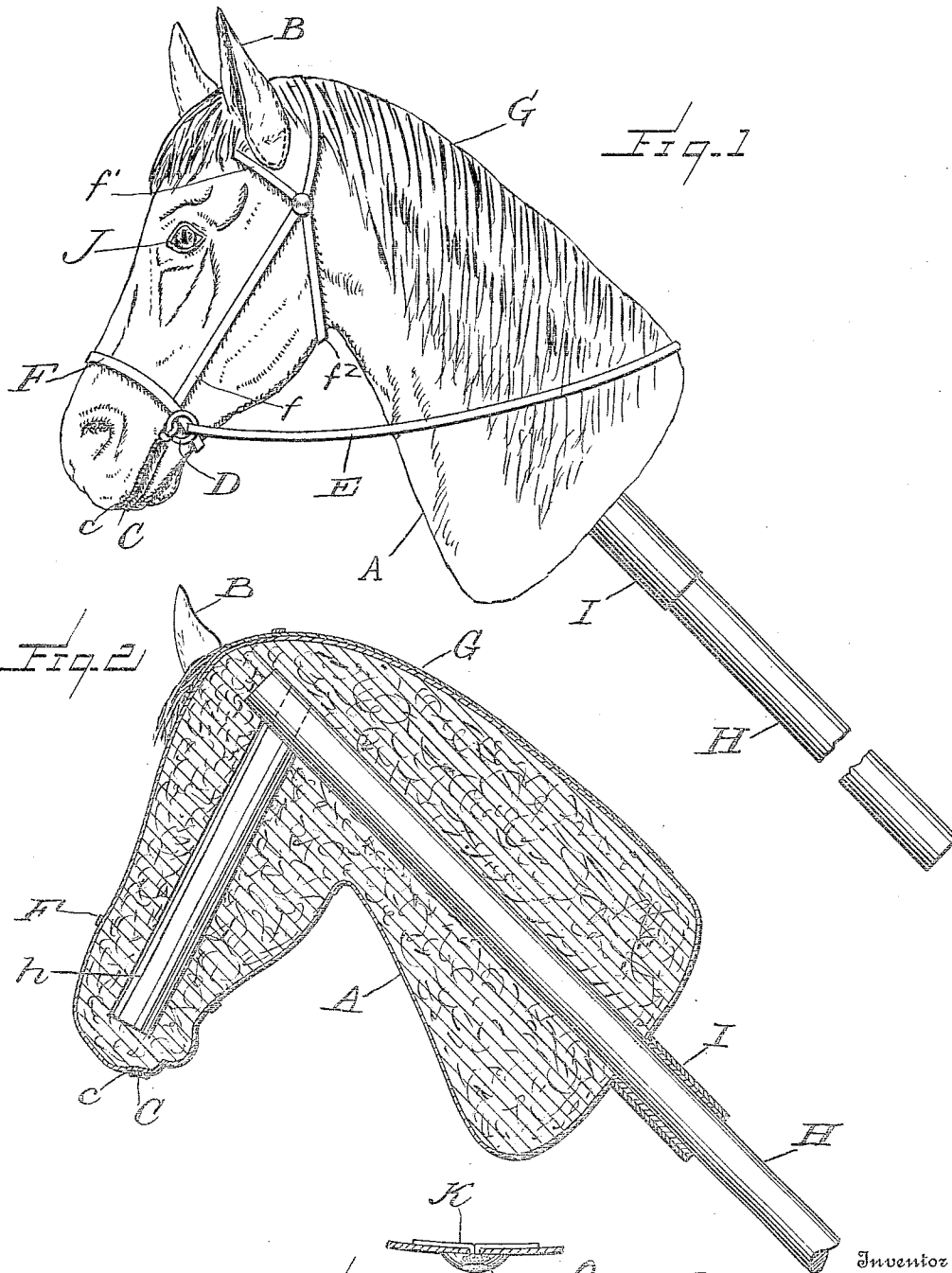


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LENA R. NIDERMAIER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Abingdon, in the county of Washington and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stick-Horses, as set forth in the following specification.

This invention relates to games and toys and particularly to a stick horse, in which the representation of the head of the horse comprises comparatively few inexpensive parts which will possess advantages in points of durability.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which—

Figure 1, is a view in perspective showing a toy embodying the invention; Fig. 2, is a longitudinal vertical section view thereof; and Fig. 3, is a detail of a modified construction.

In these drawings A, denotes a cloth casing or cover cut in such shape that when stuffed with excelsior, straw, or other suitable material, a figure of the general outline of the head and neck of a horse will be produced, said cover having its edges secured by a seam extending under the neck and head.

To improve the appearance of the toy, I employ pieces of material like the casing and fold them in such manner to produce the representation of the ears B, of a horse, said pieces B, being stitched to the head of the toy.

For a representation of a mouth for the horse, I employ a strip of material such as C, and secure it by sewing its ends to the casing as shown at *c*, said material being preferably red in color. Just above the ends of the strip C, I secure rings D, one on each side, but one being illustrated in the drawing. The rings are provided with reins E, which may be of tape, ribbon or other inexpensive material.

The representation of the bridle consists of strips of oilcloth, leather or the like, cut to form the nose band F, cheek piece *f*, brow band *f'*, and throat latch *f*², the several strips being secured together and to the casing at the points of intersection.

The mane G, consists of fringe of any suitable material sewed to the casing on the upper surface of the casing and a portion of said fringe is preferably extended over the brow band to simulate a fore-top.

The casing is provided with a stick H, applied to the neck portion and said stick may have an extension *h*, extending into the head portion, to make the head more rigid, but where inexpensive production alone is the aim, the extension may be omitted.

A binding I, may be applied to the stick and cover at its junction with the stick to produce a finished appearance.

The representation of the eyes may consist of a circular piece of white cloth J and a black center both secured to the case or an eye such as illustrated in Fig. 3, may be employed in which a composition body K, is secured by a flexible fastener *k*, run through the casing.

I claim—

1. A toy comprising a stuffed cloth casing shaped to simulate the head of a horse and suitably harnessed, a stick secured to said head, said stick extending into the stuffed portion and having a reinforcing binding secured therearound adjacent the neck.

2. A toy comprising a stuffed cover of suitable form to simulate a horse head, harness secured to the cover, a stick extending centrally into the neck of the horse, said cover extending around the stick and suitably reinforced, and an extension secured to the end of the stick terminating in the head, said extension being disposed at an acute angle thereto.

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

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