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PAPER DOLL.

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Fig. 1.

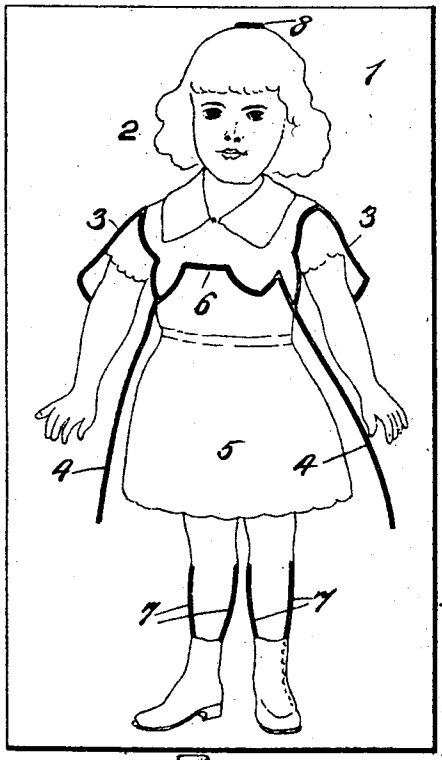


Fig. 2.

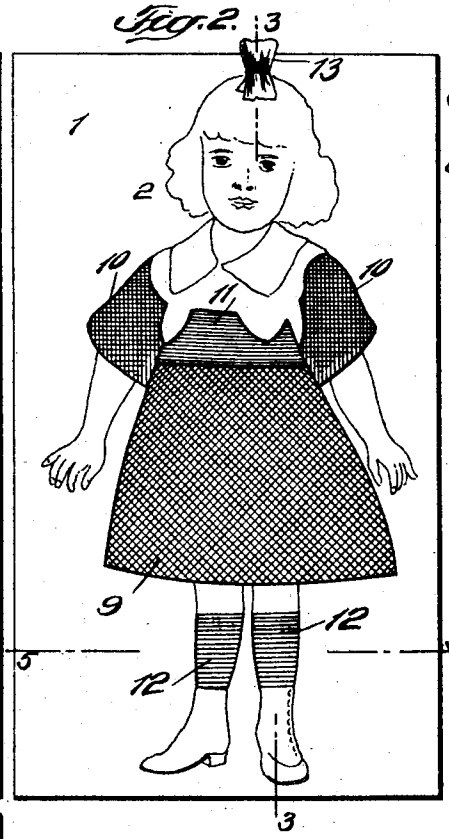


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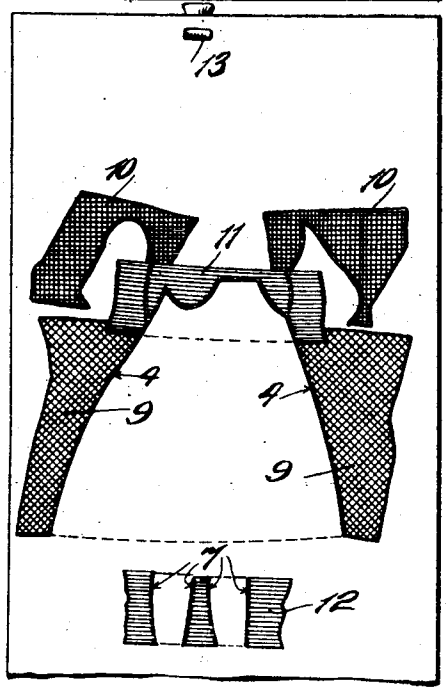
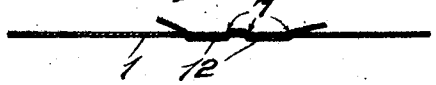


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN W. SOOY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Asbury Park, in the county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Dolls, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in dressing dolls, of paper or like material. The object of the invention is to enable scraps of cloth or fabric or ordinary rags to be utilized by children and others for the purpose of dressing the dolls without the need of having the dresses or apparel prepared as complete articles for the purpose; as also to permit ribbons and scraps thereof and decorative articles to be employed for dressing and adornment in any desired manner. The invention, therefore, consists of a blank or a form of a doll, whether the same be of a man, woman, child, dog or other animal, provided with suitable slits or cuts, on convenient lines so as to adapt said slits or cuts for the attachment thereto of the scrap articles to be worn, the same being capable of frequent changing and interchanging, and also the invention comprises numerous details and peculiarities in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating my invention:—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a specimen paper doll constructed in accordance with my present invention, and with the detachable articles of apparel removed therefrom.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing articles of apparel consisting of dress, waist, stockings and head bow attached thereto through the use of the features devised and invented by me.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section on the line 3, 3, of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a rear view of the same doll shown in Fig. 2, and indicates the edges of the piece of fabric passed at the back through the cuts in the blank.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line 5, 5 of Fig. 2.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the different figures of the drawing.

