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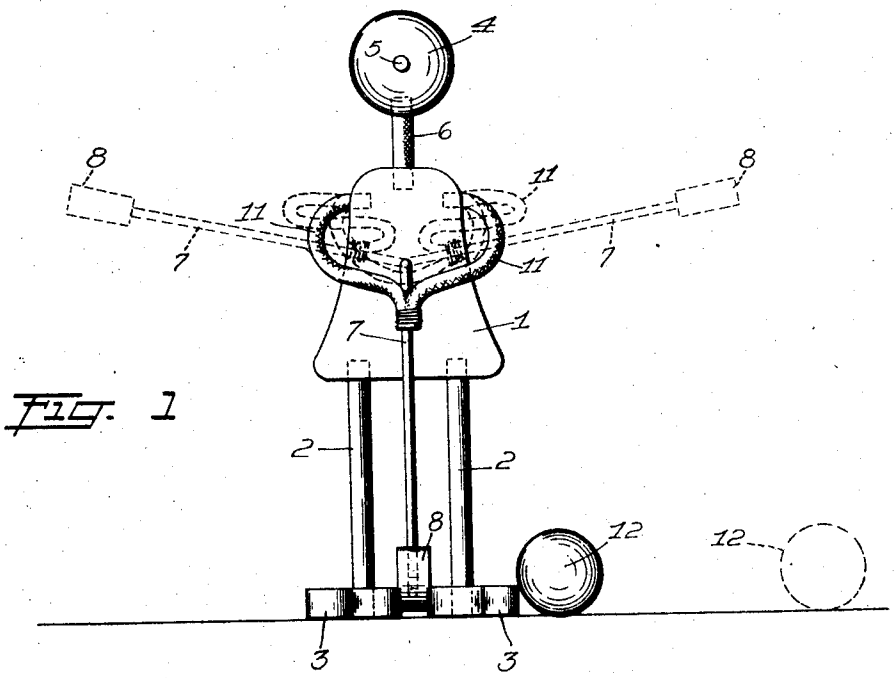

Fig. 1

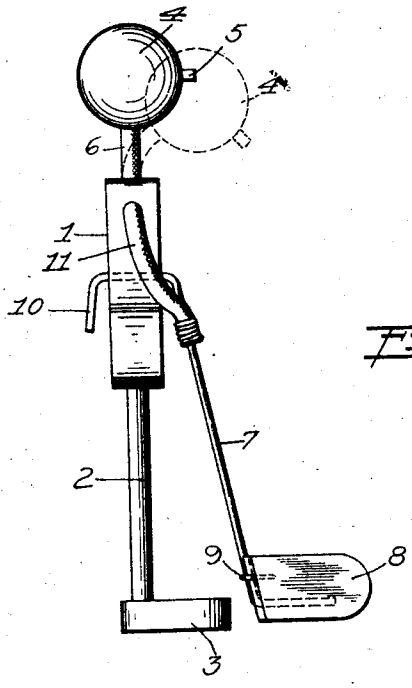

Fig. 2

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My invention relates to improvements in toys and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a toy, which may be used in playing a parlor game of golf in which the success of the game depends largely upon the skill of manipulating the toy.

A further object of the invention is to provide a toy figure simulating that of a human being, which can be so manipulated as to swing a golf club and to strike a ball in a manner similar to the act of putting.

A further object is to provide a device of the type described which is simple in construction, cheap to manufacture, and which will not easily get out of order.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application, in which

Figure 1 is a front view of the device, and Figure 2 is a side view.

In carrying out my invention I provide a body portion 1, which preferably has the form shown in the drawings. This may be made of any suitable material, but I prefer to make it of wood. The body portion is provided with leg portions 2, which in this instance are merely spindles which are secured to the body portion by boring holes in the body portion and inserting the ends of the leg portions, which may be glued to give them a permanent connection.

The foot portions 3 are flat plates so as to enable the figure to stand upright. The head 4 of the figure is a ball, preferably made of wood, with a peg 5 on one side thereof to simulate a nose.

The neck 6 is of peculiar construction, being made of material which, when bent, will remain in its bent position until moved to some other position. The purpose of this construction will be explained later. A golf stick 7 is provided which has a striking-head 8, this being a flat piece of wood. It will be noted that the body portion of the golf stick is in reality of wire which is bent laterally to enter the head 8 and is further held by means of a staple 9. The rear end of the head 8 is grooved from its upper edge to the point where the wire 7 bends laterally to enter the plate, thus more firmly securing the plate to the wire. The wire 7 has a lateral bend in its upper end and passes through an opening in the body portion 1, and then is bent again to form a handle portion 10.

Arms 11 are provided for the figure, these arms being portions of loosely woven ropes. The ends of the ropes are disposed in recesses in the body portion and are glued therein. The opposite ends of the ropes are brought together and tied around the stick 7, thus simulating the grasping of the stick.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. The toy may be used on a table top or on the floor. Ordinarily there is a spot toward which the ball is designed to be directed, or a parlor putting cup may be used to receive the ball. A golf ball of regulation size, such as that shown at 12 in Figure 1, may be used and it is placed in proper position for the stroke. In Figure 1 the ball is shown to the right of its proper position of rest at the time it is being struck, but this is to prevent obscuring of the figure. With the ball in position, the operator grasps the handle with his fingers and swings the club to the left; i. e., in a position shown in dotted lines in Figure 1, and then swings it downwardly, striking the ball with a follow-through stroke, which carries the club into the dotted line position at the right of the figure. This may be done with more or less force, depending upon the destination to which the ball is to be propelled.

In order to add zest to the game, as where one has made a bad stroke, he may grasp the head and force the head down into the dotted line position shown in Figure 2, while admonishing the figure to keep his eye on the ball. The head will remain in the position until it is moved upwardly into the normal position shown in full lines in Figure 2. As the golf stick is swung, the arms, being flexible, will follow the movement of the club so as to simulate to a certain extent the motion of the arms of a player in the ordinary game.

The toy is simple in construction, but it is made so that the parts are not liable to get out of order.

I claim:

1. A toy, comprising a body portion, leg portions and a head portion, a golf stick having its upper end bent laterally and arranged to pass through the body portion and

to be pivotally supported by it, the end of the golf stick being formed into a handle at the rear of the body portion, and flexible arms secured to said body portion at one end above the pivotal golf stick support, the other ends of the arms being secured to the golf stick below its pivotal support.

2. A toy, comprising a body portion, a head portion and leg portions, a golf stick pivotally secured to said body portion at its upper end and having a handle in the rear of the body portion for swinging the stick about its pivot, and flexible arms attached to said body portion and being secured to said stick and arranged to move with it.

3. A toy, comprising a body portion, leg portions and a head portion, a neck for supporting the head, said neck being flexible and non-elastic whereby the head may be moved and caused to remain in its moved position, a golf stick having its upper end bent laterally and arranged to pass through the body portion and to be pivotally supported by it, the end of the golf stick being formed into a handle at the rear of the body portion, and flexible arms secured to said body portion at one end and to the golf stick at the other below its pivotal support.

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