BABY PACIFIER AND SOUNDING TOY

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The present invention relates to a toy and more particularly relates to a toy which may be used for a baby's or small child's amusement and as a pacifier for a baby or small child, and is most useful for a child under one year of age.

It would be highly advantageous to provide such a toy which may be used for a child's amusement and enjoyment and which also would provide a secure feeling for a child.

The object of the present invention is to provide a toy which will amuse and pacify the child.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a toy which will amuse and pacify the child and which is simply designed and can be easily and inexpensively made.

Other and further objects, features and advantages will be apparent from the following description of a presently preferred embodiment of the invention, given for the purpose of disclosure, and taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, where like character references designate like parts throughout the several views, and where

FIGURE 1 is a plan view of the apparatus of the present invention showing all of the essential parts. FIGURE 2 is a sectional view of the apparatus of the present invention through the middle of the apparatus showing the outside covering and the material in the center thereof. FIGURE 3 is a sectional view of the apparatus of the present invention through one of its narrow arms.

Now referring to FIGURE 1, the apparatus has an outside covering which is an elongated, tubular piece of elasticized material 11 containing therein all of the other parts of the apparatus. Located at the center and inside of elasticized material 11 is a shorter section of soft, spongy material 12. Elasticized material 11 fits tightly around spongy material 12 so that the spongy material 12 will not move from the center position.

Now referring to FIGURE 2, elasticized material 11 is shown in cross-section. Elasticized material 11 is completely filled and spongy material 12 cannot move from its center location.

FIGURE 3 is a cross-section of elasticized material 11 at one of its narrower arms between the center portion and the end of elasticized material 11. FIGURE 3 shows that there is nothing inside of elasticized material 11 between spongy material 12 and noisemakers 13.

The baby pacifier and toy of this invention may be used by placing the center portion or sponge in a child's or baby's palm and securing both ends around the back of the child's hand thus keeping it on the baby's hand while the baby moves or plays. When the baby moves his hand the noisemakers on either end of the apparatus jingle or produce some noise which is music to the baby and when the child closes his palm the center portion or sponge can be squeezed and fondled by the baby to give him a feeling of security. In addition the center or sponge portion of the apparatus might be sucked or chewed by the baby to assist him in teething.

The outside tubular material used in the apparatus of this invention as the outside covering may be any soft, elasticized material or cloth, for instance, nylon or other synthetic materials although natural materials or cloth might be used as well. This elasticized material should generally be about one inch in diameter and not more than twelve inches long but should be of sufficient length that it will easily lie around a baby's or child's hand. The soft or sponge material disposed within the center of the tubular, elasticized outside covering should generally be about one and three-quarter inches long, about one inch wide and about one-half in thickness, but might be smaller or larger depending upon the size of the baby or child and the length and diameter of the tubular, elasticized material. It is necessary however, that the sponge material completely fill the inside of the tubular elasticized material so that it is tight at that section and will not move from one end to the other. Furthermore, the sponge material should not take up so much of the tubular elasticized material that it will be difficult to tie the ends at the back of a child's hand. This would generally not be more than about 25% of the length of the tubular elasticized material.

The inside of the tubular elasticized material can be any harmless, soft, elastic material. The noisemakers at either end of the tubular elasticized material can be anything such as a bell or rattle as long as it is small enough to stitch inside the ends of the tubular elasticized material and not take up a great deal of its length. Bells are preferred in this invention.

The present invention, therefore, is well adapted to carry out the objects and attain the ends and advantages mentioned as well as others inherent therein. While a presently preferred embodiment of the invention is given for the purpose of disclosure, numerous changes in the details of construction and arrangement of parts may be made which will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art and which are encompassed within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:
1. A toy comprising:
   a. a generally elongate tubular piece of elasticized material;
   b. a sponge disposed within said tubular material;
   c. noisemakers connected to the ends of said tubular material;
and, means for securing said tubular material around the child's hand.
2. The toy of claim 1 wherein the tubular material is elasticized nylon.
3. The toy of claim 1 wherein said noisemakers are bells.
4. The toy of claim 1 wherein said elasticized material is a synthetic fiber.
5. The toy of claim 1 wherein said elasticized material is not more than twelve inches in length and not more than one inch in diameter.
6. The toy of claim 1 wherein the sponge is not more than one and three-quarter inches long, not more than one inch wide and not more than one-half inch in thickness.
7. The toy of claim 1 wherein said elasticized material is colored.

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