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Fig. 1.

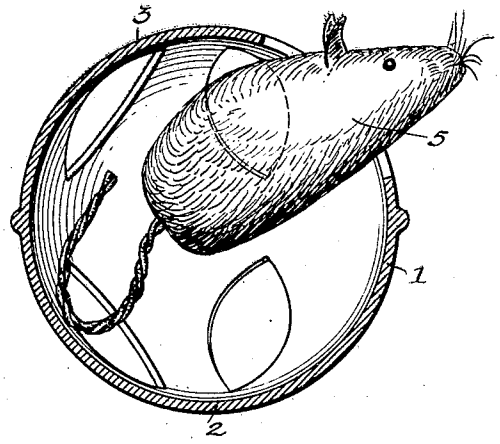
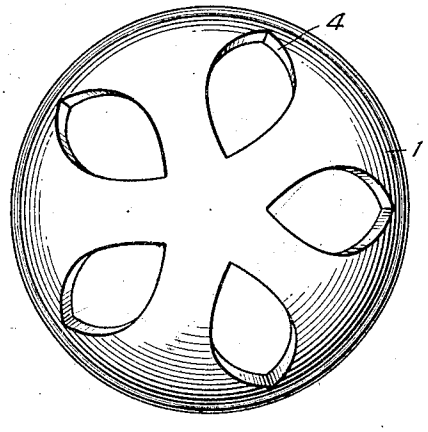


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIDNEY B. KAHNWEILER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Animal Toy, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to toys for animals and has for an object to provide an improved construction which the animal may utilize as a toy without injuring either the animal or any surrounding furniture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a toy particularly for cats wherein an easily movable ball is presented containing an artificial mouse, the arrangement being such that the cat may see the mouse but cannot remove the same from the ball.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a toy in which an apertured ball is provided containing a catnip stuffed artificial mouse, the mouse being loosely arranged in the ball so that as the ball is rolled the mouse is caused to move.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through a device embodying the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the ball shown in Figure 1.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a hollow rubber ball which is preferably provided with a solid lower section 2 and a perforated upper section 3. The perforations or slots 4 are preferably substantially elliptical and of such a size that the artificial mouse 5 cannot ordinarily pass therethrough though part of the same may project therethrough. In order to insert the artificial mouse 5, the ball is stretched so that one of the apertures 4 is enlarged to allow the ready insertion of the mouse which is not of sufficient weight to force its way through when the ball is inverted.

The artificial mouse 5 is preferably formed of cloth and is caused to resemble to a certain extent, a natural mouse, the cloth casing being filled or stuffed with catnip preferably whereby an odor will be produced that is pleasing to a cat. As the ball 1 is made of rubber, it may readily roll as the cat plays with it but will not injure the furniture nor hurt the cat.

Preferably, the ball 1 is made from rubber as set forth but if desired it could be made from other materials, as for instance, metal, fiber or the like though these members would not have the same resiliency as rubber. It will be noted that by reason of the apertures 4, the cat may see the mouse 5 and also may readily smell the catnip which will induce the cat to strike or bite the ball and as it is round, it will roll. This will give movement to the toy which is particularly desired by cats in playing.

What I claim is:—

1. A toy, comprising a spherical hollow ball, a catnip-scented figure of a mouse unconnected with and freely movable within the ball, and said ball having openings therein sufficiently large to permit a portion of the figure to project therethrough.

2. A toy adapted to be rolled over a surface, comprising a round casing having openings therein and a centered figure unconnected with and freely movable in the casing, said figure being of a size which cannot normally pass through any of said openings, said casing being stretchable whereby any of said openings may be enlarged whereby said figure may be inserted into the casing and removed therefrom at will.

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