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TOY ANIMAL CAGE.
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Fig. 1.

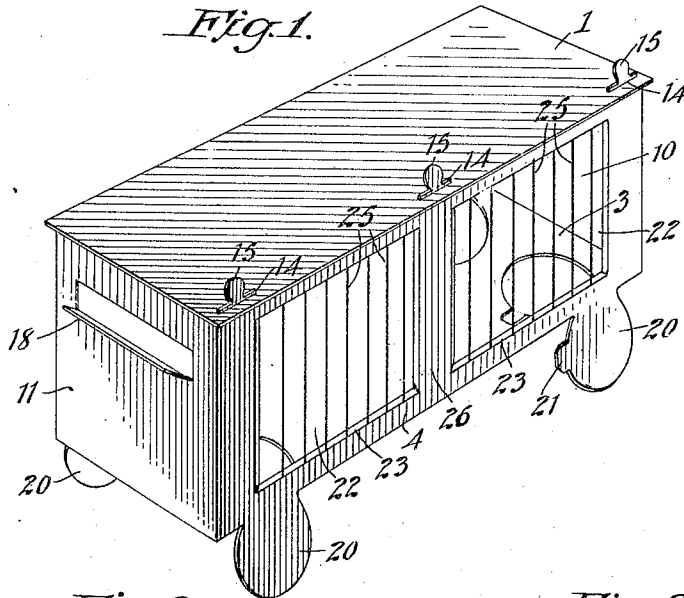


Fig. 2.

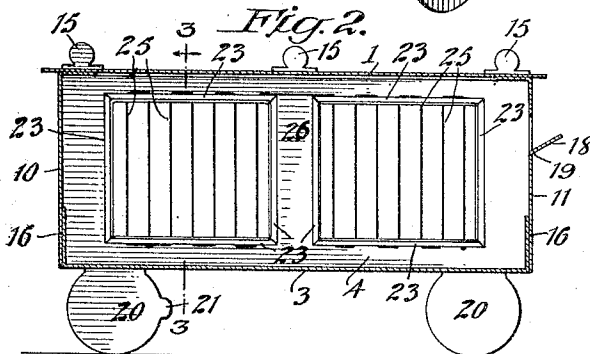


Fig. 3.

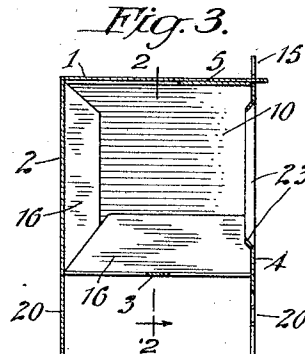
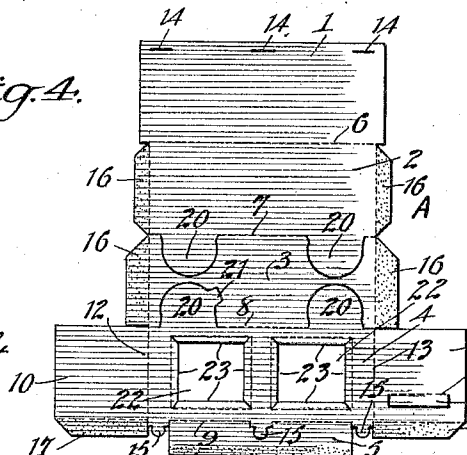


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE A. PITTMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and Improved Toy Animal-Cage, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in toy animal cages, an object of the invention being to provide such a toy made from a single blank of cardboard, which, when folded and secured, will represent an animal cage.

A further object is to provide a toy cage of the character stated, which embodies in its construction devices which simulate the structure of an animal cage, such as is employed in circuses and which will be of extremely simple, inexpensive construction, attractive in appearance and amusing and entertaining in use.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved toy animal cage;

Fig. 2 is a view in longitudinal section through the center of the device;

Fig. 3 is a view in transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a view on a reduced scale of the blank from which the toy is made.

A represents a cardboard blank which comprises a top 1, a back 2, a bottom 3, a front 4, and a securing tab 5 located in alinement and separated by fold lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 respectively. Ends 10 and 11 are integral with the front 4 and are separated therefrom by fold lines 12 and 13 respectively.

The top 1 is preferably slightly larger both in length and width than the bottom 3 and is provided adjacent one edge with longitudinal slits 14 to receive ornamental lugs 15 at the edge of the front 4 to hold the parts together while the adhesive is drying and also to give the appearance of ornamental knobs, such as are found on circus cages in general use.

Securing tabs 16 are provided at the ends of the back 2 and bottom 3 and securing

tabs 17 are provided at the upper ends of the ends 10 and 11, and all of the securing tabs 5, 16 and 17 are provided with a surface of mucilage or other adhesive which, when moistened and allowed to dry in place, will secure the parts together.

Rounded projections 20 are provided at the lower edges of the back 2 and the front 4 and these projections are cut from the bottom 3 and represent supporting wheels on the cage. One of these supporting wheels has an enlargement 21 which represents a brake shoe such as commonly employed.

The front 4 is provided with two rectangular openings 22 which are separated by a strip 26 which gives the appearance of a standard, such as commonly found on cages of this type. Lips 23 are bent inwardly from the edges of the openings 22 and vertically parallel runs of thread or cord 25 are secured in the horizontal lips 23 and represent the bars of the cage. These threads may be located in the lips by means of an ordinary needle and openings or marks may be provided to guide the positioning of the thread.

The end 11 is cut forming a tongue 18, which is bent outwardly on a fold line 19 and represents a foot support or platform with which such cages are ordinarily equipped.

It is my intention to supply the blanks and permit the user to fold the same on the fold lines, as indicated, and assemble the cage and any suitable form of animal, not shown, might be utilized inside the cage to give the appearance of a caged animal or animals.

Various slight changes may be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from the invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described composed of a single blank, comprising top, back, bottom, front and ends bent upon fold lines, and securing tabs holding the parts together, said front having openings therein, vertical runs of thread secured across the openings, rounded projections at the edges of the front and back and cut

from the bottom, and one of said rounded projections having an enlargement thereon representing a brake shoe.

2. A device of the character described, 5 composed of a single blank, comprising top, back, bottom, front and ends bent upon fold lines, and securing tabs holding the parts together, said front having openings therein, lips bent inwardly from the edges 10 of said openings to give strength to the face and to simulate thickness, vertical runs of thread secured in the upper and lower lips, and a strip between said openings representing a standard.

3. A device of the character described 15 composed of a single blank, comprising top, back, bottom, front and ends bent upon fold lines, and securing tabs holding the

parts together, said front having openings therein, threads extending across the open- 20 ings, said top having slits therein, and ornamental lugs at the edges of the front projecting through said slits.

4. A device of the character described composed of a single blank, comprising top, 25 back, bottom, front and ends bent upon fold lines, and securing tabs holding the parts together, said front having openings therein, threads extending across the open- ings, said top having slits therein, orna- 30 mental lugs at the edges of the front projecting through said slits, and a tongue formed in one end and bent downwardly representing a foot support.

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