

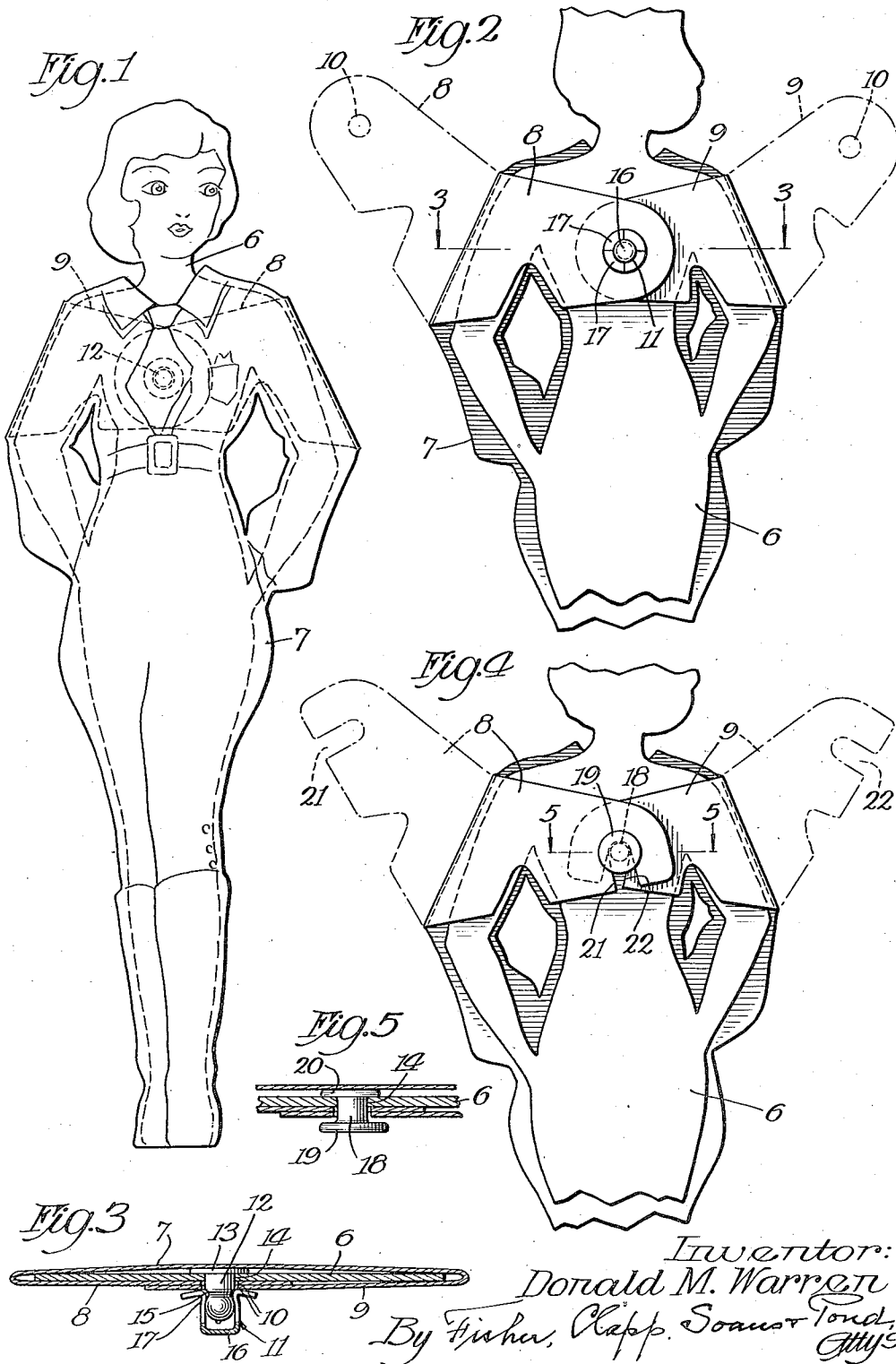
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This invention relates to toys and more particularly to toys made of sheet material, for example, paper, and which toys are designed to display various covers or dresses furnished for that purpose.

The main objects of the invention are to provide an inexpensive but nevertheless effective means for, securing a covering dress on a toy; to provide such means which facilitate the changing of the toys without damage to either the dress or the main body of the device; to provide means which will be easy to manipulate and which will not add appreciably to the cost of producing the toy or like device; and, in general, it is the object of the invention to provide an improved structure of the character indicated.

