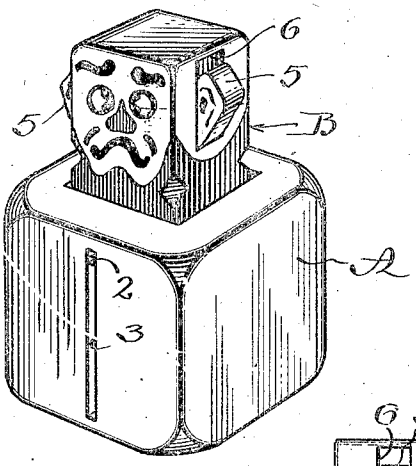
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Fig. 1



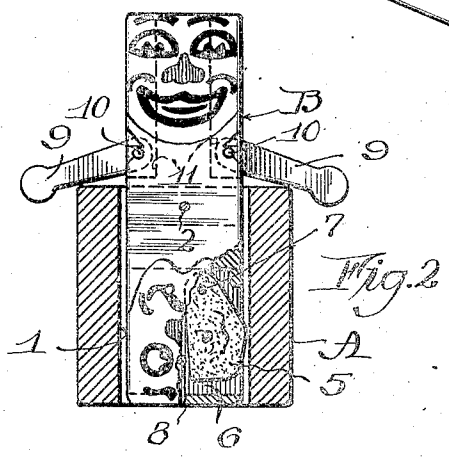


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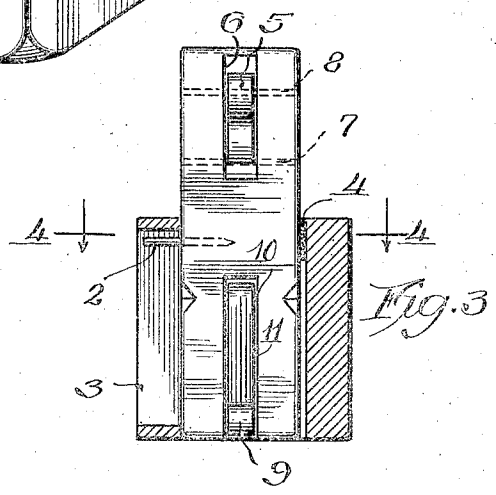
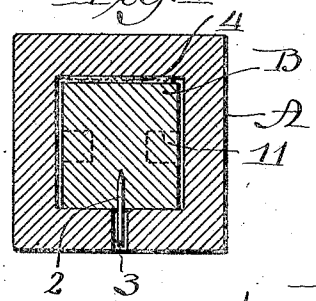


Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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This invention relates to improvements in toy novelties, and more particularly to devices disclosed in my prior application, filed May 12, 1926, and bearing Serial No. 108,445, and consisting in general of a block in which is mounted an endwise shiftable body having figures at either end which alternately appear and disappear at opposite sides of the block.

The object of the present invention is to provide certain new and improved features of construction, calculated to simplify the method of manufacture, at the same time rendering the toy less capable of destruction in the hands of children.

In its preferred embodiment, the toy is constructed of wood and in the form disclosed in the accompanying drawings, although other materials and designs may be employed with equal effect.

Referring to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the toy.

Figure 2 is a view in vertical section through the block, showing the body in front elevation.

Figure 3 is a view in vertical section through the block, showing the body in side elevation; and

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view as taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

As clearly shown in Figure 1, the toy consists in general of a block A of cubical shape and a body B, likewise having the form of a block, square in cross-section but of a length slightly less than twice the dimensions of the block A. As already suggested, both the block and body are constructed of wood, this being the most satisfactory material for novelties of this type, although other materials may be used.

The body B is mounted within a square bore 1, extending through the block and is free to slide endwise therein through a limited path of movement which is determined by a pin 2 secured in the body midway between its ends, and having its projecting portion engaging a slot 3, cut in the block A, and extending practically the full height thereof. This method of joining the parts together is perhaps as simple as can be devised, since it is only necessary to drive the pin into the body after the parts have been assembled. However, the slot 3 could be closed after the pin is inserted, if a more finished article is desired. In order that the body shall not slide too freely, a thin pad 4 of felt, leather or other frictional material is attached to the body opposite the pin 3, and serves to contact with the surface of the bore.

At opposite ends of the body are grotesque heads, carved or painted, with the faces appearing on one side and the remaining sides being treated to represent the sides and back of the heads.

As clearly shown in Figure 1, one of the heads is provided with ears 5, 5 which in the position shown, are distended from the sides of the head. These ears are pivotally mounted within a slot 6 extending transversely through the head, there being pins 7, 7 extending through the base portions of the ears, so that the same are free to swing inwardly and outwardly as the head is alternately retracted and extended in the movement of the block. To limit the inward movement of the ears, a stop pin 8 extends transversely of the slot 6 midway between the ears (Figure 2).

Associated with the head at the opposite ends of the block (Figure 2) is a pair of arms 9, 9 pivoted to swing freely relative to the body and on pins 10, 10 passing through the inner ends of the arms. These arms are adapted to swing upwardly and into slots 11, 11 extending from the inner ends of the arms along the sides of the head.

The toy is operated by alternately reversing the position on a table or other flat surface, with the body in vertical position. Thus in the position shown in Figure 1, the head having the ears 5, 5 projects above the block, while the head at the opposite end rests in contact with the table with the arms 9, 9 folded into the slots 11, 11 along the sides thereof, as shown in Figure 3. Upon reversing the block, the body is shifted endwise whereupon the head with ears disappears and the head and arms at the opposite end appear (Figure 2,) the arms dropping downwardly by gravity into the outstretched position. Similarly, the ears 5, 5 associated with the other head are drawn into the slot 6, as the head recedes into the block, and drop by gravity into extended position when they emerge from the block.

Having disclosed a preferred embodiment of the device, and without limiting the invention to the specific construction or arrangement of parts thereof, I claim:

1. A toy of the character described, com-

prising a block having a bore therethrough, a body movable endwise in said bore to alternately expose its end portions from opposite sides of said block one of said end portions being provided with a recess, and a member mounted within said recess and adapted to be alternately extended from and retracted into said recess in the movement of said body relative to said block.

2. A toy of the character described, comprising a block provided with a bore therethrough, a body mounted to slide endwise through said bore and provided with recesses in its end portions, means for limiting the endwise movement of said body to expose its end portions alternately from opposite sides of said block, and members mounted adjacent the ends of said body and adapted in one position to be retracted into said recesses and in another position to drop by gravity therefrom into extended position.

3. A toy of the character described, comprising a block having a bore therethrough, a body adapted to slide endwise in opposite directions through said bore, said body having recesses adjacent the ends thereof, and members pivotally mounted in said recesses and adapted to be alternately extended by gravity to project from said body as the same emerges from said block.

4. A toy of the character described, comprising a block having a bore therethrough, a body adapted for endwise sliding movement through said bore and provided at its ends with representations of heads and recesses on the sides of said head, body members carried by said body, and means for fastening said body members in said recesses whereby the same are automatically extended from and retracted into said recesses in the movement of said body relative to said block.

Signed at Chicago, Ill., this 24th day of May, 1926.

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