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Fig 1

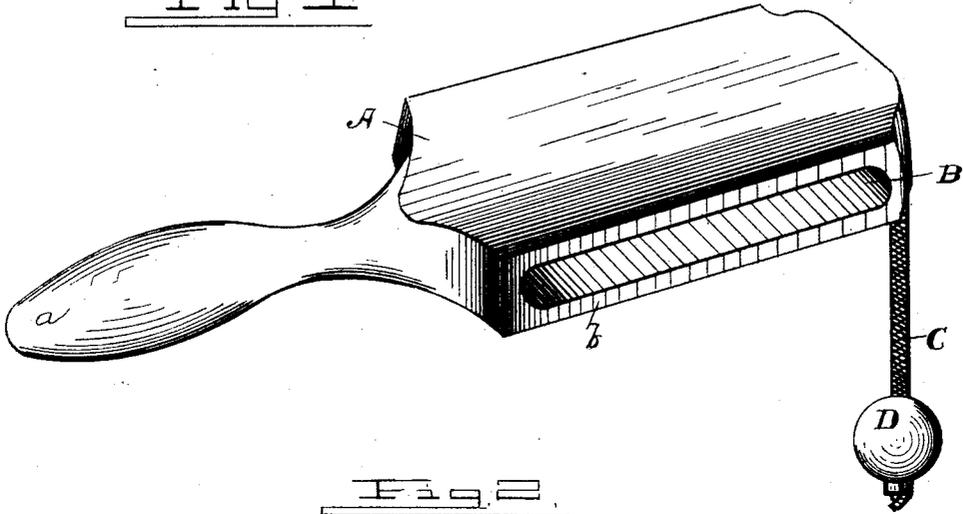


Fig 2

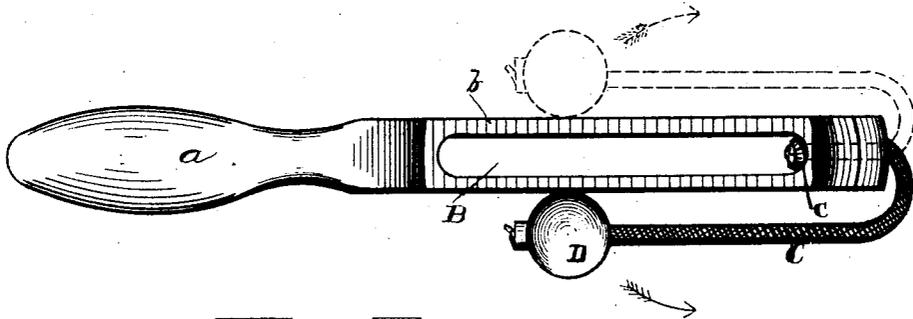
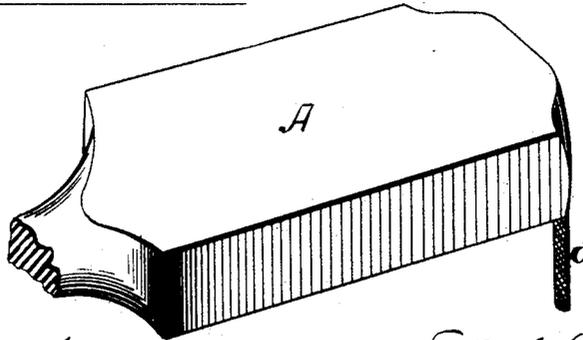


Fig 3



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## CAMPAIGN-RATTLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK A. WILSKEY, of Champaign, in the county of Champaign and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Campaign-Rattles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved clacker or rattle. Fig. 2 is a side view illustrating the manner of using the rattle. Fig. 3 represents a modification.

This invention is an improved sounding and advertising toy or campaign-rattle; and it consists of a resonant body upon the faces of which advertisements can be printed or attached, provided with a handle and a striker or clapper attached by a flexible connection to the end of said body and adapted to vibrate back and forth and strike the exterior surfaces of the body when the latter is vibrated, as will be clearly understood from the following description, taken in connection with the drawings.

In the drawings, A represents a wooden block or body having a handle *a* at one end, which may be formed integral therewith, and preferably the body is hollowed out by transversely slotting it through its widest portion, as at B, so that its broadest faces *b* are thin and separated by an air-space, thus increasing the resonancy of the body when struck.

C is a flexible thong secured to the body, preferably at the end opposite the handle, and, as shown, being passed through an opening *c* in the end communicating with slot B, and to its free end is attached a striker D, which may be a ball of wood or metal, and is preferably round.

In using the rattle it is grasped by the handle and swung quickly back and forth, so that the ball is thrown back and forth, as indicated in Fig. 2, violently striking alternately the opposite faces of the body and producing a sharp penetrating noise, varying with the force of the swing and the quality of the material of which the body and ball are made. The body might be solid, as in Fig. 3.

I contemplate making the device of metal and of various shapes and either hollow or solid and using more than one ball or striker, if desired, all of which adaptations are obvious and would not involve a departure from my invention, the essential feature of which is having a body and a striker so connected thereto as to strike the exterior faces of the body alternately as the latter is vibrated, as contradistinguished from a bell or body wherein the clapper impinges against the interior faces of the bell.

I am aware that in toys balls and bats or paddles have been connected by elastic cords, but not used as or adapted for rattles. Such toys I disclaim; but,

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent thereon, is—

1. In a toy, the combination of the body and handle with a striker formed of wood or other hard substance secured to the end of body opposite the handle by a non-elastic flexible connection and adapted to produce a noise by striking the exterior faces of the body alternately when the body is vibrated, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a hollow resonant body and handle with a striker formed of a hard substance attached to the body opposite the handle by a flexible non-elastic connection and adapted to produce a noise by striking the exterior faces of the body when the latter is vibrated, substantially as described.

3. The herein-described rattle consisting of the flat body A, having an integral handle *a* at one end and a slot B through its widest portion, with a flexible thong C, passed through an opening *c* in the end of the body, and a striker formed of a hard substance fixed to the free end of the thong and adapted to make a noise by striking against the body, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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