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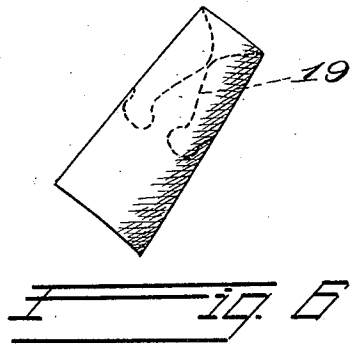
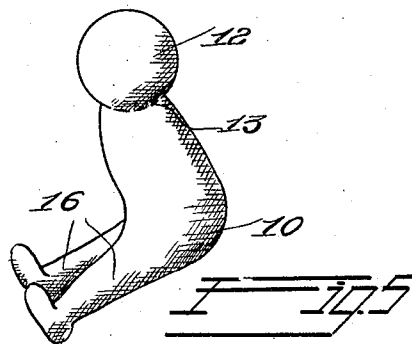
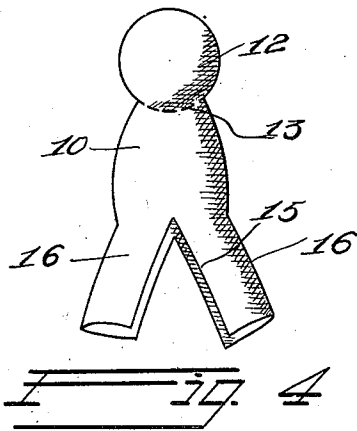
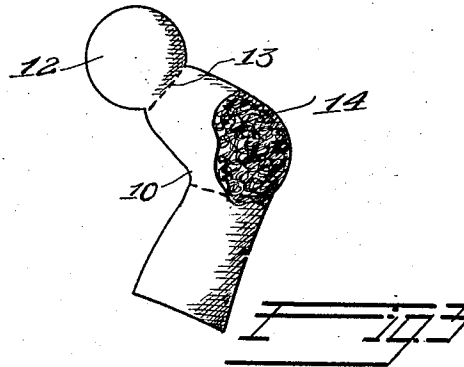
