

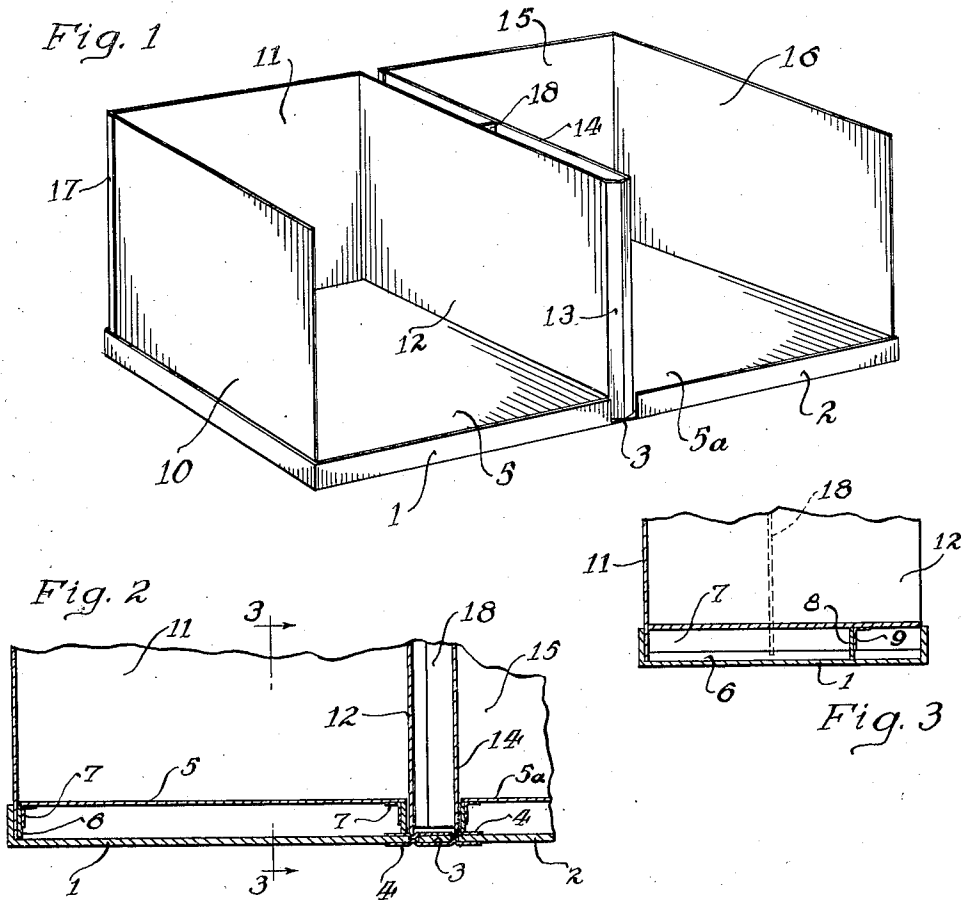
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My invention is a collapsible two room doll house particularly adapted for easy and pleasurable assembling and dismantling by any small child. It consists simply of a plurality of folding cardboard members which form three walls of each of the two rooms, a hinged container which also serves as a base for the said doll house, two cardboard floor sections so constructed as to support the walls against the sides of the bottom and the hinged cover of the said container.

The main objects of my invention are: to provide a novel two room collapsible doll house that can be compactly folded into a container; to provide means for supporting the folding walls in position; to provide a hinged container, which serves as a base for the doll house when it is opened; and to provide a doll house that can be more easily and more economically manufactured.

An illustrative embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the doll house.

Fig. 2 is a partial cross section of the doll house.

Fig. 3 is a cross section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

The doll house is constructed of cardboard or other suitable material and consists of two rooms, which are without ceilings or front walls in order to provide easy access to the furnishings in the two rooms. The container comprises a bottom section 1, a cover section 2, and one end piece 3, all of which are suitably bound together by two strips 4 of cloth binding Fig. 2, which being flexible acts as a hinging means for the cover 2 of the container. Two floor members 5 and 5a, are supported at their ends by two uprights 6, which are hinged to the floor members 5 and 5a, by a glued cloth strip 7, a spacer 8 at right angles to the uprights 6 is hinged by a glued cloth strip 9 to the floor member 5, thereby preventing the uprights from buckling under. The walls 10, 11, 12, spacer 13, and the walls 14, 15, and 16 are hinged together in one folding unit by glued cloth strips 17 on their exterior corners Fig. 1. The wall 10 is fitted between the side of the bottom section 1, and the uprights 6 of the floor member 5, the wall 11 slides between the rear side of the bottom section 1 and the edge of the floor member 5, the walls 12 and 14 and spacer 13 drop into the opening between the bottom section 1, and the cover section 2 over the end piece 3, the wall 15 slides between the rear side of the cover section 2 and the floor piece 5a, the wall 16 fits between the side of the cover section

2 and the uprights 6 of the floor piece 5a, a vertical spacer 18 is hinged to the side of wall 12 by a suitable glued cloth strip, and is wedged against the wall 14 to take up the free space, thereby holding the walls and floor sections rigid.

In dismantling the doll house the vertical spacer 18 is released and the wall unit lifted out of the base, the wall 10 is folded inward against the wall 11, which in turn is folded inward against the wall 12, the wall 16 is then folded inward against the wall 15, which folds against the wall 14, the wall 14, with its accompanying walls 15 and 16, flattens against the wall 12 to make a compact unit; the spacer 8 is flattened against the floor member 5, and the two uprights 6 folded beneath it. The two folded floor sections are then placed in the bottom section 1 of the container with the folded wall unit and the cover section 2 closes over the bottom section 1, making a neat compact package.

Although but one specific embodiment of this invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that numerous details may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention.

I claim:

1. A collapsible doll house consisting of a plurality of hinged wall members which can be folded against each other, a box container having a hinged cover, said container when open being employed as a base for the said doll house, two floor members in said container sections, upright supporting members hinged at the ends of each of the said floor members, a spacing member hinged on said floor members, a vertical spacing member hinged on the side of one of the center walls to be wedged against the opposite center wall thereby making the entire structure rigid, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the class described, a folding wall unit comprising a plurality of wall members, a hinging means to enable the walls to be folded against each other, a spacing member hinged in series with the two center wall members, a vertical spacing member hinged on the exterior side of one of the said center walls said spacing member to be wedged against the opposite center wall member.

3. In a device of the class described a floor section comprising a floor member, an upright supporting member hinged at each end of said floor member, a spacing member between said upright supporting members and suitably hinged beneath said floor member, substantially as described.

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