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CHILD'S PLAYHOUSE

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Fig. 1.

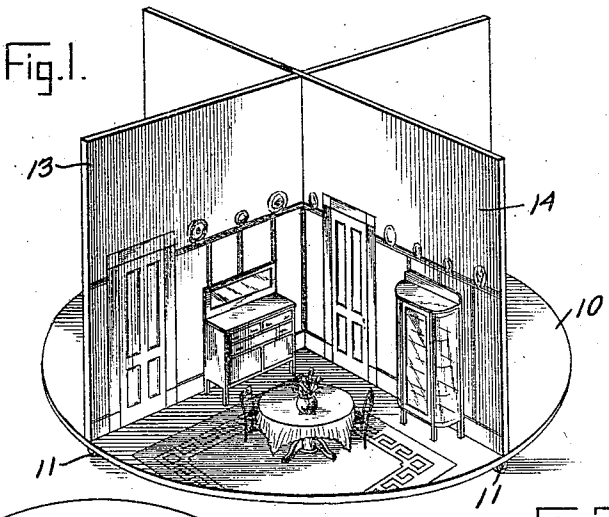


Fig. 2.

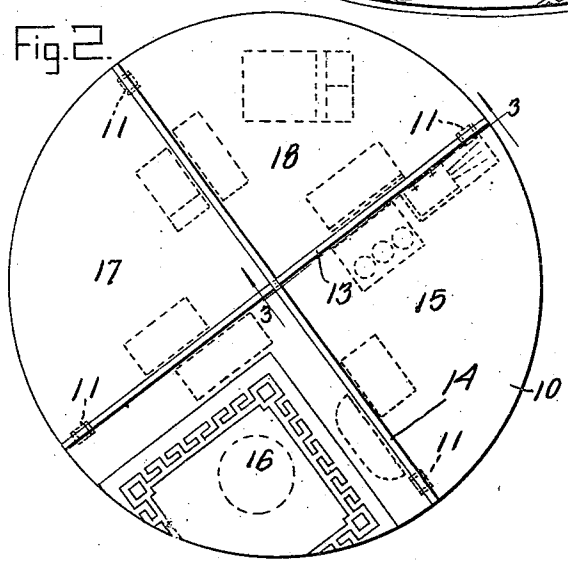


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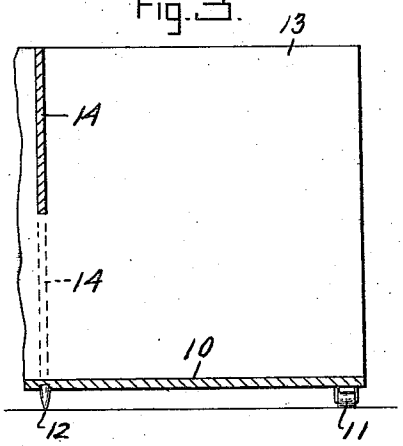
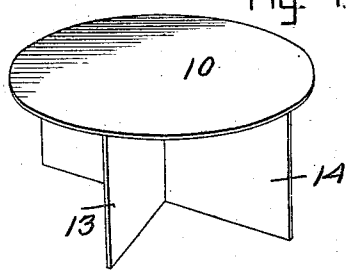


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN A. POOL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Playhouses, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention relates to a playhouse for small children and it is an object thereof to provide a playhouse which can readily be set up in a small space and which can quickly be taken apart and stored away in a small space.

A further object of the invention is to provide a playhouse which may be converted into a table.

Referring to the accompanying drawings which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is a perspective of the device in assembled position,

Figure 2 a plan thereof,

Figure 3 a partial section on line 3—3 of Figure 2, and

Figure 4 a perspective of the device set up as a table.

In the drawings reference character 10 indicates a bottom member which is preferably of a circular conformation and which may be made of any convenient material such as heavy cardboard or wood or composition material of various kinds. Underneath this circular member which serves as the floor of the playhouse I have provided supporting members here shown in the form of rollers 11 by which the device can be turned around and at the center is a pivot 12 around which the house may be turned and which also serves to support the center of the floor or bottom of the playhouse. This may also serve, if desired, to anchor the device to some extent as when it is placed on a rug or carpet. If desired a roller or caster may be substituted for the pivot. It will be understood, of course, that any other appropriate arrangement of supporting devices may be substituted for the arrangement shown, if desired.

On the floor or bottom of the playhouse I place partitions comprising a pair of similar members 13 and 14 each of which is cut half-way through as indicated in Figure 3 so that they may be engaged with each other and brace each other. These partitions divide the floor space into four rooms and I have indicated these as forming a suite consisting of kitchen 15, dining room 16, nursery 17 and bed room 18. The necessary furniture for the different rooms may be sold with the playhouse or the bottom piece and partitions may be sold by themselves leaving the furniture to be supplied as desired.

The walls preferably have printed on them or otherwise indicated, doors, paneling, plate racks, dishes on the plate racks and like ornamentation which may be varied to suit the taste of the designer. If desired the doors may be so mounted that they can be opened and closed.

The bottom member 10 will preferably be from 24 to 36 inches in diameter and the entire device may be turned by a child sitting on the floor so that he may play with objects in the rooms in succession or otherwise. Should it be desired to use the device as a table, the furniture can be removed and the member 10 be placed on the top of the partitions as shown in Figure 4. Small chairs then being placed about the device children can put their feet under it and use it as an ordinary table.

Various modifications of the device will occur to those skilled in the art. For example a separate circular member such as 10′ may be provided for the table top in case the rollers should be found to interfere with the use of the member as a table top. Should it not be desired to use the device as a table the partitions may be cut as semi-circular members and then be slit so that the upper edge of the partitions will constitute a segment of a circle extending from the intersection of the partitions at the top to the outer edge of the floor member. For the reasons stated I do not limit myself to the exact device shown in the drawings and described in the specification but only as indicated by the appended claims.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a playhouse, a floor, a pair of intersecting members extending transversely thereof to form partitions, said members being detachably connected to each other and resting loosely on the floor member, substantially as set forth.

2. A convertible playhouse comprising de-

tachably connected partitions and a floor member beneath them, said floor member being also adapted to rest on top of the partitions and form a table, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Memphis, Tennessee, this 21st day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

MARTIN A. POOL.

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