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Fig. 1.

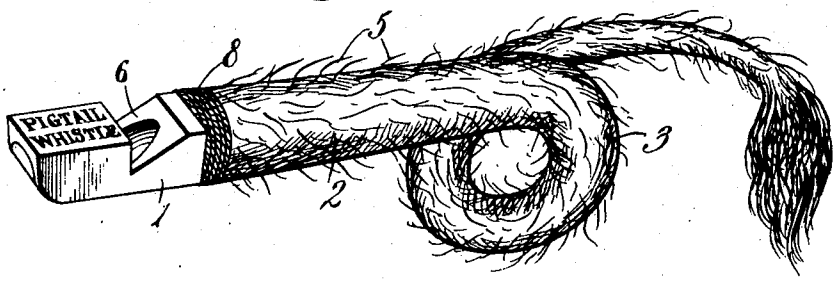


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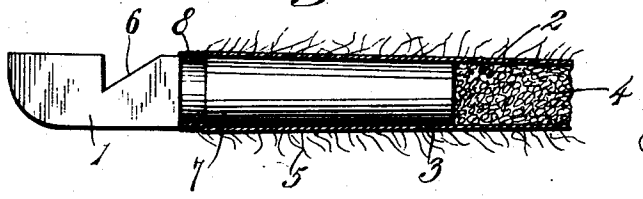


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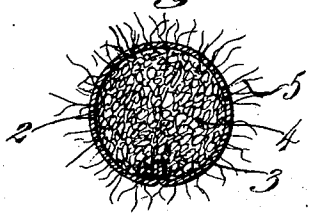
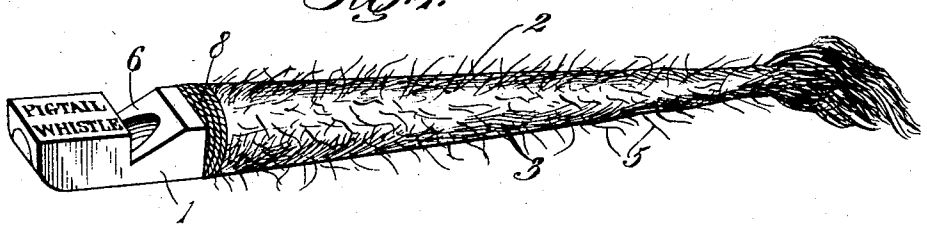


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES W. ELLIOTT and HARRY C. MOSS, citizens of the United States, residing at Albion, in the county of Edwards and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toys, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to improvements in toy whistles and more particularly to the handles for such whistles and to the method of making the same.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and practical toy whistle, the handle of which is to represent a pig's tail in size, form and color, which will be interesting and amusing and which may be produced at a small cost.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the features of novelty hereinafter fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved whistle; Figs. 2 and 3 are longitudinal and transverse sectional views; and Fig. 4 is a detail view of a modified form of the invention.

In the drawings 1 denotes the body of the whistle and 2 denotes its improved handle. The latter is made to represent a pig's tail and is composed of a tubular casing 3 tapered longitudinally and constructed of fabric or other flexible material and provided with a filling 4 of bran or any other granular material which will render the handle flexible. The tubular casing 3 is colored to resemble a pig's tail and in order to make the representation more real and life like, the exterior of the casing may be covered with threads 5 which represent hairs. These threads may vary in length and in numbers upon different portions of the casing, but at the closed end of the latter they are made long and a large number of them are provided to produce a bushy tail.

The body 1 is preferably in the form of a rectangular block of wood and has its outer end shaped to provide a well known form of whistle, as indicated at 6. The other or inner end of the body 1 is reduced to provide an attaching shank 7 adapted to be inserted in the large end of the casing 3 and secured therein with glue or by winding a thread or the like 8 around the same.

One or more annular ribs or corrugations may be formed on the shank and the threads 8 wound about the same on opposite sides of said rib to more effectively retain the casing or covering 3 upon the shank.

The handle 2 may be made straight, as shown in Fig. 4, or it may be bent to provide a loop or kink, as shown in Fig. 1. Said loop or kink is retained in the handle by sewing the casing at the points where its portions cross. This loop or kink resembles the usual kink in pigs' tails and serves as a finger piece, the loop or kink being of sufficient size to permit of the insertion of the finger.

In making the improved handle the casing 3 is first formed by shaping a strip of fabric or other material, folding the same upon itself and then sewing it along its overlapping edges. It is then turned inside out and filled with the bran or other granular material 4 and the shank 7 of the whistle body 1 is then inserted in the large open end of the casing and secured therein by the threads, glue or cords 8. The threads 5 may be then placed in the handle by passing them through the casing 3 by means of a needle and cutting the threads to the desired length. The casing may then be bent to form the loop or kink and secured in such bent position by sewing it.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

The herein described toy comprising a substantially rectangular body having one end notched and hollowed to provide an integral whistle and its other end formed with a reduced cylindrical shank and with an annular groove at the inner end of said shank, a whip arranged upon the shank and consisting of a tubular casing of flexible

material tapered longitudinally and having its small outer end closed and its large inner end arranged upon the shank and extending over said groove, a granular filling material in said casing, threads wrapped around the casing to retain the end of the latter in said groove and threads passed through the casing and projecting from the outer face of the same, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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