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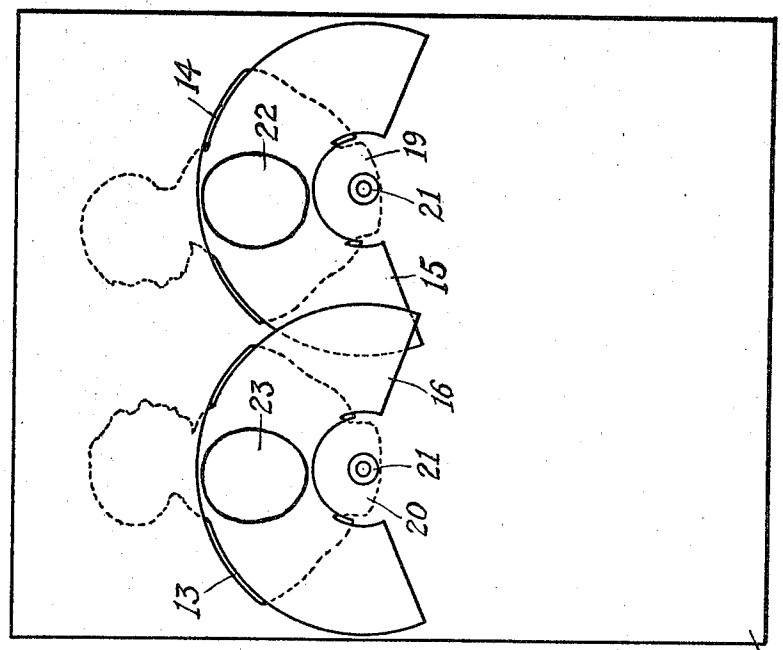

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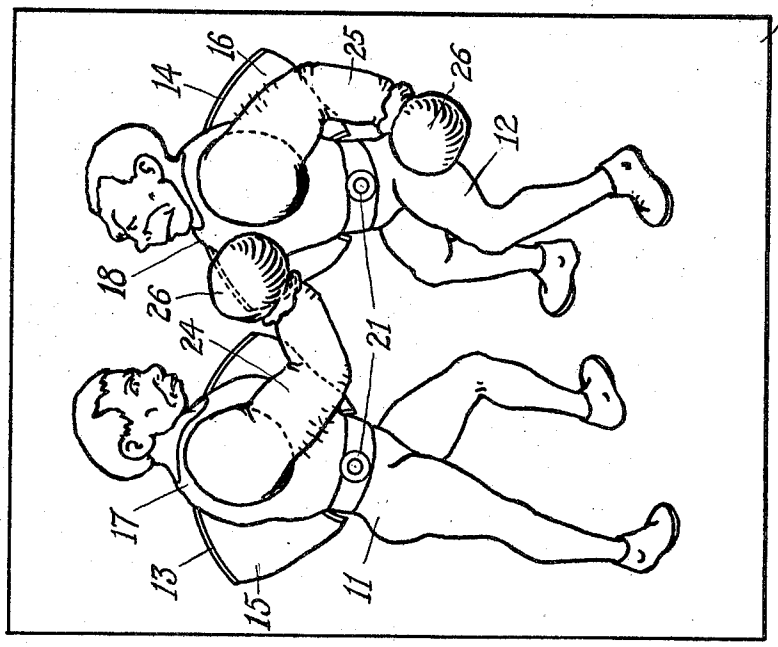

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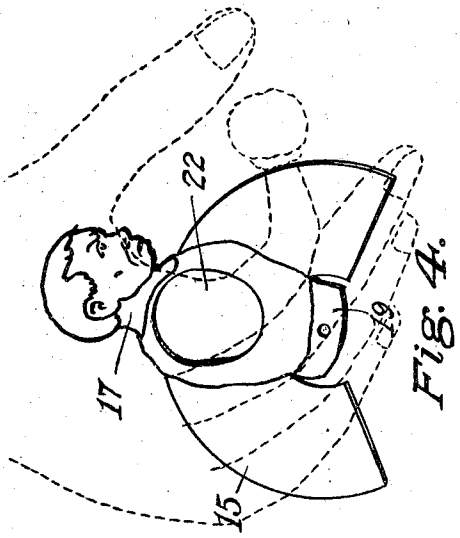

