CHANGEABLE FIGURE TOY

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in toys, and more particularly to a figure toy.

An important object of the present invention is to provide a figure toy wherein the face of the toy can be changed from time to time to afford a doll of different facial expressions.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a doll which can be readily taken apart or extended in size.

Still another important object of the invention is to provide a doll of sectional construction wherein the doll can be taken apart for the purpose of convenient repair or replacement of parts.

Numerous other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following specification.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 represents a front elevational view of one form of doll.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the head of the doll shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of the head shown in Figure 2 with a face plate about to be inserted.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view through the head shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of one of the face plates.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary side elevational view, partly in section, showing a modification of the present invention.

Figure 7 is a front elevational view of the head structure of the form of the invention shown in Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a side elevational view of the head structure shown in Figure 7.

Referring to the drawings wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that the invention as disclosed in this application involves two head forms, one of which is shown in Figures 1 to 5 inclusive, and the other in Figures 6 to 8 inclusive, and further, a body construction disclosed in Figure 6.

It can be seen in Figure 1, that numeral 5 represents the body of a doll having the usual arms 6 and legs 7. The shoulder portions are constructed in such a manner as to accommodate the downwardly flaring formation 8 of the head which is generally referred to by numeral 8. In other words, the chest and shoulder portions of the doll can be built up around the downwardly flaring portion 8 which flares downwardly from the neck 10. The head 9 consists of the body structure 11, preferably solid and of any desired material. The face side 12 of this head 11 is countersunk, leaving the marginal outstanding portion 13 which of course defines an inner side wall 14. As is clearly apparent in Figures 3 and 4, this inner wall 14 defined by the marginal outstanding portion 13 is formed with a channelway 15 which at its upper end merges with the slot 16 which extends downwardly through the top of the head 11 to open into the countersink.

It is preferable that the bottom of the countersink be of convex shape so as to give a general conformation to the character carrying sheet 17 which is adapted to be inserted through the slot 16 with its edge portions engaged in the groove-way 15.

This sheet will be printed or photographed with the image of a human face thereon, or in the case of animals, an animal face, and after this sheet 17 has been properly disposed in place, a hat, bonnet, wig or the like 18 can be disposed over the top of the head 11 and over the upper portion of the sheet 17 so as to conceal the slot 16.

Obviously, from time to time this face element 17 can be removed and replaced with another to change the appearance of the doll.

Another form of head structure is disclosed in Figure 6 as well as in Figures 7 and 8, and this consists of the head 20 having a neck 21 provided with the screw shank 22 which is threadedly disposed into the shoulder structure 23 from which depends the skirt-like body structure 24 which can telescope the shell-like abdomen portion 25 which includes the hip portion 26 and to which the legs 27 are connected.

Thus, with the body sections thus constructed, the same can be extended or contracted to lengthen or decrease the length of the doll.

Spring strips 28—28 are provided on the upper front portion of the head 20, while a chin clip 29 is provided on the lower portion of the front of the head. Instead of face plates 17, in this form of the invention, preformed masks 30 will be employed. These masks can be molded to simulate a crying child, a laughing child, a serious child, etc. These masks are sufficiently pliable around their edge portions to permit the engagement thereof under the clips 28 and 29 so that the mask will remain in place, and it is preferable that the doll’s head be supplied with loose hair 31 so that the hair can be disposed over the edge portion of the mask to conceal the clips 28.

While the foregoing specification sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in shape, size and ma-
terials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A doll provided with interchangeable faces comprising a head portion made in the general form of the head of a human and having an enlarged and relatively flat front portion, said front portion being plain but slightly convex for forming a blank face portion for the head, a flexible member having the representation of a human face on its front and means for detachably holding the flexible member in close contact with the front portion of the head, the means for holding the flexible member to the head comprising a substantially oval rib at the periphery of the face portion with a slot in its top portion for receiving the flexible member and said rib having an internal channel for receiving portions of the flexible member, the inner wall of the channel and the inner wall of the slot forming continuation of the face portion of the head.

2. A doll provided with interchangeable faces comprising a head portion made in the general form of the head of a human and having an enlarged and relatively flat front portion, said front portion being plain but slightly convex for forming a blank face portion for the head, a flexible member having the representation of a human face on its front and means for detachably holding the flexible member in close contact with the front portion of the head, said means for detachably connecting the flexible member to the head including channel means on the head receiving edge portions of the flexible member.

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