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Fig. 1

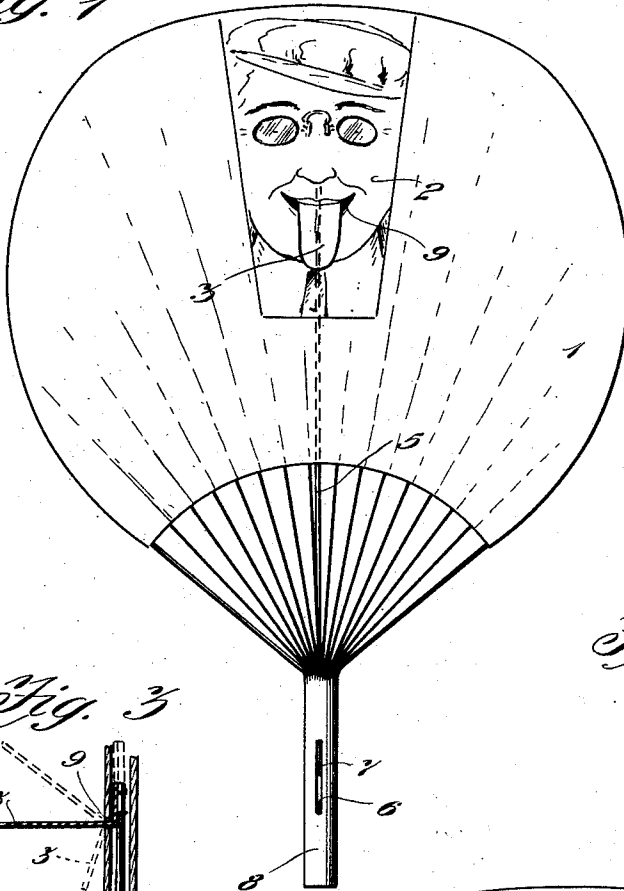


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

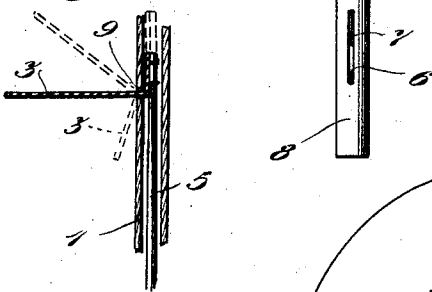
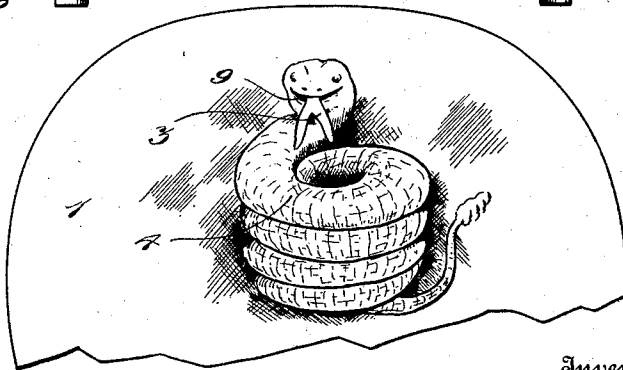


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN RILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Donora, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fans, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fans, and it has for its objects among others to provide a unique fan having thereon the representation of a human face, an animal or some object having a tongue or other movable part, with means for actuating said tongue or other movable part to give a weird appearance to the fan and to attract the attention of observers. The fan may be in the nature of an advertisement of some particular person or firm and the wagging tongue will serve to direct attention thereto. Simple means are provided for wagging the tongue, said means preferably being so disposed as to be concealed by the hand of the user of the fan so that the observer is not cognizant of the means which actuates the tongue, thus adding to the mystery of the same.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the numerals of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of a fan constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a substantially central longitudinal section through the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail through the tongue and the handle, with parts in elevation. Fig. 4 shows a modification of the face of the fan.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings 1 designates a fan, which, except as hereinafter specified, may be of any of the well known types. Upon its face it bears the representation of some object, in Fig. 1 there being shown

that of a human face, as seen at 2, 3 being the tongue sticking out of the mouth. In Fig. 4 I have shown the face of the fan as having thereon the representation of a snake, coiled as if to spring, and having its tongue 3 sticking out of its mouth, as shown, the snake being of any known variety, that shown at 4 being but one of those that may be represented. Other animals might be substituted for the human face or the snake without departing from the spirit of the invention. The tongue in either case is designed to be operated so as to make it wag when desired by some suitable means, in this instance there being shown a rod 5 disposed between the faces of the fan and having its lower end bent laterally and formed into a hook or the like as seen at 6 so that it may be readily engaged by the finger or thumb of the hand. This hook portion extends through a slot 7 in the handle portion 8 of the fan as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. The tongue 3 is connected with the upper end of this rod in any suitable manner so that as the rod is moved up and down the tongue will be caused to wag. The tongue is shown as projecting through a narrow slot 9 in the face of the fan and in its movements the tongue has a bearing on the walls of this slot as will be clearly understood from Fig. 3. The connection between the tongue and rod should be flexible in order to allow of the proper movements. The tongue also is flexible so that it may be closed entirely within the fan if desired as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3. The tongue-operating means being where it will be covered by the hand of the person using the fan the tongue can be made to wag without any apparent manipulation by the person using the fan. This will serve to mystify the observer and will attract attention to the fan and any advertisement there may be thereon.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed as new is;—

A fan having two covers, a hollow handle thereon, having a slot therein, a slit in one

of said covers, a rigid vertical sliding member having a flexible end passing through said slit and the other end of which passes through said slot in said handle, said rigid
5 member adapted to be operated up and down by a vertical movement of a person's finger.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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