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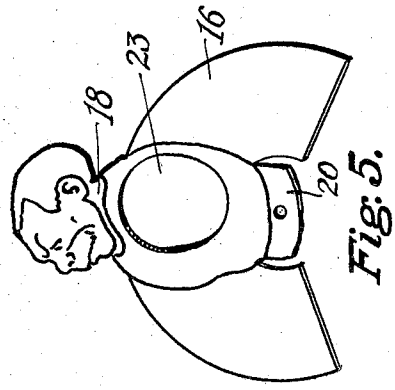

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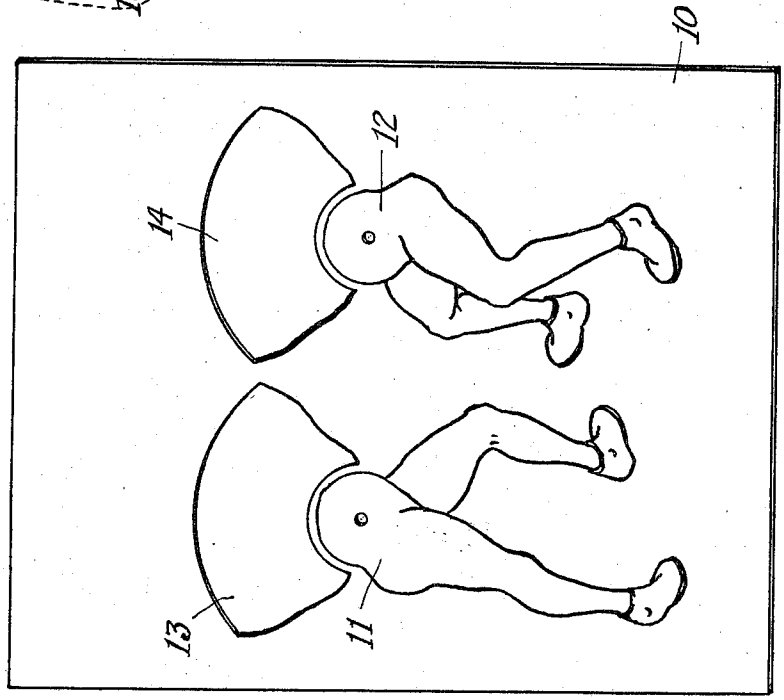

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM Q. OLDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Joliet, in the county of Will and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to amusement devices, and has for its object the provision of means for representing a boxing match.

I have discovered that, when one's fore-finger is inserted through a suitable opening in a card-board or other plate so that the enlargement of the finger at the joint between the finger and the hand is partially visible, the finger has the appearance of an arm and shoulder, and when in addition the end of the finger is covered by a boxing-glove-like device the similarity is very marked.

It is one of the specific objects of this invention to provide a device by the use of which a boxing match may be represented by inserting the fingers through suitable openings to represent the arms of the boxers, the ends of the fingers being provided with boxing-glove-like devices. The means by which I have accomplished these results are illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter specifically described.

That which I believe to be new is set forth in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the device, including the fingers of the operator and the gloves thereon. Fig. 2 is a rear view with the fingers removed. Fig. 3 is a front view of the main plate of the device. Figs. 4 and 5 are front views of the plates which have thereon the representations of the trunks and heads of the boxers.

Referring to the several figures of the drawings, in which corresponding parts are indicated by like reference characters,—10 indicates a plate of card-board, wood, or other suitable material, having drawn, painted or otherwise represented thereon the lower parts of the bodies and the legs of two men standing facing each other in a boxing attitude, the same being indicated by 11 and 12.

13—14 indicate arc-shaped openings or slots in the plate 10 above the figures 11—12.

15—16 indicate arc-shaped plates of card-board, wood, metal, or other suitable material, each plate having drawn, painted, or otherwise represented thereon the trunk and head of a man. As shown best in Figs. 4 and 5, each of the plates 15—16 conforms to the shape of the slots 13—14 but is somewhat longer than those slots, extensions being provided above and below for the completion of the figures represented. These figures are indicated by 17 and 18, and the downward extensions by which the plates are pivotally connected to the plate 10 are indicated by 19 and 20.

