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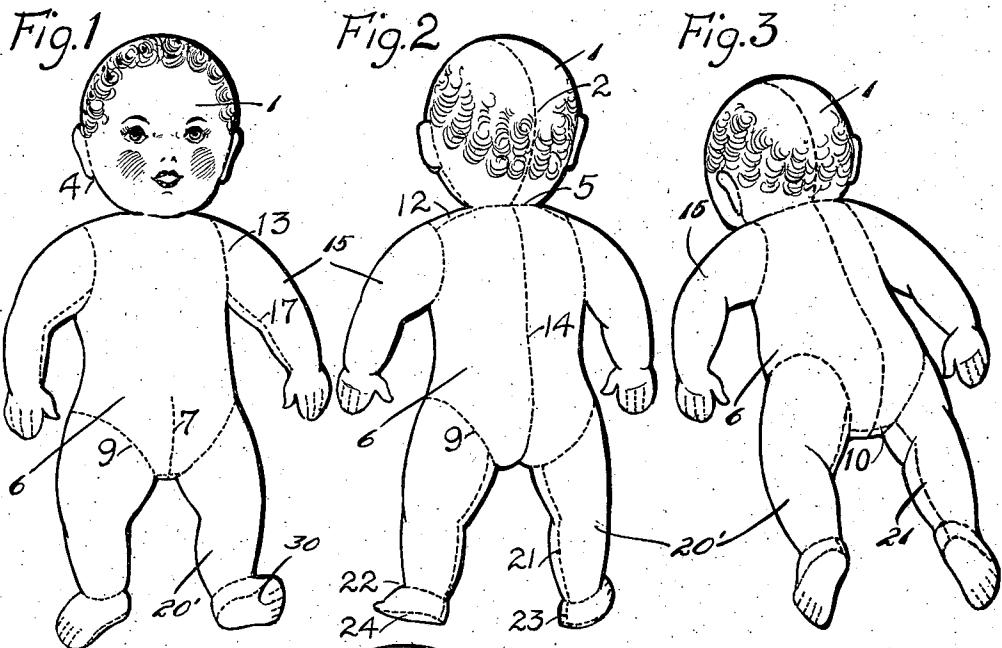
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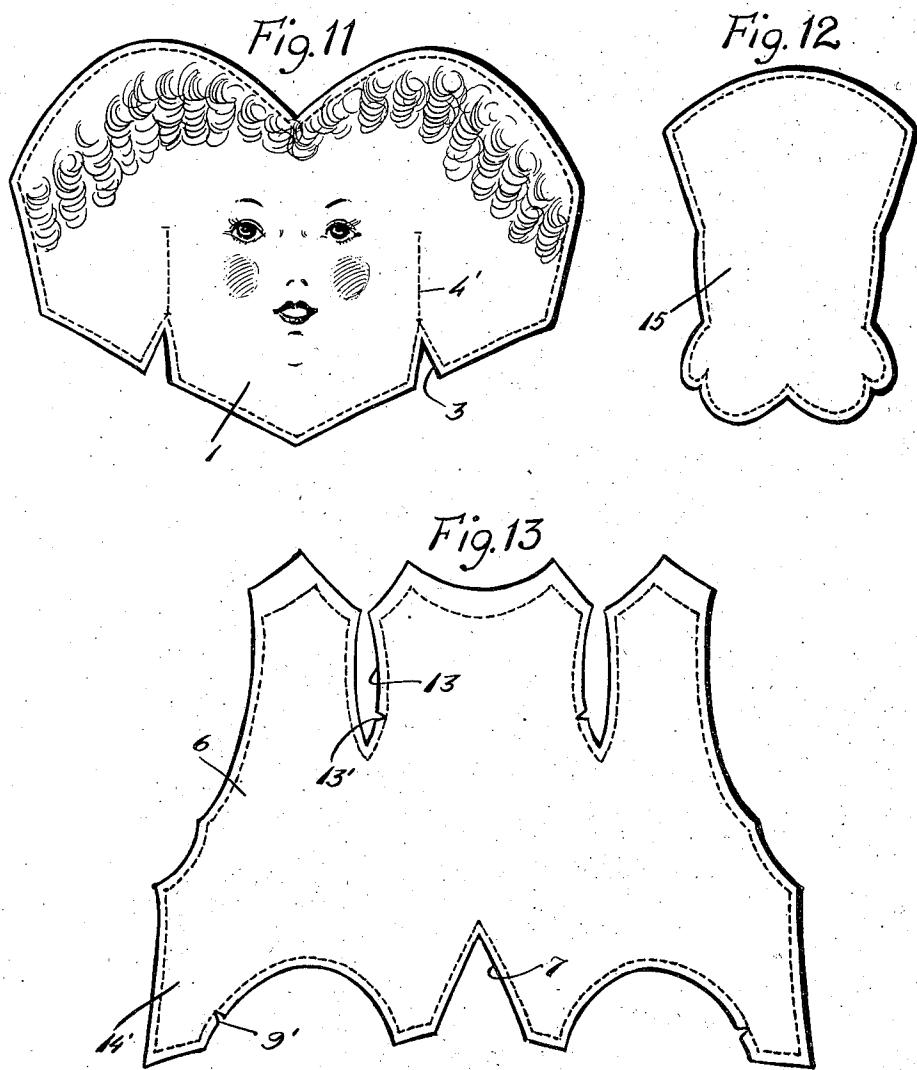
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in dolls and has for its primary object to provide an article of this character in which the body, head, arms and legs as well as the other portions of the doll are constructed of blank sheets of material folded in a predetermined manner and sewn along the edge portions thereof to provide hollow portions which may be filled with a suitable material to provide a soft, yielding body of light weight, adapted particularly for use by infants and without embodying any hard or rough surfaces which might injure the infant while handling the doll.