1 denotes a doll blank, which may be a card of square or rectangular or other form. It may be of ordinary paper or cardboard having sufficient stiffness for the purpose, or it may be of other material and made in any other desired manner. This blank is provided with a figure 2 of a man, woman, boy, girl, dog, cat or other animal, which figure may be marked, stamped, printed or otherwise placed thereon, either in outline, or properly painted, colored or embellished so as to present a neat appearance. I desire to claim as widely as possible the privilege of using and making such a doll figure, as the invention is not limited to any particular form.

Said figure 2 is provided at certain points with slits or cuts arranged on lines corresponding to the lines of portions of the figure, or otherwise, so that scraps of fabric may be inserted through said slits and allowed to cover certain portions of the figure to present the appearnce of various articles of apparel, the edges of the scraps being concealed behind the blank 1. These slits therefore, are so arranged relatively to different parts of the figure that the pieces of cloth will when arranged in them produce the desired effect; thus, for example, in Fig. 1 we see that the doll 2 is formed with irregular cuts 3 on the shoulders, downwardly extending curved slits 4 that run alongside of the body 5, the upper end of said slits 4 being connected across the breast by an irregular slit 6. There are also parallel vertical slits 7, 7 on the edges of the legs for a short distance, and a small cut 8 at the top of the head.

With a doll figure 2 provided with these various slits or cuts which I have just named, I apply scraps of cloth which are clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 4. One scrap of cloth 9 is passed through the downwardly-extending slits 4 so that it will cover the front portion of the body 5 in the manner shown in Fig. 2, and make a dress, while at the rear of the doll the ends of the scrap 9 will lie concealed loosely as shown in Fig. 4. Thus a dress covering the body of the doll is provided by the use of a simple small waste piece of fabric of irregular form, and no special dimensions or contour. In the same way small pieces of cloth 10 are pulled

through the shoulder slits 3 and make to serve as flowing elbow sleeves, while another piece 11 is passed irregularly through the slit 6 and if need be through portions of the cuts 3 and 4 so as to cover the upper portion of the dress 9 and serve as a sash. One or more scraps 12 passed through the leg slits 7 provide short stockings for the doll, and a little piece of ribbon 13 drawn through the slit 8 makes a neat bow on the top of the head.

It will be understood that the number of slits, the color, shape and form of the scraps, and the way in which they are passed through the different openings and related and combined, may be infinitely varied without departing from my invention, the essential feature of which is a doll figure blank having slits or cuts to enable the utilization of waste scraps of fabric for dressing and ornamental purposes. In any sewing room a child will find scraps to amuse itself in dressing the dolls with as many changes of apparel as it cares to make, and the household ragbag will furnish a multitude of dresses and other articles of apparel for any number of dolls, so that by this method of dressing a doll the operation is simplified, the number of dresses greatly increased, and all sorts of waste scraps made use of. These scraps by varying in hue and color can be made to present a very bright and tasty relation to each other. I therefore, furnish not only the means for dressing dolls rapidly and in a neat manner but the method of doing same by novel steps. I wish it distinctly understood moreover that the invention is susceptible of wide modifications in the details and that I am not restricted to any special or particular features, and I reserve the liberty of varying and changing the same as experience may dictate.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a paper doll or the like, a blank having a figure delineated thereon and a slitted outline and adapted to permit a scrap of fabric to be arranged in connection with the said outline so as to provide a dress or article of adornment.

2. In a paper doll or the like, a blank having a figure thereon and a slitted outline relating to the figure, through which slitted outline a scrap of fabric may be passed to serve as apparel or decoration.

3. In a paper doll or the like, a blank having a figure thereon and certain slits relating to parts of the figure, through which slits fabric may be passed so as to present an appearance of apparel or decoration on one side of the blank, while the end of said fabric lies loosely concealed on the other side of the blank.

4. As an article of manufacture, the combination with a blank having an outline of a figure thereon and slitted at certain points, and a scrap of fabric passed through the said slits so as to serve as an article of apparel or adornment on one side of the blank while the ends thereof are concealed on the opposite side.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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