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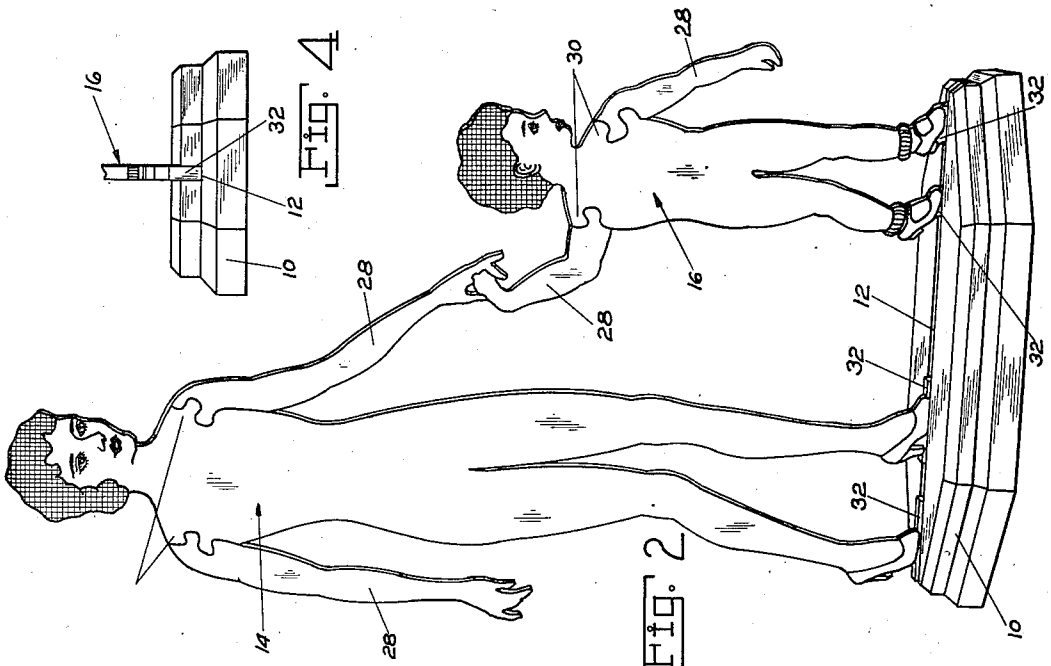


Fig. 4

Fig. 2

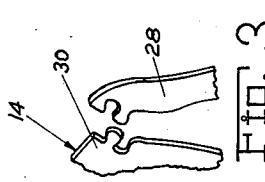


Fig. 3

Fig. 1

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This invention relates to display apparatus, more especially for displaying articles of clothing, and is illustrated as adapted for use in displaying miniature sample articles of clothing in or on a showcase in a store.

An object of the invention is to provide apparatus of this character embodying figures simulating human figures, adapted to be readily assembled with the clothing (i. e. to be dressed) without distorting or mutilating the clothing, and which preferably are entirely rigid when so assembled. Another object is to provide inexpensive apparatus of pleasing appearance, by designing the figures to be cut or stamped from printed sheets of flat boardlike material such as heavy cardboard.

Having this object in view, one feature relates to making the arms of the figure detachable, so that they may be inserted through the open ends of the sleeves of the garment and interlocked rigidly with the body of the figure at the shoulders. Preferably joints are cut entirely through the shoulders and the upper ends of the arms, so that the arms are easily interlocked rigidily with the shoulders, after they are in place in the sleeves, by relative movement perpendicularly of the plane of the figure. It will be noted that figures of this sort, with the detachable arms and having the described joints, are inexpensively made by cutting or stamping them from flat boardlike material such as heavy cardboard.

Preferably the feet of the figure have parts in the same plane adapted to be detachably received and embraced in a slot in the upper face of a base or support of wood or other material.

As an additional means of making an attractive display, I prefer to mount on such a base two of the described figures, for example a large one representing a mother and a smaller one representing her child. In this case I prefer to make the hands of the adjacent detachable arms of the figures for similar interlocking interengagement.

The above and other objects and features of the invention, including various novel combinations of parts and desirable features of construction, will be apparent from the following description of the illustrative embodiment shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view, with the figures clothed;

Figure 2 is a similar view with the figures unclothed;

Figure 3 is a detail perspective view showing the interlocking shoulder joint; and

Figure 4 is an end elevation of the base and the lower portion of one of the figures.

In the illustrated arrangement, the novel figures are supported by a base 10 of wood or other suitable material, formed in its upper face with a slot 12 extending entirely across its upper portion.

The illustrated figures include a large one 14, representing a mother, and a smaller one 16 representing her child, both cut or stamped from flat boardlike material such as heavy cardboard printed with suitable features, etc. The shoes may similarly be printed on the cardboard, as shown on the larger figure, or small socks and shoes may be placed on the feet as shown on the smaller figure.

These figures are intended to display garments such as hats 18, sleeved garments 20 such as coats or sweaters, the sleeves of which are indicated at 22, skirts 24, knickerbockers 26, and the like.

One difficulty in displaying sleeved garments in this manner is that it has not previously been possible to have rigid, and light and inexpensive, figures in which the sleeves are easily mounted on the arms without distorting or mutilating them. According to one feature of my invention, the arms 28 and shoulders 30 of the figures are provided with interlocking means, preferably joints of the character shown in detail in Figure 3 and which are cut entirely therethrough, so that they may easily and quickly be rigidly interlocked with each other by relative movement in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the figures.

Where two figures are used, as illustrated, the hands on the downwardly-extending arm of the larger figure and the upwardly-extending adjacent arm of the smaller figure, are preferably formed with a joint adapted to be rigidly interlocked in a similar manner.

The four feet of the figures have parts 32, all in the same plane, detachably received and embraced in the slot 12, to mount the clothed figures rigidly on the base 10 as shown in Figure 1.

It will be seen that the figures and their clothing are easily assembled, that the clothed figures are rigid and are rigidly supported on their base 10, that the apparatus can be very economically manufactured, and that a very pleasing and lifelike display is provided.

While one illustrative embodiment has been described in detail, it is not my intention to limit the scope of my invention to that particular embodiment, or otherwise than by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. Display apparatus comprising, in combination with an article of clothing having sleeves and adapted to be displayed, a figure of flat boardlike

material simulating in outline a human figure and having a body with interlocking means at the shoulder and having an arm formed with cooperating separable interlocking means at the shoulder end, the interlocking means on the shoulder and said arm comprising interfitting joints cut entirely through said material and interlocked by relative movement in a direction perpendicular to the plane of said material, whereby the clothing may be placed on said body with the arm detached and the arm inserted from the open end of the sleeve and said means interlocked to support said sleeve from the body.

2. Display apparatus comprising, in combination with an article of clothing having sleeves and adapted to be displayed, a figure simulating in outline a human figure and having a body with separable interlocking means at the shoulder and having an arm formed with cooperating interlocking means at the shoulder end, whereby the clothing may be placed on said body with the arm detached and the arm inserted from the open end of the sleeve and said means interlocked to support said sleeve from the body.

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