

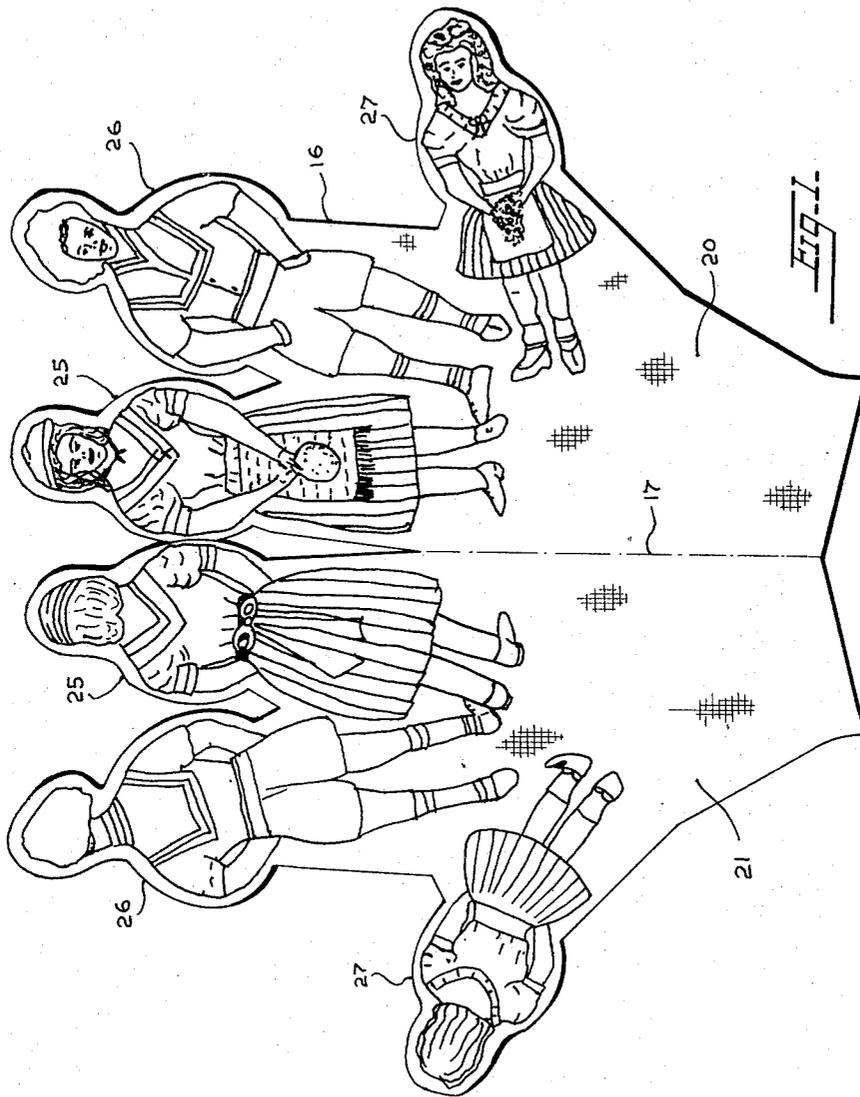
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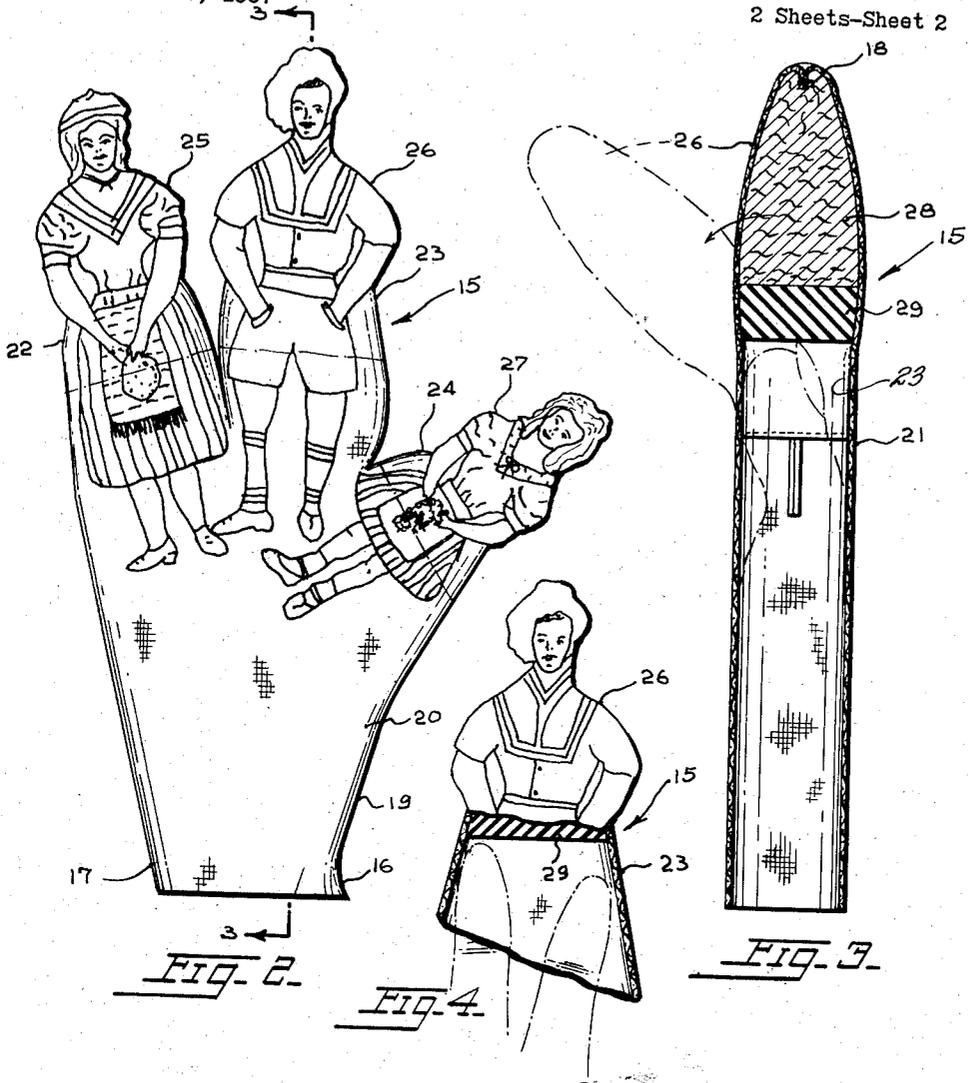
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in puppets or hand dolls.

