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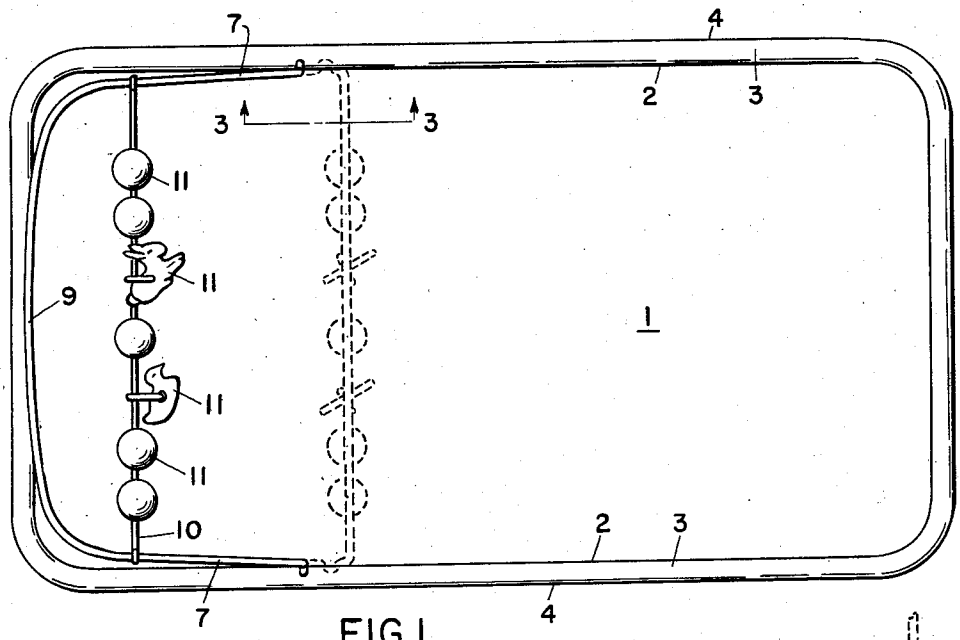
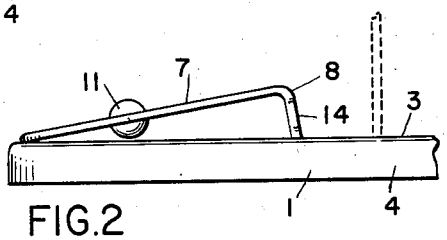


FIG.1



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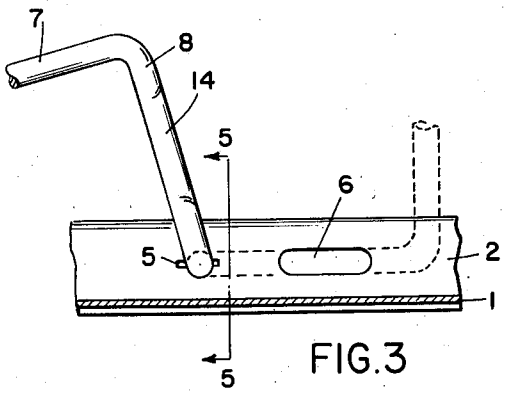

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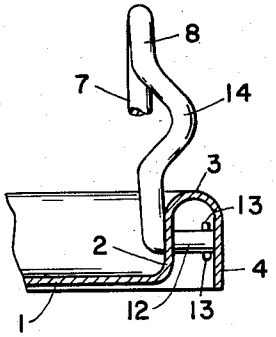

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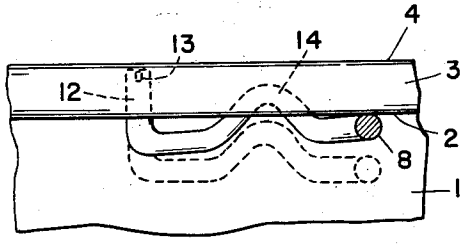

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This invention relates to an infant's dressing table toy, with more particular reference to the type of dressing table used in conjunction with an infant's combination bath stand and dressing table, and has for its purpose to afford a toy device mounted upon the dressing table and positionable to amuse and entertain an infant while lying on the dressing table.

A more particular purpose of the invention is to afford a structure that can be economically manufactured and which is readily foldable to a horizontal position overlying the dressing table or to an upright position where it is easily accessible to an infant lying on the dressing table, with releasable means for retaining the toy in such vertical position.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a toy device embodying a generally U-shaped wire or yieldable supporting frame having arms which are removably engageable with side walls of the dressing table and include bent locking portions engageable with recesses in the walls of the dressing table to hold the toy device in vertical position, the arms of the toy device being yieldable toward each other to free the bent locking portion from the side walls of the table when the toy device is to be swung from vertical to horizontal position.

