

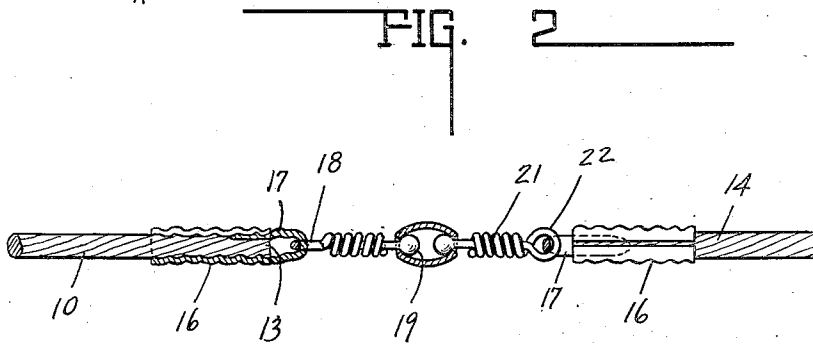
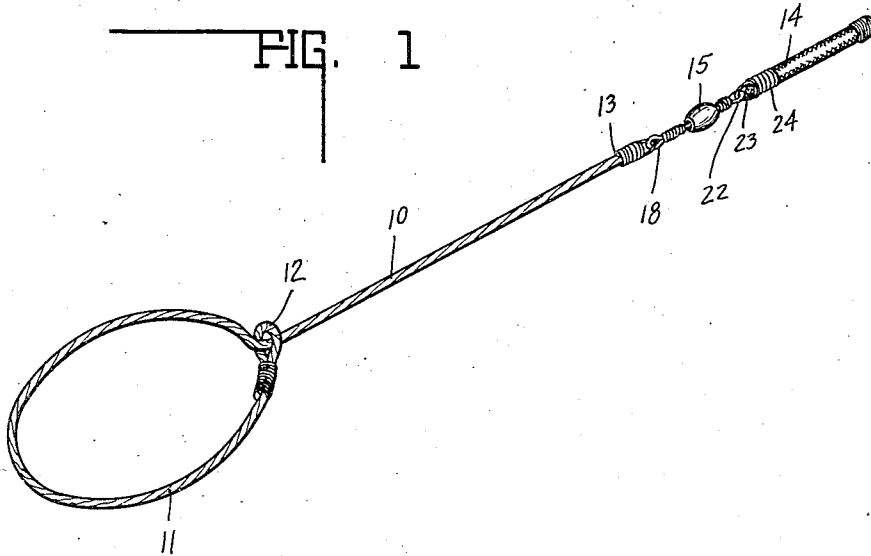
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TOY LARIAT

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This invention relates to a lariat toy.

The chief object of this invention is to construct a lariat so that it is susceptible to use as a toy by relatively unskilled manipulators of the lariat, such as children and the like.

It is well known that to keep a lariat in motion or make it perform or pass through certain convolutions, it is necessary for the operator or holder of the lariat to gradually let the rope roll in his hand, although at the same time holding it against longitudinal displacement. It is this manual manipulation that requires dexterity and prevents the average individual, except through long practice and the like, from acquiring the ability to handle and manipulate a lariat in the well known manner.

The chief feature of the invention consists in providing a lariat with a handle and connecting the same through a swivel and preferably universal joint connection so that when the handle is rigidly grasped in the hand of the holder or operator and the hand rotated with the handle, the lariat will perform the desired convolutions.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims:

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the lariat.

Fig. 2 is a similar view enlarged, of the anchorage and universal joint connection between the handle and lariat end.

In the drawings, 10 indicates a lariat rope arranged in loop formation 11 and having the eye 12. The free end of the rope is indicated at 13. The handle portion is herein shown as a relatively short piece of thicker or stiffer rope 14. A universal joint construction is indicated at 15 and the same suitably connects the end 13 and the handle 14 for free swiveling and universal connection.

The operator takes hold of the handle 14 and by rotating the hand with the handle, causes circular movement of the lariat and thus causes the lariat to operate in the usual manner. The handle 14 can be gripped

rigidly instead of in the manner customary to manipulate the usual lariat.

The anchorage includes a sheet 16 which is rolled around the end 13 and an integral curved tongue 17 which is turned into loop or eye formation through a loop 18 of an element forming one part of the universal joint. The opposite end of the element 18 consists of a stop 19 enclosed within the housing 20. A similar construction 21 has its eye 22 receivable by a tongue or equivalent portion 23, suitably anchored by the portion 24 to the end of the handle.

Since the handle 14 is shown as a piece of rope, the aforesaid construction is satisfactory. If the handle were a piece of wood or the like, possibly a different form of universal joint construction might be equally as acceptable for a swivel connection will operate satisfactorily.

The invention claimed is:

In a toy lariat, a freely flexible rope having a slip noose at one end, a relatively stiff handle member, and a swivel connecting the opposite end of said rope with one end of said handle, whereby free rotation of said rope end at its juncture with the handle will be permitted.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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