More particularly, the present invention proposes the construction of a puppet glove having two finger stalls and a thumb stall, each stall having an extension substantially simulating in configuration the upper extremities of a doll from substantially the waistline upwardly, the remaining lower extremities of the doll being outlined on the outer surfaces of the respective stall, front and back, thereby providing a number of dolls arranged closed together and operable by the fingers and thumb of the hand of the operator inserted into the glove.

The invention further contemplates stuffing the doll-simulating extensions, leaving the stalls proper hollow so that the extensions may be bent at a point substantially at the waistlines of the dolls in simulation of a bow.

It is further proposed to shape the extensions and form the outlines to represent dolls and figures of every nationality, story-book characters, fictional personalities, animals and birds and the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a puppet glove that can be operated by an unskilled operator.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a blank partly shaped from which the puppet glove embodying the invention is formed.

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of a completed glove made in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, with the extension shown in bowed condition in dash lines.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary partly elevational and partly sectional view of the glove, showing a couple of adjacent fingers of the operator in position in the finger stall.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1-4 of the drawings, the puppet glove made in accordance with the present invention is designated generally by the reference numeral 15.

Glove 15 preferably is shown as of the gauntlet type formed from a blank 16 of suitable glove material shown in Fig. 1 shaped to simulate finger and thumb stalls when folded along the dot-dash line 17. The meeting side and top edges are returned and secured by a line of stitching 18 forming a seam 19. The glove is a mitten-type glove with a palm 20, a back 21, two finger stalls 22 and 23 and a thumb stall 24. The finger stalls 22 and 23 are double-finger stalls adapted each to receive two adjacent fingers of the operator's hand.

