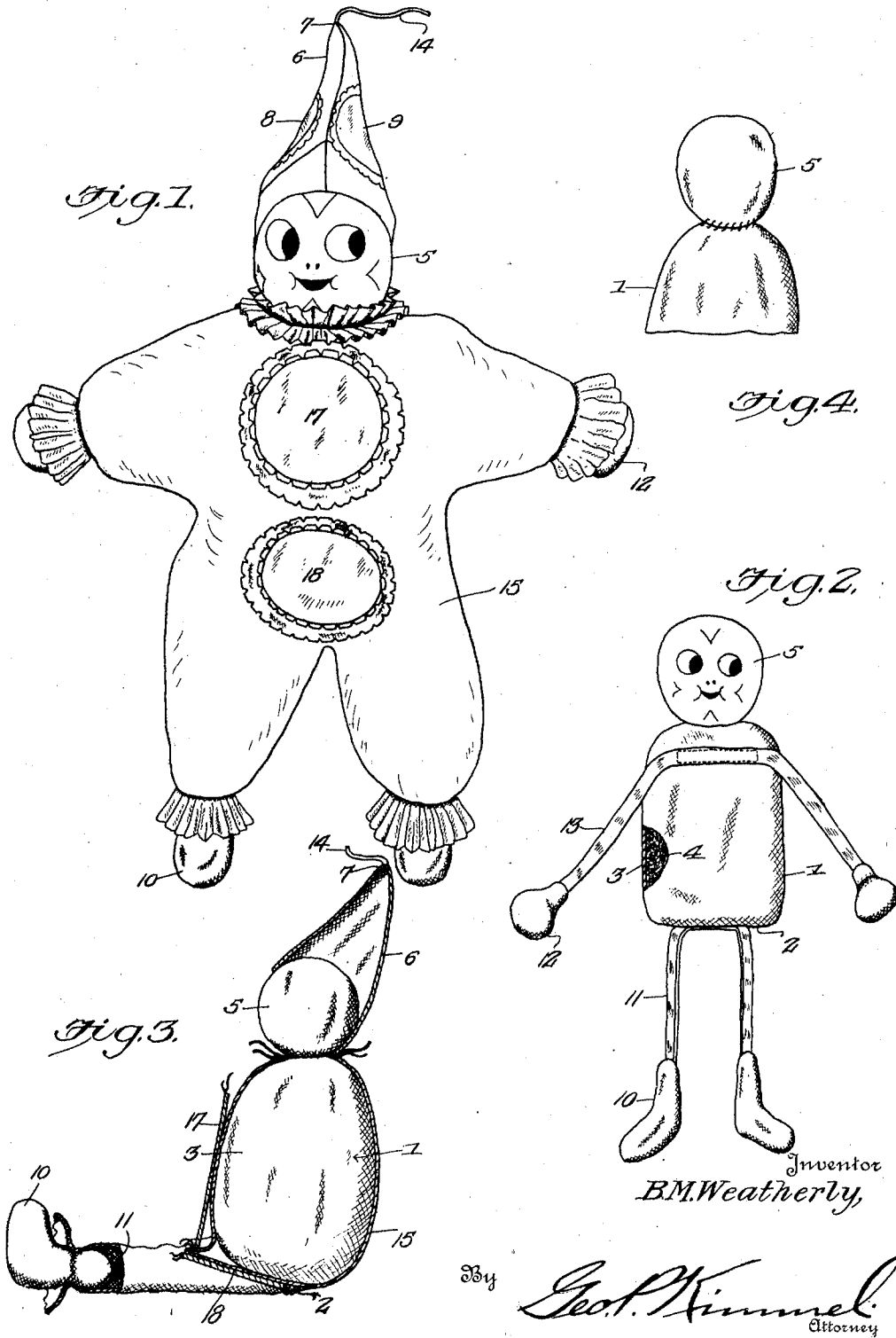


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BESSIE M. WEATHERLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rome, in the county of Floyd and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Doll, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to dolls and more particularly to clown dolls.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a doll of this character which is amusing to young children and which may be used by grown-ups as an ornamental pin cushion.

Another object is to provide such a doll 15 which is inexpensively produced and which may be made to assume a sitting posture by reason of its peculiarly shaped body and the combined ornaments and props carried thereby and the peculiar connection of the legs 20 thereto.

Another object is to provide such a doll the hands and feet of which are suspended by flexible elements to adapt them to kick and swing freely to simulate dancing when 25 the doll is moved bodily or shaken.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in 30 the claims and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of 35 the doll embodying this invention in upright suspended position.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the doll with its clothes removed, and with parts broken away.

40 Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the body in sitting posture showing the combined props and ornaments in operative position as props.