21 indicates rivets of any suitable type by which the plates 15 and 16 are pivotally connected to the plate 10, the head portion and the waist portion of each figure being positioned in front of the plate 10 and the ends of the plates 15 and 16 being positioned in rear of the plate 10. Thus the heads and trunks of the figures represented are movable relative to the legs, and the head and body of one is movable toward and away from the head and body of the other. The plates 15—16 serve to keep the openings 13—14 constantly closed in whatever position the head and trunk of the figure is held. By reason of the head portion of each plate 15—16 being in front of the plate 10 and the ends of the plate 15—16 being in rear of the plate 10, the plates 15—16 are prevented from spreading away from the plate 10.

22—23 indicate openings in the plate 15—16 at the shoulders of the figures represented thereon.

24—25 indicate the fore-fingers of the operator, extending through the openings 22—23, each being provided with a boxing-glove-like device 26.

It will be readily understood that by a manipulation of the fingers 24—25 in simulation of the movements of boxers' arms an effect is produced very much like that of a boxing-match. Dodging, feinting, clenching, and the many other expedients of defence and offense known in the boxing art can readily be reproduced in a strikingly realistic manner by the use of this device.

So far as I am aware, I am the first in the art to provide a figure of a person provided with an opening for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm, and this is therefore claimed generically.

It will be understood that I do not limit myself to the combination of plates shown, except as specifically claimed, inasmuch as

any suitable combination of plates, either movable or stationary relative to each other, bearing representations by any suitable means of a person whose arm is represented by an operator's finger comes within my invention. On the other hand, in the representation of a boxing-match, I do not wish to be limited, except as specifically claimed, to the representation of the boxer's arm by the bare fore-finger of the operator, since so far as I am aware it is new to represent a boxing-match by means of arm-like devices, movable in simulation of the movements of a boxer's arms, inserted through openings at the shoulders of representations of men standing facing each other in a boxing attitude. My claims are therefore to be construed accordingly.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. The combination of a plate having thereon a representation of a man standing in a boxing attitude, at the shoulder of which the plate is provided with an opening for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm, and a boxing-glove-like device adapted to be placed upon the end of said finger.

2. An amusement device comprising a plurality of plates, said plates having thereon a representation of a man, the plate having the shoulder of the figure being provided with an opening for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm of the figure, one of said plates being movable relative to another to provide for movement of parts of said figure relative to other parts thereof.

3. An amusement device comprising a plurality of plates having thereon a representation of two men standing facing each other in a boxing attitude, at the shoulder of each of which there is provided an opening for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm, said plates being movable relative to each other to provide for movement of the body of one figure relative to that of the other.

4. In an amusement device, the combination of a plate having thereon a representation of the lower part of the body and the legs of a man, and a second plate pivotally connected thereto having thereon a representation of the trunk and the head of the man, an opening being provided in said second plate for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm of said figure.

5. In an amusement device, the combination of a plate having thereon a representation of the lower part of the body and the legs of a man, a second plate pivotally connected thereto and having thereon a representation of the trunk and the head of the man, and guiding means for holding said two plates against spreading away from each other as said second plate is swung relative to said first plate, an opening being provided at the shoulder for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm of said figure.

6. In an amusement device, the combination of a plate having thereon a representation of the lower part of the body and the legs of a man and being provided with a substantially arc-shaped slot above said body, and a second plate pivotally connected to said first-named plate having thereon a representation of the trunk and the head of the man, said second plate comprising a head portion extending in front of said first-named plate and a substantially arc-shaped portion conforming to the shape of but longer than said slot and extending at its ends in rear of said first-named plate.

7. In an amusement device, the combination of a plate having thereon a representation of the lower parts of the bodies and the legs of two men standing facing each other in a boxing attitude, said plate being provided with a substantially arc-shaped slot above each body, and two plates each pivotally connected to said first-named plate above one of said bodies and each having thereon a representation of the trunk and the head of a man, each of said last-named two plates being provided with an opening at the shoulder of the figure for the insertion of an operator's finger to represent the arm of the man, each of said second-named plates comprising a head portion extending in front of said first-named plate and a substantially arc-shaped portion conforming to the shape of but longer than the slot near which it is pivoted and extending at its ends in rear of said first-named plate.

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