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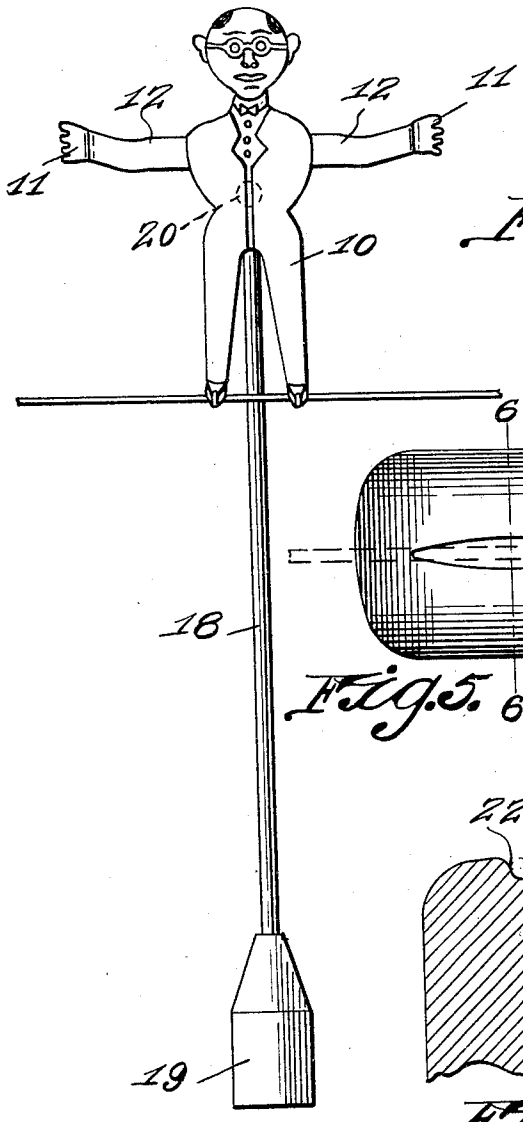


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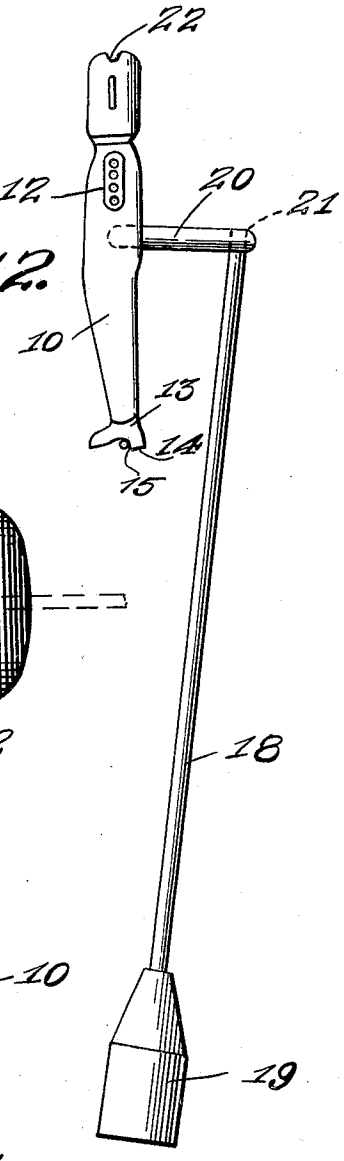


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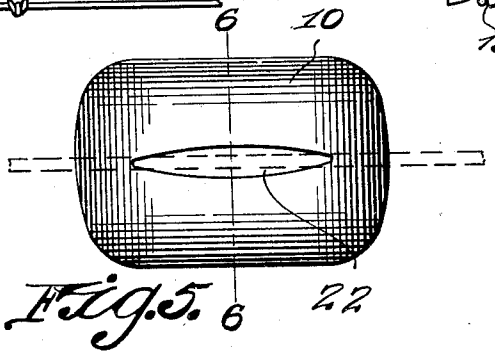
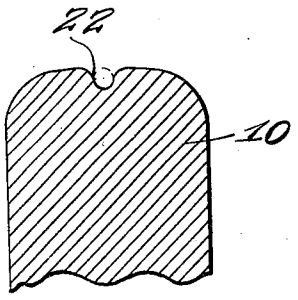


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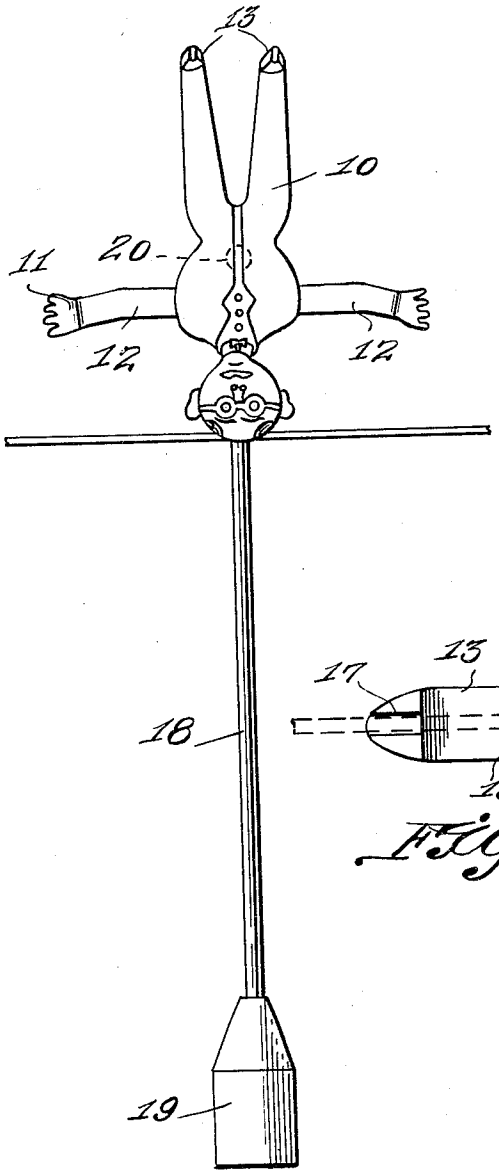