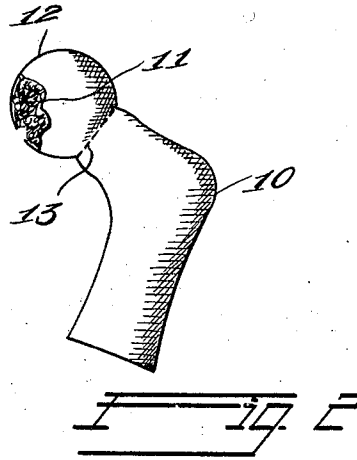
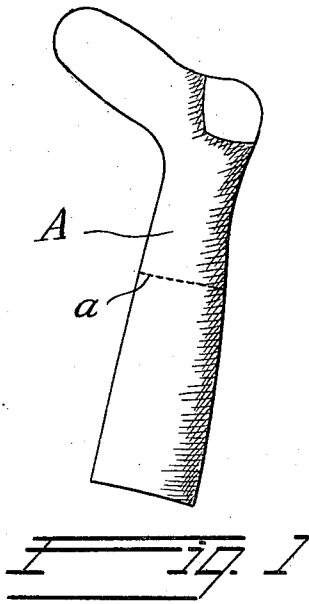
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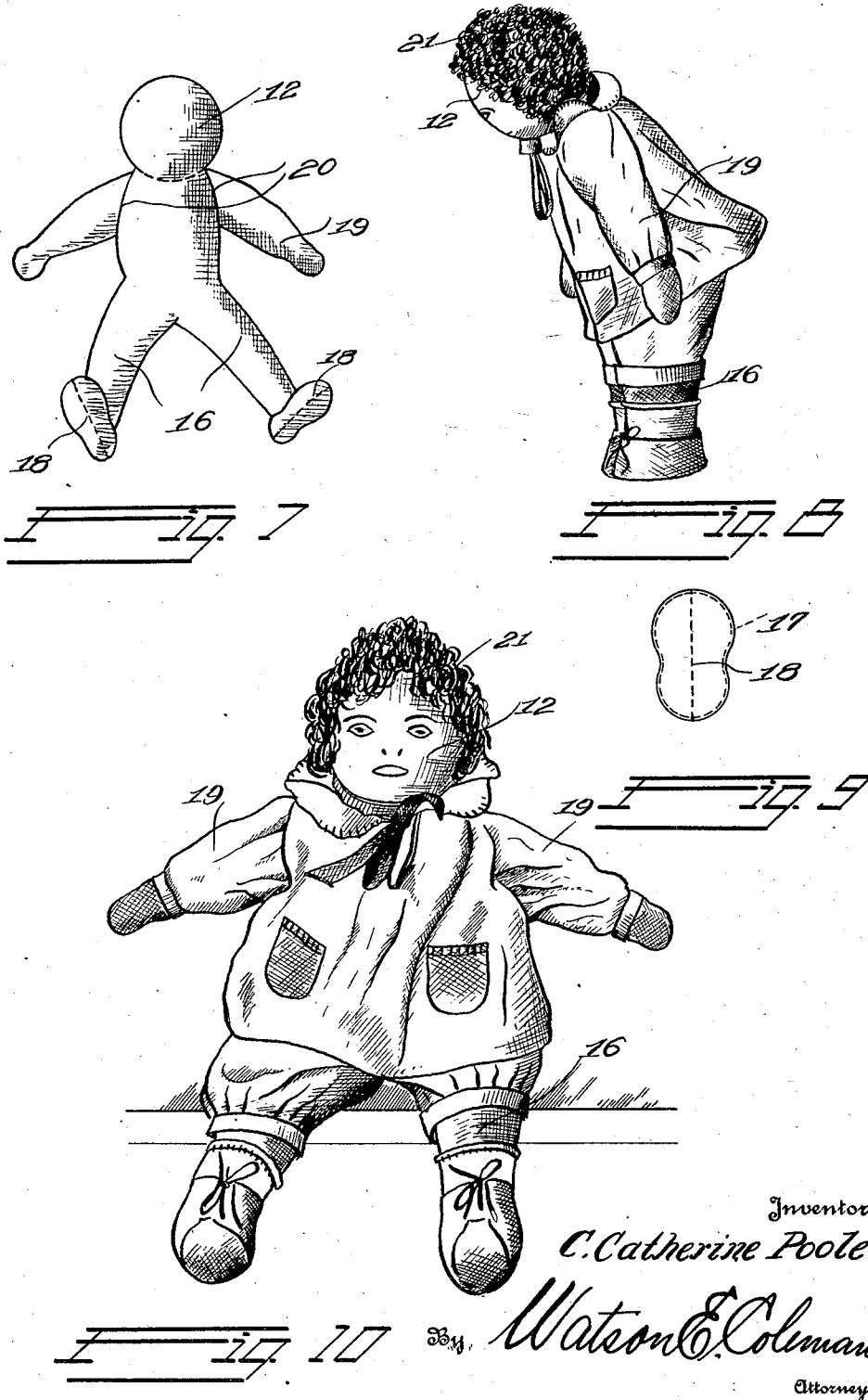
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STOCKING DOLL.