To these and other ends, the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts that will appear clearly from the following description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, the novel features being pointed out in the claims following the specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an infant's dressing table incorporating a preferred embodiment of the invention and showing the toy supporting frame in full lines in folded position, and in dotted lines in its upright or vertical position;

Fig. 2 is a partial view in side elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 1, the toy supporting frame appearing in full lines in folded position and in dotted lines in upright vertical position;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated, and showing the toy supporting frame in full lines in folded position, and in dotted lines in upright or vertical position;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail plan view with parts broken away, showing the position of the pivotal and bent retaining portions of the toy supporting frame in full lines when the frame is in vertical position, and in dotted lines in the position when withdrawn from the retaining slot to permit swinging the toy frame to horizontal position, and

Fig. 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring more particularly to the drawings in which like reference numerals refer to the same parts throughout the several views, 1 designates a conventional type of dressing table such as employed in an infant's combination bath stand and dressing table, the dressing table including upwardly bent inner side or marginal walls 2

connected by a curved top portion 3 with a downwardly bent outer wall 4 that is spaced from the wall 2 as shown in Fig. 5.

The inner wall 2 on both sides of the dressing table is provided with a circular opening and a narrow slot 5 on opposite sides thereof, also a wide elongated slot or opening 6, for purposes that will appear more clearly presently, and the toy device comprises a generally U-shaped stiff wire or flexible supporting frame including side arms 7 terminating in angular portions 8, and connecting end portion 9, while 10 designates a preferably rubber or elastic cord connected to the side arms 7 and having a variety of toys 11 suspended and rotatable therefrom as shown in Fig. 1.

The side arms 7 have outwardly bent ends 12, each of which is provided with opposite arranged outwardly extending lugs 13, the lugs 13 being of a width that permits them to pass through the slot 5 when the arm is in a predetermined position, and after being positioned as shown in Fig. 5 between the inner and outer side walls, the lugs 13 prevent the ends 12 from being withdrawn from the inner side wall 2 of the table except when in the predetermined position aforementioned.

The toy supporting frame is of such a yieldable character that the side arms 7 spring apart when released and assume the position shown in Fig. 5, the toy supporting frame being swingable from its horizontal position as shown in Fig. 5 to the vertical position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and full lines in Fig. 4. The side arms are maintained in such vertical position by the bent retaining portions 14 formed in the angular portion 8, and engaging in the elongated slots or openings 6 in the side walls 2, as shown in Fig. 4, and thus hold the toy supporting frame in its upright or vertical position.

The toy supporting frame can be swung from its horizontal position shown in full lines in Fig. 1 to its vertical position by moving the frame upwardly, during which movement the bent retaining portions 14 will ride downwardly over the curved portions 3 of the walls 2, forcing the spring arms 7 inwardly until the bent portions 14 spring into the openings 6, and in this position the toy supporting frame is securely held in its upright position.

To release the toy supporting frame and move it to its folded or horizontal position, it is only necessary to grasp the side arms 7 and press them slightly toward each other sufficiently to withdraw the bent retaining portions 14 from the slots 6, whereupon the toy supporting frame can be swung downwardly against the table. If it is desired to remove the toy supporting frame completely from the table, the frame is swung until the lugs or projections 13 of the ends 12 are alined with the slots 5 in side wall 2, and the spring arms can then be pressed inwardly toward each other until the terminal portions 12 are entirely clear of the side walls 2, and the toy supporting frame can then be removed from the table.

While the invention has been described with reference to the particular construction shown, it is not restricted to the details herein disclosed, and this application is intended to cover such modifications or departures as may come within the purposes of the improvement and the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In combination with an infant's metal dressing table having an inverted U-shaped marginal portion extending along both sides of the table and comprising spaced inner and outer side walls connected by a curved top wall, a generally U-shaped toy supporting wire frame positionable vertically on the table or horizontally above the table between said inner side walls and including outwardly springing inwardly yieldable side arms terminating in right-angled retaining portions extending endwise of the table and having outwardly bent ends re-

movably engaging said inner side walls, the latter having openings to receive said outwardly bent ends and elongated recesses in proximity to said openings, said retaining portions having means arranged between the pivoted ends and said side arms removably engaging said elongated recesses and acting to retain the U-shaped wire frame in upright position with the pivoted ends engaged in the openings in said inner side walls, the pivoted ends and said retaining means being arranged between said inner and outer side walls when the wire frame is in upright position, the wire frame being located on the table between said marginal portions with said retaining portions in vertical position when the wire frame is collapsed, and toy supporting means suspended between the side arms of the wire frame.

2. In combination with an infant's metal dressing table having an inverted U-shaped marginal portion extending along both sides of the table and comprising spaced inner and outer side walls connected by a curved top wall, a generally U-shaped toy supporting wire frame positionable vertically on the table or horizontally above the table between said inner side walls and including outwardly springing inwardly yieldable side arms terminating in right-angled retaining portions having outwardly bent pivotally supported ends at right angles to said retaining portions and in the same plane therewith parallel to the table when the wire frame is in upright position, said inner side walls having openings in which said pivotally supported ends are removably engaged and elongated slots in proximity to said openings, said retaining portions having reversely curved lugs removably engaging said elongated slots and acting when engaged therewith to hold the wire frame in an upright position with the pivotally supported ends and lugs extending between said inner and outer side walls.

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