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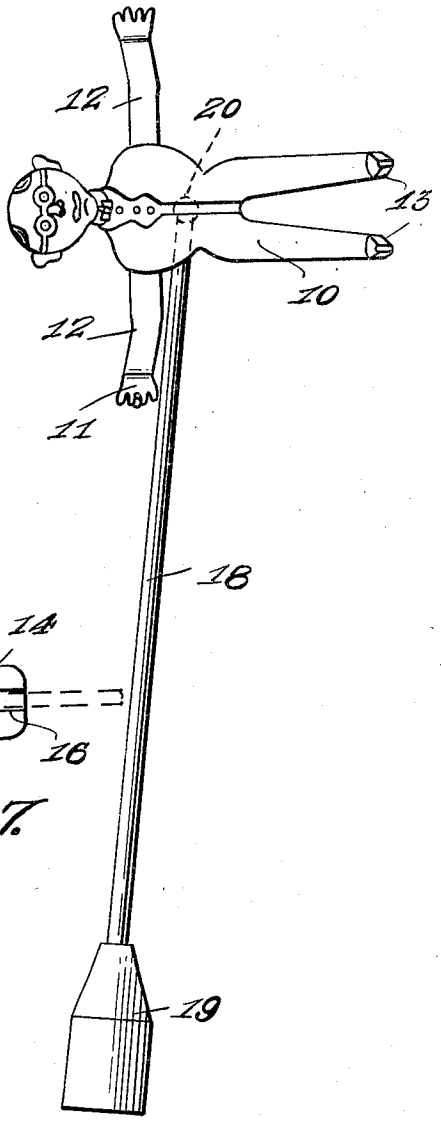


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the toy art and more particularly to that variety known as figure toys.

An object of the invention comprehends the provision and arrangement of means whereby the figure may rock and swing in different directions from different positions, slide upon a tight rope and animate other acts performed by acrobats.

Another object of the invention consists of a counter-balancing beam for the figure.

More specifically stated the figure is provided with a means of attachment whereby the counter-balancing beam may be connected therewith.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further consists of the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the figure inverted and standing upon its head upon a tight rope.

Figure 4 is illustrative of the manner that the figure may stand upon one hand and dispose of his body in a horizontal plane.

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the figure.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a bottom plan view of a foot for the figure showing the heel and groove portions to facilitate rocking and sliding of the figure upon a tight rope.

Referring to the drawings in detail wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates generally a figure resembling a man and having outstretched laterally projecting arms. The fingers 11 of the arms 12 are also spread apart to facilitate the interposing of a tight rope wire between any two of the fingers 11 to balance and modify the angle of swinging. The feet 13 for the figure having heel portions 14 define shoulder portions 15 between the heel proper and the arch of the integrally cast shoe whereby the tight rope wire lying flush against the flat side of the heel will prevent the figure from turning upon the wire other than that in the direction of swinging. The heel portions also maintain the figure in place upon the wire when sliding longitudinally thereon at an inclination and upon both feet. It may be desirous to have the figure slide or swing upon the wire or rope upon one foot and to accomplish this end I provide grooves 16 and 17 in the heel and toe portions of the feet and which are extended in a longitudinal plane with relation thereto.

A beam 18 of the counter-balancing type, mentioned in the foregoing, is provided with a form of weight 19 upon its lowermost end. An attaching bar 20 having one end fitted within the back of the figure through the provision of a horizontally disposed socket opening therein terminates at its opposite end in an enlarged apertured extremity 21 to accommodate the upstanding end of the counter-balancing beam 18.

It may be stated at this juncture that the head of the figure is to be slotted or grooved, as at 22, as best shown in Figures 5 and 6 of the drawings whereby the toy may be employed in the manner shown in Figure 3 of the drawings. The end of the bar 20 may be turned within the socket opening in the figure so as to adjust the counter-balancing beam to dispose the weight 19 therefor in line with and immediately below the tight rope or wire.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

A toy comprising a figure having laterally projecting outstretched arms, the head, fingers and feet of the figure being grooved to facilitate accommodation of a tight wire during swinging and sliding action of the figure thereon, an attaching bar adjustably

connected with the body of the figure, and a counter-balancing beam depending from and rigidly connected with the outermost projecting extremity of the adjusting bar in obliquely disposed relation to dispose the weighted extremity thereof in line with the vertical axis of the figure upon the wire.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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