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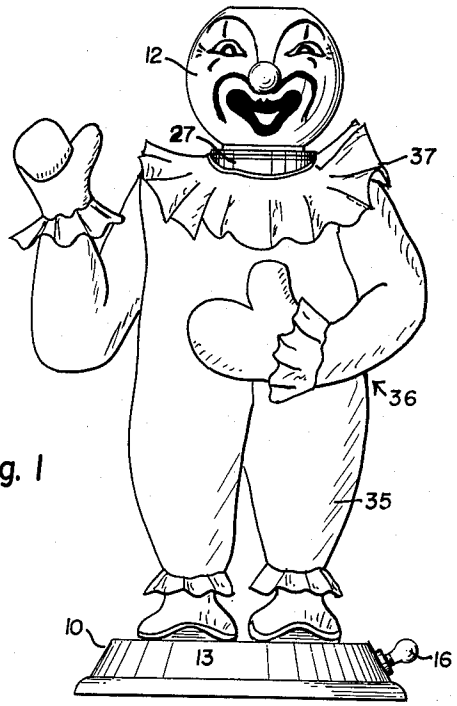


Fig. 1

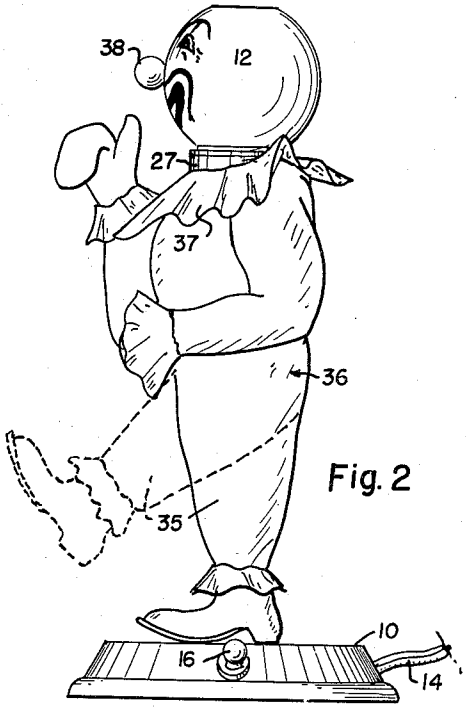


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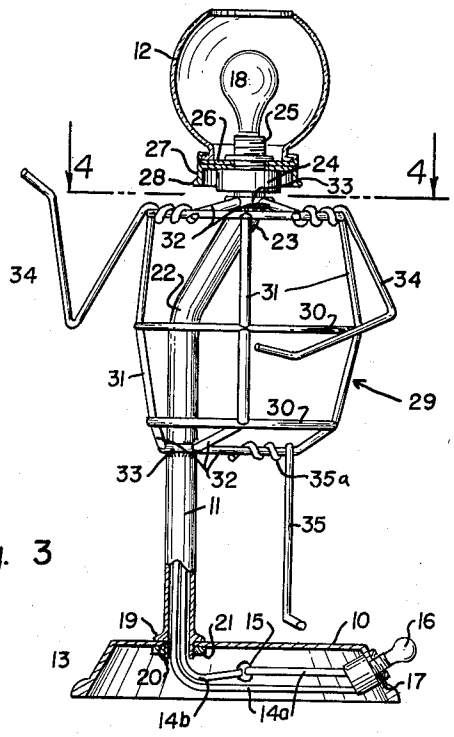


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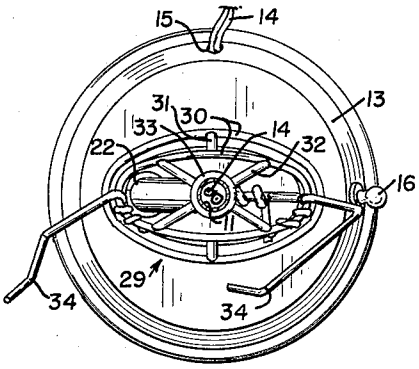


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This invention relates to lamps for decorative, table use, especially but not exclusively designed for children and of the type which is a self-contained illuminator adapted to supplement the lighting of a room or provide a bedtime light, and more particularly to a decorative lamp in form simulating a human or animal figure.

Objects of this invention are to provide:

(*a*) A new and improved table lamp of the type which comprises a base carrying a standard which holds a globe, wherein the globe forms the head of the simulated figure and the standard extends through the body of such figure;

(*b*) A decorative lamp formed as a figure having movable limbs which permit the figure to be made to assume various positions;

(*c*) A decorative table lamp formed as a figure with its head forming the globe of the lamp and with a novel offset construction of the lamp standard supporting the globe, adapted to extend through one member of the figure, leaving other portions of the figure movable so that it may be made to assume various positions;

(*d*) A decorative lamp simulating a figure of which the head is a lamp globe which is easily removable to facilitate replacing of light bulbs and the making of other repairs to the lamp; and

(*e*) A table lamp in the form of a figure which is constructed of conventional, easily-obtained elements, which is cheap in cost and yet which may be made as an attractive and substantial article of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, all of which more fully hereinafter appear, my invention comprises certain new and novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts and elements as hereinafter described, and as defined in the appended claims, and illustrated, in preferred embodiment, in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation view of my lamp wherein the figure is shown as a clown.