The finger stalls 22 and 23 and the thumb stall 24 are formed with extensions 25, 26 and 27, respectively, providing elongations thereof. These extensions are shaped in simulation of dolls' trunks or torsos, each having a

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head and arms, and may be of any desired shape or form, the examples shown being a family group in Tyrolian costume including father, mother and daughter.

The extensions may be solid or may have spaced cavities or openings but are preferably stuffed with suitable stuffing material 28. The extensions simulate in shape the upper extremities of the dolls from approximately the waistline upwardly and the outer surfaces of said extensions, front and back, are formed with outlines representing facial features and dress for covering the upper extremities of the dolls, and the stalls below the extensions and parts of the palm and back sections are similarly outlined completing the dress front and back for the lower extremities of the dolls.

At the top of each stall, there is a partition wall 29 of resilient material forming an abutment for the tips of the fingers or thumb.

In operation, two adjacent fingers of the operator are inserted into each finger stall and the thumb into the thumb stall. By manipulating the fingers and thumb, the stalls and extensions constituting the dolls may readily be moved in a variety of motions toward each other in close face-to-face relation thereby giving action to the whole "family" of dolls. Furthermore, by reason of the stuffed condition of the extensions and the resilient juncture between the stalls and said extensions, the extensions may readily be turned, or bent downwardly, by the fingers at points approximately at the waistlines of the dolls, as indicated by the dash lines in Fig. 2, any desired degree, to simulate the act of bowing.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A puppet glove comprising a mitten-like glove having a palm, a back, a thumb stall and two finger stalls, said two finger stalls each receiving and covering two fingers of the glove operator, a doll-simulating extension member on each of said finger stalls and on the thumb stall, said finger stalls and thumb stall forming the lower extremities of the dolls, and a finger and thumb tip abutting member in each of said finger and thumb stalls at a point defining the waist of each doll, said abutting member constituting a partition wall between the stall proper and the extension member.

2. A puppet glove comprising a mitten-like glove having a palm, a back, a thumb stall and two finger stalls, said two finger stalls each receiving and covering two fingers of the glove operator, a doll-simulating extension member on each of said finger stalls and on the thumb stall, said finger stalls and thumb stall forming the lower extremities of the dolls, and a finger and thumb tip abutting member in each of said finger and thumb stalls at a point defining the waist of each doll, said extension member being stuffed, said abutting member constituting a partition wall between the stall proper and the extension member.

3. A puppet glove comprising a mitten-like glove having a palm, a back, a thumb stall and two finger stalls, said two finger stalls each receiving and covering two fingers of the glove operator, a doll-simulating extension member on each of said finger stalls and on the thumb stall, said finger stalls and thumb stall forming the lower extremities of the dolls, and a finger and thumb tip abutting member in each of said finger and thumb stalls at a point defining the waist of each doll, said doll-simulating extensions being stuffed with stuffing material, said

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abutting member constituting a partition wall between the stall proper and the extension member.

4. A puppet glove comprising a mitten-like glove having a palm, a back, a thumb stall and two finger stalls, said two finger stalls each receiving and covering two fingers of the glove operator, a doll-simulating extension member in each of said finger stalls and on the thumb stall, said finger stalls and thumb stall forming the lower extremities of the dolls, and a finger and thumb tip abutting member in each of said finger and thumb stalls at a point defining the waist of each doll, said doll-simulating extensions being removably and pivotally mounted on said finger and thumb stalls, said abutting member constituting a partition wall between the stall proper and the extension member.

5. A puppet glove of glove material comprising palm and back sections with two protruding finger stalls and a protruding thumb stall, each of said finger stalls receiving two fingers of the user, said stalls being open at the top, integral extensions on the top ends of the stalls form-

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ing elongations thereof, said extensions being shaped to simulate the upper extremities of dolls, said extensions being stuffed, the outer surfaces of the extensions, stalls and palm and back sections being outlined to simulate the facial features and dress of the dolls, said extensions being bendable substantially at their juncture with the finger and thumb stalls.

6. A puppet glove of glove material as defined in claim 5, characterized by resilient partition walls between the stalls proper and said extensions.

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