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FIGURE TOY

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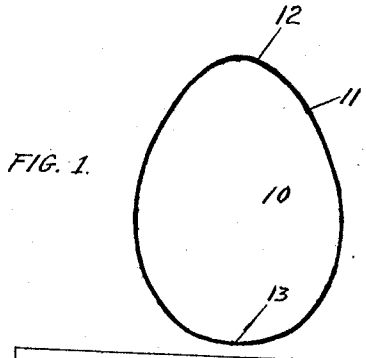


FIG. 1.

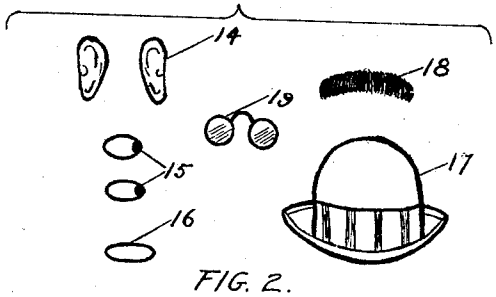


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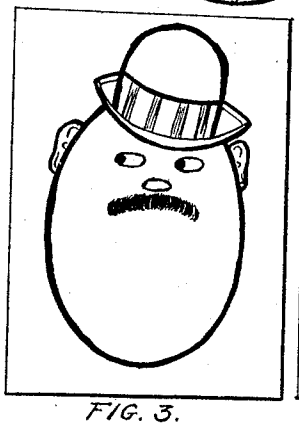


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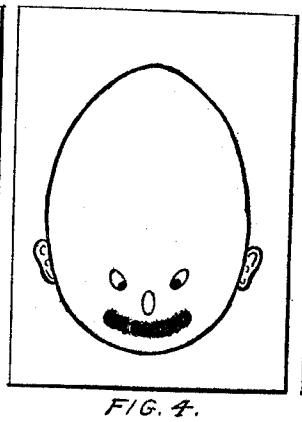


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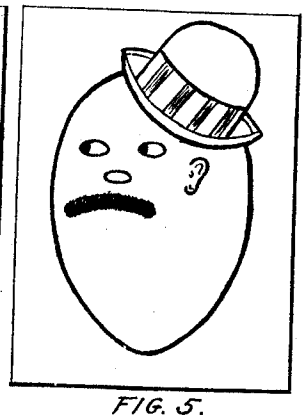


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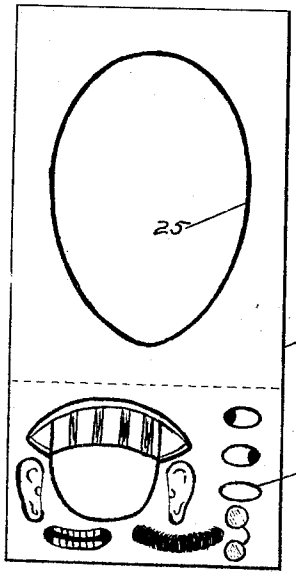
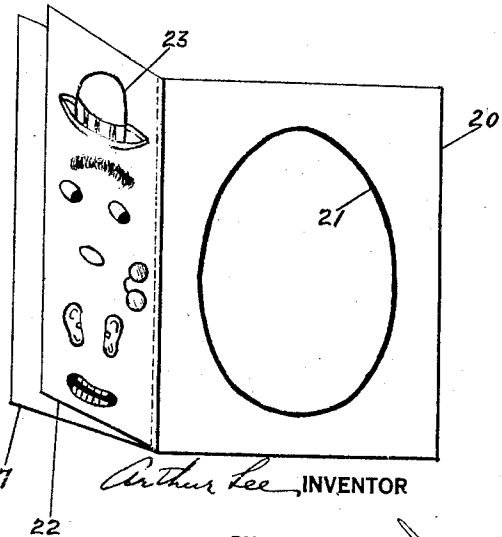


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FIG. 6.



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FIGURE TOY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR LEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Figure Toys, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an amusement device or toy and has for its object to provide an article of this character which is comparatively simple in design and construction, preferably made of paper, cardboard or like material and accordingly inexpensive to manufacture, and illustrating a cartoon of a head or face and so designed and arranged that a great deal of entertainment and fun may be derived therefrom.

A further object is to provide an amusement device made up of a blank head or face and upon which may be arranged in varying relations facial feature members or facial adornment members whereby a changeable cartoon or caricature of the head or face is obtained and considerable fun and amusement accordingly derived therefrom, and at the same time my amusement device provides for the display of considerable skill in combining and arranging the various facial members.

