

(No Model.)

R. S. WEST.
ADVERTISING TOY.

No. 571,548.

Patented Nov. 17, 1896.

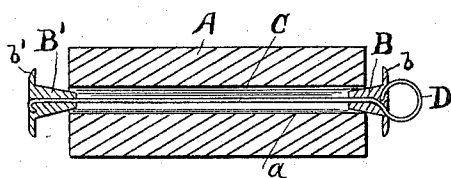


FIG. 1.

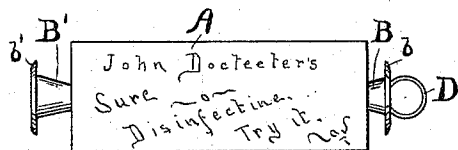


FIG. 2.

ATTEST:

H. O. Bailey
N. C. Sprague

INVENTOR

R. S. West,
by Burridge & Cutter,
Attys.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ROBERT S. WEST, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

ADVERTISING TOY.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 571,548, dated November 17, 1896.

Application filed July 15, 1896. Serial No. 599,325. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT S. WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising Toys, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to that class of devices especially designed for use along the line of advertising disinfectants, &c., and which at the same time constitutes a toy capable of producing sound to awaken the curiosity of the listener and induce him to investigate the source whence said sound emanates, thus bringing the advertising matter into prominence and accomplishing the aim of the advertiser.

To this end the invention consists in a peculiarly-constructed toy capable of imitating the song of a bird, and which bears upon its exposed surfaces such advertising matter as will call special attention to the goods it is desired to bring before the public.

That my invention may be seen and fully understood by others reference will be had to the following specification and annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of my device, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference designate like parts in the drawings and specification.

A represents an elongated block of wood, preferably rectangular in cross-section, and through which, in the direction of its length, there is bored or otherwise formed the central opening *a*.

B and B' represent truncated cones, preferably cast from soft metal, their bases terminating in the annular flanges *b* and *b'*. The cone B is cast upon one end of the wire C, partly embracing the eye or loop D, which has been previously formed thereon, so as to rig-

idly secure said wire and cone together. The wire C is now passed through the opening *a* in the block A, and also through the cone B', the apices of both of the cones B and B' projecting into opposite ends of said opening. The projecting end of the wire C is bent over and embedded in the metal of the cone B', as shown in Fig. 1.

Care should be taken in arranging the cones B and B' in relation to the block A so that the former may be readily turned in the opening *a*, there being sufficient lateral play to permit either of said cones to be brought into frictional contact with the contiguous end of said block. This being done it will be found that by turning the cones B and B', by means of the loop D, the cone that is in contact with the wood will produce a sound in imitation of the song of a bird. Different kinds of wood produce varying characters of sound. Hence the songs of various birds may be quite closely simulated.

Upon the sides of the block A is printed or otherwise affixed the subject-matter it is desired to advertise, and the toys being distributed to pedestrians and others, who cause them to "whistle" or "sing," and thus attract the attention of those in the vicinity of the sound, thereby bring the advertisement of the merchant into public notice.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A toy consisting of a block of wood having a longitudinal opening therein, a wire passing through said opening, and metallic cones secured upon the ends of said wire, adapted to be turned in frictional contact with said block, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

ROBERT S. WEST.

Witnesses:

F. A. CUTTER,
HENRY G. SMITH.