In the drawing, a selected embodiment of the invention is disclosed as applied to the attachment of paper dresses or clothing to a paper or cardboard doll figure.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a front elevation.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a rear elevation corresponding to Figure 2 but showing a modified arrangement, and

Figure 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring now to the drawing, the embodiment of the invention therein shown comprises a paper or cardboard doll 6 which comprises the main body of the device, and a cover or dress 7 which is adapted to overlie the front of the main body so as to present the desired clothed or finished appearance of the figure.

The element 7, although spoken of as a dress need not refer specifically to items of clothing but is intended to refer also to any form of cover applied to a main body member, whether or not representing a human body.

The dress 7 is provided with extensions or wings 8 and 9, which, as clearly shown in Figure 2, are folded to overlie the rear of the body member 6. As indicated, the wings are folded so that the line of fold engages laterally extended edges of the body member so that the dress will be thereby supported on the edges of the body member.

Each of the extensions 8 and 9 is provided with an opening 10 which is adapted to receive a fastening device 11.

One desirable form of fastening device comprises a two-part structure including a post ele-

ment 12. The post part 12 is projected rearwardly through an opening 14 in the main body member 6 and the base flange 13 engages the front of the body member to thereby position the post part. In this instance the post part 12 is shown as including a constriction or groove 15 and the second part of the fastener includes a cap 16, having its sides slotted so as to provide relatively independent legs 17 which may be so related and shaped as to be snapped over the outer end portion of the post to fit into the groove or retraction 15 of the post part. The two-part fastener described may comprise one of the more or less conventional forms of snap fastener now available on the market, the same being formed of very thin sheet metal. As shown, the cap part includes a base flange, the latter being formed of segments made integral with each of the legs 17.

As shown in Figure 3, the extensions 8 and 9 are confined on the post part 12 between the base flange of the cap and the back of the main body member. To remove the dress of the main body member, it is only necessary to pull off the cap 16 and thereafter to unfold the extensions 8 and 9, whereupon the dress may be removed. Other styles of dress may be supplied and equipped with wings or extensions such as 8 and 9, which will fold over the back of the body member and engage the fastening post 12 substantially as shown. In producing the structure, the main body member 6 is cut out in any conventional manner and punched to provide the hole 14. The dress elements are similarly produced and provided with apertured extensions as shown. The two-part snap fastening element may be assembled with the main body member 6 or it may be supplied separately as best suits the convenience of the manufacturer. Obviously, the furnishing of the snap fastening device entails but little extra expense although it very effectively performs a highly desirable purpose.

In the modified construction shown in Figures 4 and 5, an attaching device 18 is substituted for the snap fastener shown in Figures 1 to 3, inclusive. The attaching device 18 comprises a conventional form of rivet, for example, a tubular rivet, the same having its post part pass through the opening 14 in the body member and then pressed so as to form a head 19 on the back of the device. It is understood, of course, that the tubular rivet is initially provided with a head 20 which limits the insertion of the rivet into the opening 14. The fastening device 18 is, of course, permanently assembled with the body

member 6 so that it cannot be lost. The extensions or wings 8 and 9 are provided with slots as indicated at 21 and 22 to receive the post parts 18 of the fastening device, the said wings 5 or extensions being sufficiently flexible to permit the initial distortion necessary to engage said notches and post.

The permanently anchored rivet form of attaching device, while having the main advantage 10 of being secured against loss, entails additional expense in the production of the device incident to the necessary assembling and heading operations. Also, it is perhaps not quite so secure as the separable fastener device first described since 15 the wings or extensions may be perhaps more easily disengaged from the anchoring post.

The described invention may be embodied in other forms of toys and various changes may 20 be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which should be determined by reference to the following claim, the

same being construed as broadly as possible consistent with the state of the art.

I claim:

In a toy, a main body member, a separate dress therefor, said dress being adapted to overlie the 5 front of said body member and having tabs folded to overlie the back of said body member and closely engage the edges thereof, a single two-part fastening device comprising a post carried by said member and extending rearwardly 10 therefrom and being positioned substantially equidistant from the sides of the member, a cap detachably fitting on said post, said tabs having openings adjacent each free end for receiving 15 said post and being confined thereon between the back of said member and said cap, each tab extending from a point adjacent a respective side of the member towards said post, the free ends of the tabs being overlapped to provide a double thickness of material between the cap 20 and the member.

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