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This invention relates to the formation of stocking dolls, that is, dolls which are formed by properly sewing and stuffing a stocking.

5 The general object of the present invention is to provide a very simple method of making a doll from a stocking, which doll when so made is able to sit down or stand up by reason of the peculiar construction of the doll and without the necessity of bending the doll at all.

A further object is to provide a doll of this character which may be readily made to simulate a "pickaninny" and which may be provided with kinky hair and may be made otherwise attractive and interesting to a child.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

20 Figure 1 is a side view of a child's stocking showing the manner in which it is cut off to form the doll:

Figure 2 is a side view of the foot portion of the stocking as formed to provide the head 25 of the doll;

Figure 3 is a like view to Figure 2 but showing the manner in which the body is stuffed;

Figure 4 is a front elevation showing the manner in which the legs are formed;

30 Figure 5 is a side elevation of the structure shown in Figure 4 after the legs are formed;

Figure 6 is a view of the upper portion of the stocking showing the manner in which the arm patterns are laid out thereon;

35 Figure 7 is a front elevation of the doll before being dressed and before the hair and features are applied thereto;

Figure 8 is a side elevation of the doll standing;

40 Figure 9 is a detail view of the cardboard used to form the feet and showing the manner in which the legs are stitched over the feet;

Figure 10 is a perspective view of the doll completed in a seated posture;

45 The first step in forming the doll is to take a child's stocking, designated generally A in Figure 1, and cut it off on the line *a* about half the distance between the foot and the top of the stocking. The lower portion of the stocking, that is, the foot and the ankle, is to be used in forming the body of the doll. The foot and ankle portion of the stocking, designated 10 in Figure 2, is taken and the toe of the stocking stuffed with stuffing 11 so as to form a head 12. In order to simulate a 55 neck, a thread 13 of cotton is tied tightly and

constricted around the neck. The remainder of the foot of the stocking is then stuffed with stuffing 14, as shown in Figure 3, so as to form the body. This stuffing will extend from the thread 13 to the heel of the stocking and after this has been done and the body thus stuffed tightly with stuffing, the remainder of the stocking, that is, the ankle portion thereof is longitudinally slitted at front and rear, as at 15, thus forming two leg portions 16 which are, of course, to be stitched up, these legs being of any desired length, depending upon the length of the stocking. The leg portions after or as they are being 70 sewed together are stuffed tightly and then a cardboard foot 17 is disposed at the lower end of each leg portion and the lower end of each leg portion brought around the bottom of the cardboard foot and sewed up upon the 75 line 18.

This completes the body and legs of the doll, and the arms 19 are then cut from the upper part of the stocking, that is, the part which is initially cut off, and these arms are 80 sewed up and stuffed and then attached to the body by sewing along the lines 20. Hair may be simulated in any suitable manner, but preferably kinky hair will be simulated by using black wool yarn sewed into the head 85 so as to provide a plurality of loops, in other words sewed with a running stitch and the loops being about $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. This simulation of hair is designated 21. The eyes, nose and mouth may then be indicated by the use of 90 embroidery threads, paint or in any other suitable manner. The doll is, of course, to be dressed suitably and may be dressed in bloomers and a blouse. Socks will be placed upon the feet and preferably leather shoes 95 will be placed over the socks.

A doll constructed in accordance with this invention, by reason of the fact that the legs are disposed at an angle to the body due to the body being formed of the foot portion 100 of a stocking, while the legs are formed of the ankle portion of the stocking, may sit up on the edge of a table or chair quite naturally or may be readily made to stand by reason of the flat feet given to it by the disks or plates 105 17 of cardboard or other material which forms the bottom of the foot. It will be seen that a doll of this character may be very simply made and because of the fact that it can either stand or sit it is particularly interesting to 110 children.

I am aware of the fact that dolls have be-

fore been made of stockings which have been stuffed, but in these stocking dolls the foot is not used so that the toe of the stocking forms the head and the heel of the stocking forms the body, while the legs being formed of the ankle portion of the stocking are, of course, disposed in angular relation to the foot of the stocking and thus in angular relation to the body of the doll, nor to my knowledge are the feet constructed in the same manner so that the doll may stand, nor is the hair formed in the same way.

While I have before referred to this doll as being made of a black stocking, obviously it might be made of white or flesh colored stockings or stockings of any desired color.

I claim:—

1. A method of making a stocking doll which consists in cutting the leg of the stocking in half transversely, stuffing the toe of a stocking to form the head and tying a cord tightly around the stocking below the head

to simulate a neck, stuffing the remainder of the foot to the heel to form the trunk of the doll, longitudinally slitting the front and rear of the stocking leg to form two doll legs, sewing up the slits and stuffing the legs, closing up the lower end of each leg to form a foot, cutting and sewing up arms from the upper half of the stocking leg, stuffing the arms, and attaching the arms to the trunk.

2. A doll of the character described having a head and trunk formed from the foot of a stocking, the foot of the stocking being constricted immediately beneath the head to form a neck, the legs of the doll being formed from the ankle portion of the stocking and extending at an angle to the body, the legs having flat feet upon which the doll may stand, the doll being provided with stuffed arms.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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