A further object is to accomplish the aforementioned ends in a simple and expeditious manner and to provide an amusement device which can be easily and economically manufactured, involving but little the expense in its make-up and at the same time providing a package which may be readily packed, handled and marketed by the retailer, as well as providing an enjoyable toy or novelty for the purchaser.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in the improved amusement device or toy illustrated in the accompanying drawing and hereinafter described and claimed, and in such variations and modifications thereof as will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which my invention relates, it being understood that changes may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit thereof.

The preferred embodiment of my invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a paper or cardboard member having printed thereon a facial outline or cartoon of the same;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the facial features, facial adornments and like parts or members which are to be used in connection with the facial outline member illustrated in Figure 1;

Figures 3, 4 and 5 are diagrammatic views of my novel amusement device showing the manner in which the facial features and adornment members may be moved and shifted about upon the facial outline member and thus obtain varying expressions and amusing cartoons, etc.;

Figure 6 is a view in perspective of my amusement device made up in the form of a book and with the facial features and adornments printed upon one of the leaves thereof and which features and adornments are to be cut out by the purchaser; and

Figure 7 is a modified form of my device wherein the facial outline and facial features and adornments are all printed upon one sheet.

Referring specifically to the several views, wherein similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout, a piece of cardboard or paper 10 has printed or stamped thereon an outline 11 illustrated in the present drawing as being a cartoon of the human face, although it may readily partake of other forms, such as the face of an animal, and the cardboard 10 upon which it is printed is cut so as to correspond with this outline 11 and as thus constituted makes what I term a facial outline member. In order to further the interest and amusement which may be derived from the use of my toy, the outline of the face at the one axis is preferably sharply curved as at 12, while the remote portion is more bluntly curved, as at 13.

In Figure 2 I have illustrated the separate facial feature members and facial adornment members which are to be used in connection with the facial outline member of Figure 1. These facial members represent the ears, as at 14, the eyes, as at 15, nose, as at 16, hat, as at 17, mustache, as at 18, and eye glasses, as at 19. These feature members are either artistic likenesses of the parts represented or cartoons of the same, and, furthermore, may be colored, as may also be the facial outline member. The facial members are printed on cardboard or

other suitable material and are cut so as to agree with the outline of the feature which they represent and accordingly may be separately moved about the facial outline member and arranged in any desired relation.

As illustrating the different effects obtained by the shifting about of the facial feature members and adornment members, reference is made to Figures 3, 4 and 5 of the drawings, and it will be readily perceived that an endless variety of expressions and caricatures or cartoons may be built up, according to the skill of the individual.

In Figure 6 I have illustrated my novel amusement device built up in the form of a book wherein the back or rear cover 20 has printed upon the inside thereof a facial outline 21, and the cover 20 accordingly forms the facial outline member of my amusement device or toy. The front cover 27 has preferably printed upon the outside thereof (not shown) a likeness of one or more of the various cartoons or facial arrangements as illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5; although I have not illustrated this in the drawings, as it forms no part of my invention but merely adds to the attractiveness of the device. An inside sheet or fly leaf 22 has printed thereon the various facial features and adornments 23, which are to be cut out and when so cut out will form facial features and facial adornment members which may be readily shifted and moved about upon the facial outline member 20 to produce the novel and highly amusing effect as previously described.

The somewhat modified form of my invention illustrated in Figure 7 is similar to the foregoing with the exception that the facial outline and facial features and adornments are all printed on the one sheet or base 24, the same being preferably composed of cardboard or other suitable material. Upon this cardboard is printed the facial outline 25 which with the surrounding paper or cardboard forms the facial outline member. The lower portion of the cardboard 24 contains the printed delineation of the various features and facial adornments, or suitable cartoons thereof, as at 26, and which when cut out form independent facial feature members and facial adornment members.

From the foregoing it will also be apparent that instead of making the outline and features as representative, or cartoons of the human face and human head, they may readily partake of the nature of an animal or other object. Further, the facial outline members may be printed in colors and the facial features and adornments also likewise colored, such changes and modifications coming clearly within the scope of my invention and adding to the attractiveness of the device. Thus I have not only provided a device from which considerable amusement and fun may be derived, but also wherein a surprising amount of skill may be exercised, and most humorous and exaggerated effects obtained.

Having thus described and explained my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

An amusement device comprising an outlined head member having plane parallel opposite side surfaces, pieces representing features appropriate of the head member, said feature pieces being outlined by edges and having plane parallel opposite side surfaces, the feature pieces being applicable to the surface of the head member in parallel planes, the obverse surfaces of the feature pieces bearing representations of characteristic organisms so positioned upon the pieces as to present expression of emotion variable as the feature pieces are turned in their positions upon the head member.

Signed at New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1922.

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