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Fig. 1.

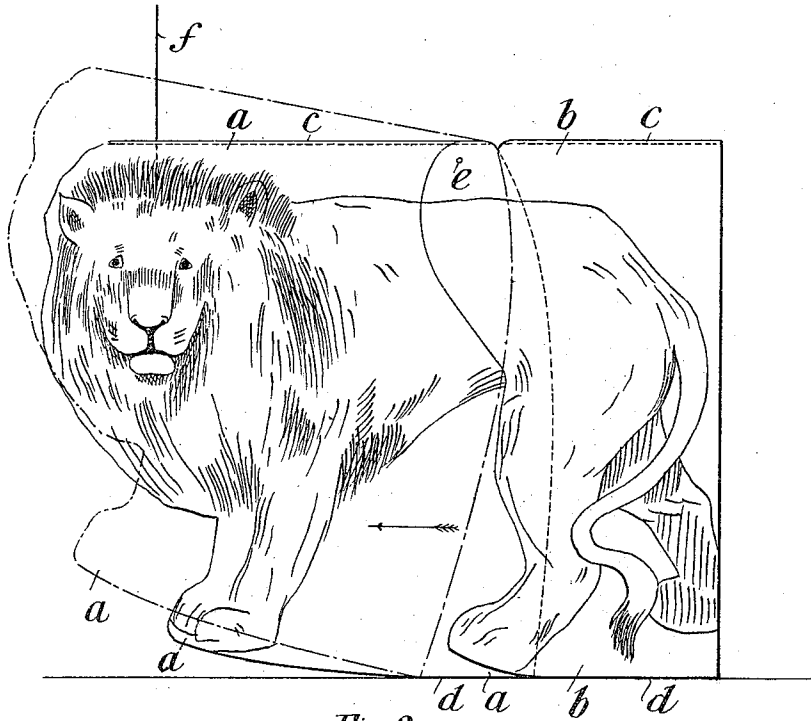
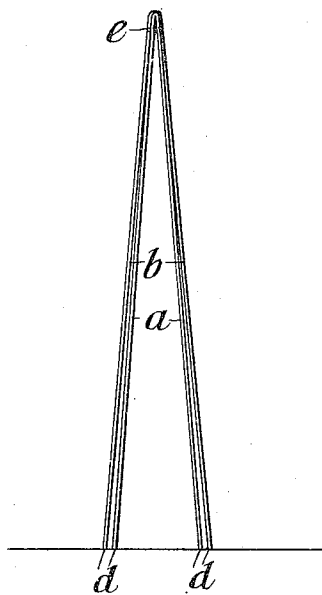


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT ERNEST KENNEDY, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 4 Abbott's Park road, Leyton, in the county of Essex and Kingdom of Great Britain, have invented new and useful Improvements in Toy Figures, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to toy figures, particularly those of animals, and has for its object to construct them so that they can be manipulated to move along or walk in a realistic manner.

According to the invention a toy figure comprises two parts designed to be supported on their bases in an upright position, one behind the other, and hinged together in such a manner that when one part is turned on the hinge away from the other part and released, its weight will again cause it to assume the upright position and drag or pull the latter part toward it.

A suitable arrangement for carrying out the invention is as follows:—The two parts of the figure are formed of two pieces of folded cardboard or similar material with the folds uppermost and the lower edges separated so that the said parts will stand in an upright position, one end of one part extending slightly within the adjacent end of the upper part. The said parts are hinged together at the upper portion of the said adjacent ends. The said two parts may be imprinted to represent a four-legged animal, one part bearing a representation of the hind parts and the other the fore parts, and can be so printed that the design is seen on both sides a cord or the like being advantageously attached to the head to represent a lead and serving to manipulate the figure.

In order that the invention can be clearly understood reference is had to the annexed drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a side view of a toy animal figure constructed according to the invention, and Fig. 2 is an end view thereof.

a, b are the two pieces of folded cardboard or the like on which are respectively depicted the fore and hind parts of an animal.

c, c are the folds of the said parts arranged uppermost, the lower edges *d, d* being separated as shown clearly in Fig. 2 so that the parts *a, b* can stand in an upright or natural position as shown.

e is the hinge connecting the two parts *a,*

b together, the parts *a* extending slightly within the part *b* for this purpose.

f is the cord or the like attached to the head of the figure to represent a lead and to allow of the figure being manipulated. By pulling the cord *f* upward so that the part *a* is caused to turn on the hinge *e* and assume the position indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1 and then releasing the cord, the weight of the said part *a* as it reassumes the normal position will drag or pull the part *b* in the direction of the arrow, the continued up and down movements of the cord resulting in a forward progression of the animal.

Although each part has been described as formed of folded cardboard or the like, yet each may be formed of two pieces connected together at their upper edges and instead of cardboard or the like so formed or folded and having the lower edges separated to form a base, each part may be solid with a base sufficiently wide to support it in an upright position, this latter construction being well adapted for toy human figures.

I claim:—

1. A toy figure comprising two parts designed to be supported on their bases in an upright position one behind the other and hinged together in such a manner that when one part is turned on the hinge away from the other part and released its weight will again cause it to assume the upright or normal position and drag or pull the latter part toward it, substantially as described.

2. A toy figure comprising two parts of folded cardboard or the like with the folds uppermost and their lower edges separated to form supporting bases the said parts being hinged together in such a manner that when one part is turned on the hinge away from the other part and released its weight will again cause it to assume the upright or normal position and drag or pull the latter part toward it, substantially as described.

3. A toy figure comprising the parts *a* and *b* of folded cardboard or the like hinged together at *e* and supported on their bases *d, d* and a cord *f* or the like attached to the part *a*, substantially as described.

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