired shape, with a pocket or pouch to contain the young, and especially with side coverings which should simulate wings, and which cover the openings of the pouch or pocket. Obviously any number of the young chicks or creatures may be used.

It will also be understood that the entrance or opening to the pocket can be differently arranged without affecting the invention. When made up as described, the toy is inexpensive, harmless, interesting and amusing. It also, as intimated, may be deco-

rated so as to make a rather handsome article.

I claim:—

1. A toy comprising a body portion made
5 to simulate a bird or fowl, having an internal pocket in the lower part thereof with an entrance thereto on each side of said body portion, and wings arranged to drop over and conceal the pocket entrances.
- 10 2. A toy comprising a body portion made in simulation of a bird, having a base portion on which it may rest, a pouch or pocket formed in the body portion, said pouch having an opening on each side of the base portion,
15 wings secured to the body portion

and concealing said openings, and smaller bodies in the form of the young of the creature adapted to be contained within the aforesaid pocket.

3. A toy comprising a relatively large soft
20 body portion made in the form of a fowl, and having a pocket therein with side entrances covered by the wings of the main body, which are adapted to drop over said entrances, and a flock of chicks adapted to be stowed within the aforesaid pocket.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 5th day of October, 1923.

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