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Fig. 1.

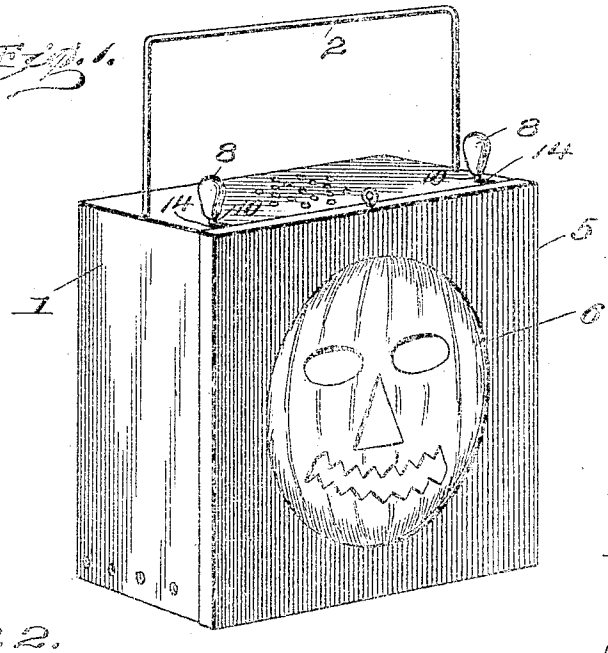


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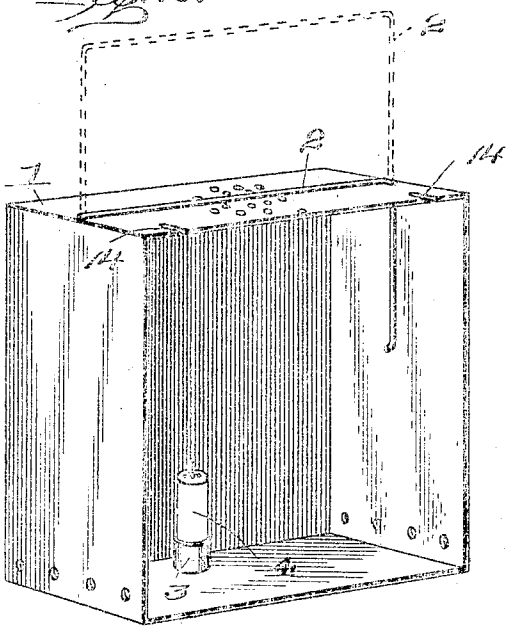


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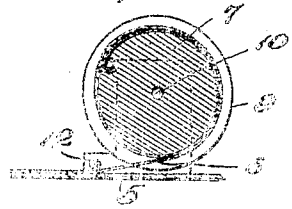
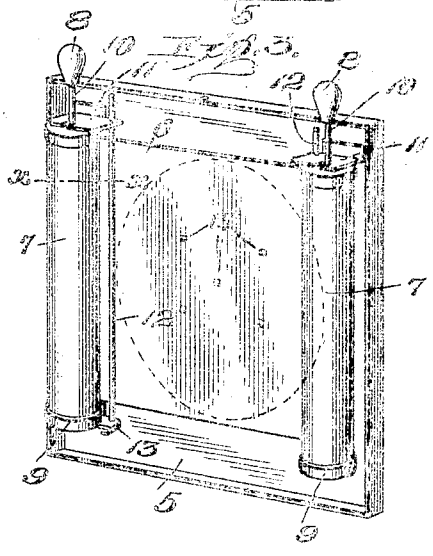


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern.

Be it known that I, EUGENE TERRY, residing at Ithaca, in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in toys; and it consists in a portable toy adapted to simulate a jack-lantern, with means whereby the face thereof can be changed as desired to exhibit various pictures and objects.

The invention will be understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved toy. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the box or casing thereof with the cover removed. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the cover looking from the rear side, showing the transparent strip which is adapted to be wound to and fro past the opening in the cover. Fig. 4 is a detail section, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line $x\,x$ of Fig. 3, showing the means for attaching the strip to the rollers.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

1 represents a box or casing provided with a handle or bail 2, which is composed of a single piece of wire having its ends bent as shown and passing through holes in the top of the box, so that in shipping it can be depressed to the position shown in full lines in Fig. 2, while when raised, as in dotted lines, same figure, it may be used as an ordinary handle or bail. Within the casing 1 is placed a socket 3, adapted for the reception of a candle 4, and suitable air and ventilation holes are provided in the sides of the box. The cover 5, which may be fastened to the box or casing proper in any desired way, has a circular hole or recess cut out therefrom, through which may be seen the pictures on the strip 6, which is a long strip of prepared paper or material having suitable pictures or designs printed or painted thereon. The ends of this strip are attached to rollers 7, one on each side of the opening in the cover, and the rollers may be turned in either direction, as desired, by means of the handles 8, connected thereto. The rollers are held to the cover so as to be easily removable therefrom by having their lower ends placed in sockets 9 and by having the projecting rods 10, to which the handles 8 are connected, passing through suitable seats in brackets 11, secured to the cover. The strip is prevented from unwinding, held close to the inner side of the cover, so that light cannot escape at its sides, and the winding of it facilitated by the two holding-rods 12, which are supported in one end in the lugs 13 and pass at their other end through holes in the corners of brackets 11, as shown in Fig. 3. Holes in the casing are provided at 14 14, into which the rods 10 may pass when the cover is put in place.

It will accordingly be seen that I have provided a light portable toy simple in construction, of small number of parts, easily assembled and operated, and not likely to get out of order. When the various parts are assembled and the candle is lighted in the interior of the box, any of the pictures upon the strip 6 may be exhibited by winding up the strip upon either one of the rollers 7. The front of the cover, which surrounds the picture-opening and which is the only part of the toy which is seen when looked at from the front, is preferably of a solid dark color which will not reflect light readily. Accordingly when the candle is lighted and the toy is carried in the hand on a dark night or in a dark room the pictures on the transparent strip stand out clearly and the body of the toy is not visible—as, for instance, when a picture of a jack-lantern is in front of the opening the appearance is as of a jack-lantern, such as is commonly known, cut out of a pumpkin—and a very entertaining amusing toy is provided.

Under some circumstances the illusion is heightened and the attractiveness of the toy enhanced by making perforations, slits, or passages in the picture-strip. Perforations of such character are shown at 15 in Fig. 3. It will be understood, of course, that the light will shine more clearly through these openings and that they may be arranged to

simulate the windows of a house, the lights of a town, &c.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a portable toy, a casing, a cover for said casing having an aperture therein, rollers mounted within said casing one on each side of said aperture, said rollers being removably supported by sockets at their lower ends and brackets at their upper ends and having grips or handles fixed thereon, a strip of transparent material having suitable pictures or designs thereon, said strip being connected at its ends to said rollers and adapted to be wound from one to the other thereof, rods removably located adjacent the inner face of said cover and adapted to hold said strip closely against the cover and a source of light within said casing substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a portable toy, in combination, a casing, a source of light therein, a detachable cover for said casing having an aperture, rollers removably mounted upon said cover and adapted to draw a film across said opening and removable guide-rods secured to said cover and adapted to hold said film against the same.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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