Fig. 4 is a detail rear view showing the 45 connection of the head with the body.

In the embodiment illustrated the doll is shown in the form of a clown and comprises a body 1 substantially rectangular in form having a blunt lower end 2 to adapt it to 50 sit in upright position as shown in Fig. 3. This body is preferably composed of a casing 3 of any suitable fabric stuffed or filled with any suitable filling, cotton or other soft material 4 being preferably used. A head 5 55 is also composed of a stuffed fabric casing properly shaped to represent a human head

and which is fastened to the upper end of the body by stitching having a substantially rigid connection therewith so that the head will not wobble when the body is moved. 60 This head 5 may be decorated in any suitable manner and a face having any desired characteristics may be printed thereon. A clown's cap 6 is here shown fixedly secured to the head 5 and has a peaked upper end 65 7 with stiffening disks 8 and 9 secured to opposite sides thereof to form combined ornaments and stiffeners for the cap.

Suspending from the lower end of the body or trunk are feet 10 the legs which connect them with the body being in the form of 70 limp fabric members 11. These legs 11 as shown are composed of a single strip of woven fabric secured intermediate its ends to the lower end of the body and having the 75 feet 10 attached to the terminals thereof.

Hands 12 are connected by similar tape-like strips 13 to the upper portion of the body to form limber or limp arms. This peculiar connection of the hands and feet permit them to swing and kick freely when 80 the body is suspended and oscillated or shaken, a resilient suspension strap 14 being preferably attached to the peak of the cap for this purpose. 85

The body and limbs of this doll are incased in a suitable dress 15 which is preferably that of a clown although not necessarily so. This dress is made bifurcated and in one piece with the lower ends of the legs 90 gathered and secured firmly to the ankles at a point below the connection of the limber legs therewith. The sleeves are similarly constructed and attached to the hands 12 at the wrist. The neck portion of the garment 95 is also gathered tightly around the neck and secured, being here shown ornamented with a ruffle although it may obviously be otherwise decorated.

Stitched or otherwise suitably attached to 100 the front of the dress 15 are two longitudinally alined disks 17 and 18 of any suitable or desired size composed of fabric covered cardboard or other suitable material having sufficient rigidity to adapt the disks to operate as props when the doll is arranged in 105 sitting posture. These disks are spaced apart a sufficient distance to permit the dress 15 to move freely and yet when the doll is placed in sitting posture as shown in Fig. 3 110 their adjacent ends or perimeters will abut and the lower disk resting at a diametrically

opposite point on the seat or other support will operate to assist in holding the doll in sitting position as is shown clearly in Figs. 3 and 4.

5 The dress 15 may be sewed or otherwise fastened on the doll and permits the legs and arms to swing freely in any direction. When the peak of the cap is grasped and a vertically reciprocating movement imparted
10 thereto the feet and hands of the doll will swing and kick in all directions which will greatly amuse small children.

The doll may also be used as a pin cushion by grown-ups when in sitting position,
15 the pins being stuck either in the back or the head or in both.

The preferred embodiment of the invention is disclosed in the drawings and set forth in the specification, but it will be understood that any modifications within the
20 scope of the claims may be made in the construction without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

25 What I claim is:

1. A doll of the class described, comprising a stuffed fabric body and foot and hand members, flexible strips connecting said foot and hand members to said body, and a head
30 carried by the upper end of said body and having a comparatively stiff connection therewith, a loose bifurcated dress encompassing said body and limbs, the legs and sleeves being gathered at their free ends
35 and secured to said hands and feet, adjacent their connection with said strips, and combined props and ornaments mounted on the

front of said dress and adapted to assist in holding the doll in erect sitting posture.

2. A doll of the class described, comprising a stuffed fabric body and foot and hand members, flexible strips connecting said foot and hand members to said body, a head carried by the upper end of said body, a loose
40 bifurcated dress encompassing said body and limbs, the legs and sleeves of said garment or dress being gathered at their free ends and secured to said hands and feet adjacent their connection with said strips, and longitudinally aligned stiffening plates mounted on
45 the front of said dress and in close proximity to adapt them to fold at substantially right-angles to assist in holding the doll in erect sitting posture.

3. A doll of the class described comprising a substantially rectangular stuffed fabric body having a stuffed head fixedly secured to one end, a flexible strip secured midway its ends to the upper portion of said body with the ends of said strip projecting laterally beyond the body and provided at its
60 terminals with stuffed hand members, a similar strip secured intermediate its ends to the lower end of said body and having stuffed feet on the terminals thereof, and a loose
65 bifurcated dress encompassing said body and limbs, the legs and sleeves gathered at their free ends and secured to said hands and feet adjacent their connection with their flexible supporting strips.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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