Figure 2 is a side elevation view of the lamp with a dotted line showing one position which a leg may be made to assume.

Figure 3 is a front elevation view of the lamp, but showing only the skeleton structure of the figure.

Figure 4 is a section as viewed from the indicated line 4—4 at Fig. 3.

Many decorative lamps have been devised which are shaped in the form of dolls or animals, such as a prettily dressed lady for use in a woman's boudoir, or a clown for use in a child's room, and various means have been used in the construction of such lamps.

These lamps are not too satisfactory because to incorporate a conventional light into the body of the figure they are usually constructed in a manner which makes it difficult to repair them or to replace lights, for the lights, sockets, and other parts are not easily accessible, and are immovable and rigid.

My invention is an improvement in lamps which have a base, a standard upstanding from such base and a light globe mounted upon such standard. These elements are indicated respectively as **10**, **11** and **12**.

For illustration I have shown in the drawing a doll clown and the description will be in terms appropriate to such showing, but it will be understood that many other simulations of human or animal figures may as well be used.

In the illustrated construction, the base **10** is shown as a circular, flat-topped member with inclined sidewalls **13**. A light cord **14** extends into this base through an orifice **15** in the sidewall **13**. One lead **14***a* of this cord is connected to a switch **16** which is mounted in an orifice **17** in the wall of the base. From the switch **16** this lead **14***a* is again aligned with the other lead **14***b* of the cord **14** and these leads extend up and along the standard **11**, to the light **18** in the globe **12**.

The standard **11** is rigid and illustrated as a tube having a foot **19** at its lower end with a threaded boss depending below the foot. This boss is inserted into an orifice **20** in the top of the base **10** so that the foot **19** seats upon and against the base at the point from which the fixed leg of the doll is desired to upstand, and a nut **21** is threaded upon this boss beneath the base-top to lock the standard thereto in a rigid, upright position.

To form a doll in an upright position with the tube **11** as the standard extending through a leg of the doll, the tube is offset in its upper portion by reverse bends **22** and **23**.

A conventional receptacle **24** is connected to the top of this tube, and it includes an upstanding socket **25** at the center to receive the light **18**, and a disc-shaped retainer **26** outstanding below the socket to hold the globe **12**. There also may be included a disc-like member adjacent the retainer **26** which carries a depending rim **27** having a flange **28** at its lower edge for purposes hereinafter described.

The skeleton **29** of the doll is formed about and carried by the standard **11**. The elements constituting this skeleton may be formed and arranged in various ways, one way being illustrated by the drawing. In the drawing there is shown a plurality of horizontally disposed elliptical hoop members **30** joined together by upright members **31**, and connected to the standard **11** by radial members **32** connected to the standard in any suitable manner as by rings **33** soldered or otherwise attached to the standard.

Bendable wire members are carried by the skeleton to form arms **34** and the movable leg **35**, the standard **11** forming the fixed leg as aforementioned. These members may conveniently be attached to the skeleton by wrapping a portion of each member around a skeleton member as shown, for example, at **35***a*. It is contemplated that the arms **34** and leg **35** may be bent to any desired position as, or other than, that shown in the drawing. The arms **34** and leg **35** may be made from more elaborate elements than simple wires, and units having regular knee and elbow joints may be used, but such variations need not be disclosed herein as such elements in construction of dolls are well-known.

A padding, not shown, is placed over the skeleton **29** to form the body of the doll, and a costume **36** is placed over the body to dress the doll. The globe **12** forms the head of the doll and the rim **27**, if used, will form its neck, the flange **28** supporting the collar **37** of the doll. To complete the doll, a face may be painted upon the globe **12** as shown, and when the doll is to be a clown, the spherical globe is all that is necessary on which to depict the face.

In other constructions the bowl may be moulded in a special manner to present or accommodate a different type of face.

As stated above, the figure simulated may be that of a

human being or some animal. When a human figure is simulated, the standard provides the bone of the stationary leg. In case of an animal figure the standard might be within any leg or even in the tail. An extremely simple skeleton may be used where the body is formed of certain pliable plastic materials which are now available.

Alternatives and modifications will occur to those skilled in the art which are within the scope and spirit of my invention, hence it is my desire that my protection be limited, not by the details and constructions illustrated and described, but only by the proper scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A lamp including, in combination, the following elements: a base, a skeleton thereon simulating that of a member of the animal kingdom and including two legs, a rigid standard upstanding the base and supporting the skeleton and forming one of its legs, the elements of said skeleton simulating the other limbs being formed of bendable material, the standard being offset within the skeleton body to center the upper end of the standard between

the shoulders, said upper end carrying a lamp socket and a seat surrounding the socket and a hollow, head-simulating member of translucent material releasably secured in said seat.

2. A lamp as defined in claim 1, including an outer covering simulating an outer covering appropriate to the animal simulated by the skeleton and to such head.

3. A lamp as defined in claim 2, wherein the head carries a simulation of a human face and the skeleton carries a simulated human costume.

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