An important object of the present invention is to provide novel means for constructing and attaching the several parts forming the doll.

A still further object is to provide a doll of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the completed doll,

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view thereof,

Figure 3 is a rear perspective view,

Figure 4 is a plan view of a blank for the head of the doll showing the same in folded position, Figure 5 is a similar view of the ear,

Figure 6 is a similar view of the body portion,

Figure 7 is a similar view of one arm,

Figure 8 is a plan view of the blank from which one of the legs is constructed,

Figure 9 is a similar view of the blank from which the side portions of a foot are constructed,

Figure 10 is a plan view of the blank for constructing the sole of the foot,

Figure 11 is a plan view of the blank for the head of the doll,

Figure 12 is a plan view of the blank for one arm of the doll before the same has been folded, and

Figure 13 is a similar view for the body.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of the invention, it will be seen that the face and head of the doll are made of a single sheet of knitted material shown at 1 in Figure 11, which is folded along a

medial line as illustrated in Figure 4 and stitched along the seam as shown by the dotted line 2. The material is folded wrong side out and stitched along the seam 2 as indicated. A dart is made at the point indicated at 3 to shape the neck. The upper edge of the material forming the head is curved outwardly from the folded medial line to form the rounded top of the head.

The ears are composed of two pieces of material sewn flatwise together along the dotted line indicated at 4 as shown in Figure 5. These pieces of material are sewn and turned so that the seam is on the inside. They are stitched to the head by sewing above the dart 3 along the dotted line indicated at 4'. The head may be stuffed with kapok, wool, cotton or other suitable material and the edges of the head are gathered and sewn to the body as indicated at 5 in Figure 2.

The material is cut longer at the front of the head as shown by the form in Figure 4 so that when sewn and stuffed there are proper proportions for the chin and neck.

The body is composed of a single piece of material 6 as shown in Figure 13. The material is folded along a medial line as shown in Figure 6 and stitched along a seam on the wrong side as indicated by the dotted line at 12. A dart is stitched to form a seam on the wrong side as shown at 7 in Figure 6. This dart shapes the abdomen when the stuffing is inserted. The bottom edges of the body are next sewn together to form a seam indicated by the dotted lines at 8 and 10 in Figure 6. The rear edges indicated at 14 in Figure 6 are next stitched together to make a seam. The lower portion of the seam indicated at 14 is especially designed to form the buttocks 14'.

The legs and feet are each formed of three pieces as shown in Figures 8, 9 and 10. The leg indicated at 20' in Figure 8 is folded longitudinally along a medial line and stitched along the seam, on the wrong side, as indicated by the dotted line at 21. The foot as shown in Figure 9 is joined to the leg by a seam indicated by the dotted line 22 on Figures 8 and 9. The heel of the foot is formed by a seam indicated by dotted line 23 and the sole of the foot as shown in Figure 10 is stitched to the sides of the foot portion along a seam indicated by the dotted line 24.

The leg is shaped to form the knee as indicated at 21' and the buttocks as indicated at 20. The leg is attached to the body by a seam so that the seam 21 joins the body at the dart 9' on the seam

indicated at 9. The numeral 19 indicates the inside portion of the leg.

The arm is composed of a single piece of material 15 as shown in Figure 12. The material is folded on a longitudinal medial line as shown in Figure 7 and stitched along a seam as indicated by the dotted line 17. The arm is attached to the body by a seam indicated by the dotted line 16 so that the seam 17 joins the body at the dart 13' on the seam 13 as shown in Figure 6.

All of the seams of the doll body are sewn on the wrong side.

After the arms and legs have been sewn and attached to the body and turned inside out, so that all the seams are on the inside, the body is then stuffed with kapok, wool, cotton or other suitable material.

The upper edges of the body indicated at 11 are gathered and sewn together. The head is then sewed onto the body at the dotted line indicated at 5 in Figure 6. The upper part of the body indicated at 14 is then sewed together.

The outlining of the toes are then formed by small lines of stitching as indicated at 30 in Figures 1 and 3. The outlining of the fingers are formed by three lines of stitching as indicated at 18 in Figure 7.

From the foregoing it will be understood that the outside portions of the doll are formed of soft material and the hollow portions of the doll are stuffed with suitable soft material to provide a doll which may be handled by infants and other children without danger of injuring themselves.

It is believed the details of construction, and advantages of the article will be readily under-

stood from the foregoing without further detailed explanation.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

5 1. A doll comprising a head portion formed of a sheet of knitted material having its upper edge curved outwardly toward each side from the center of the sheet and connected at the curved portions to form a rounded, hollow top for the head, 10 the lower edge of said sheet forming the head portion being inclined upwardly from its center to form the front, sides and back of the neck, and adapted to be curved inwardly to provide a restricted connecting edge for the head and body, 15 leg and arm portions also formed of individual sheets of flexible material having edge portions secured together to form a hollow body, leg and arm members, a soft filler in said head, body, arm and leg members and means for securing the members to each other in assembled relation.

2. A doll comprising a hollow head, body, leg and arm portions adapted to receive a filler of soft material, said body being formed of a single sheet of flexible material having its vertical edges 25 connected together, said sheet of material having downwardly extending substantially oval slots in its upper edge defining the front and back of the body and forming armholes for attaching the upper ends of the arms thereto, inwardly curved portions in the lower edge of said sheet forming 30 openings for attaching the legs thereto and an upwardly extending V-shaped notch in said lower edge of said sheet between the leg openings and forming a dart to take up material at the crotch 35 portion of the body when the sheet is folded.

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