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PLAYHOUSE

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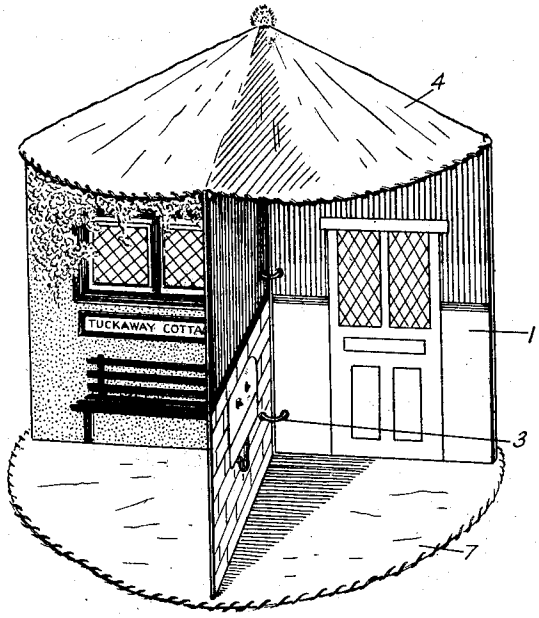


Fig. 1

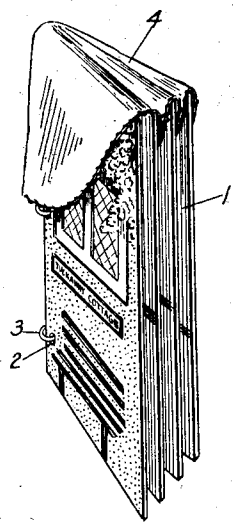


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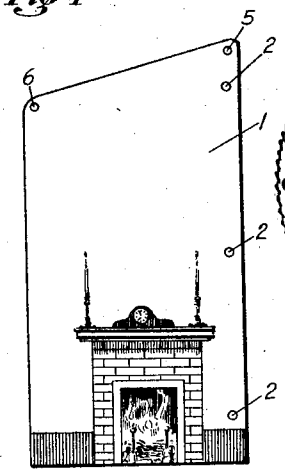


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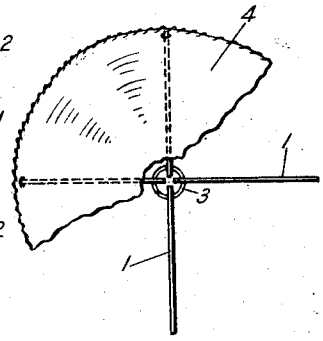


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a playhouse, and it has to do especially with a playhouse of a foldable or collapsible nature which can readily be put into position on a lawn or other suitable location and which can also be readily folded or collapsed to be laid aside.

This playhouse is designed so that when it is set up it simulates the exterior of the cottage or house, and also a plurality of rooms in the cottage. A roof made of flexible material provides a covering, and the flexible material is connected to the supporting structure of the playhouse so that the flexible material is held in position when the house is set up and so that the material can be folded when the house is collapsed.

Fig. 1 is a view showing the playhouse as it appears when set up.

Fig. 2 is a view showing how the playhouse is folded.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of one of the walls or partitions.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view with part of the cover or roof cut away.

The playhouse is made up of a plurality of walls or partitions 1 which are secured together along one of their edges so that they can be extended from each other or folded together. For this purpose each wall is provided with a number of openings 2 near one edge, and rings 3 are inserted through the openings to hold the walls together as shown in Fig. 4.

These walls may be constructed of heavy cardboard or other suitable composition board. The rings 3 may be in the form of a ring, or if desired, may be in the form of chains or loops of cord or rope.

A flexible covering 4 of suitable material, such as canvas or duck is secured to the upper edge of some of the walls, preferably three walls. This may be done by providing the walls with openings 5 and 6 through which loops of cord 7 are taken, the loops being secured to the covering. This covering may be cut so that it is substantially circular, such as shown in Fig. 4, although where four walls are used, as is shown in the accompanying drawings, the covering may be cut square or substantially so. It will be apparent how the structure may be set up, as shown in Fig. 1, or folded, as shown in Fig. 2, and the covering may be folded so that its folds lie between the walls. When set up, the covering quite accurately determines the angle the walls assume relative to each other.

The upper edge of each wall is preferably cut slantingly so that the walls are higher at their inner edge. This gives the roof a gabled effect, as shown in Fig. 1.

The partitions or walls are suitably finished so as to depict different parts of the cottage. As shown in Fig. 1, the two walls at the right hand side of the figure are finished in a manner to represent a kitchen. The two adjacent faces of the walls at the left hand side of the figure are finished to represent the outside of the cottage. Where four walls or partitions are used there are, of course, four different sections which can be thus arranged for representing different parts of the cottage, and the remaining two may advantageously represent a bed room and living room. Of course the representation can be changed if desired and the outside view of the cottage may be omitted, if desired, and some other interior portion of the cottage shown instead.

The playhouse of this invention can be constructed from any size from a few inches in height to a size large enough for use on a lawn, or the like. To make a nice sized playhouse for lawn use, the walls may be approximately four and a half feet high at their inner edges and four feet at their outer edge and having a width of about two and a half feet. In a structure of this size the house can be readily set up on the lawn for children to play, and the cover protects the children from the sun and rain. Where the playhouse is made in this relatively large size for lawn use a floor covering 7 may be used. This covering may also be made of canvas or duck cut to desirable shape, preferably of a shape corresponding to that of the roof of the playhouse.

The use of four walls or partitions with the representation of four different portions of the cottage is thought to be preferable although it will be understood that the invention is not limited to the use of four partitions, and where desirable even three walls may be used; this would make a cheaper structure. Also, more than four walls can be used, as for example, six walls with the representation of six different portions of the cottage. In order to permit the playhouse to be readily folded, one or more of the loop connections through the apertures 6, for attaching the cover to the wall,

may be made detachable; or where four walls are used, one of the four may not be connected to the cover at all.

Claims:

1. A playhouse, comprising a plurality of walls, a flexible connection for connecting the walls together along one edge whereby the house may be set up by moving the walls outwardly in angular relation to each other and whereby the house may be collapsed by folding the walls together, and a flexible covering which is extended when the house is set up and which is folded when the house is collapsed, said flexible covering being permanently secured to the playhouse.

2. A playhouse, comprising a plurality of walls, means hinging these walls together along one edge of each wall, said walls being adapted to be moved outwardly in angular relation to set up the playhouse, and a flexible covering secured to the top of each wall, the upper edge of the walls slanting downwardly and outwardly when set up.

3. A playhouse, comprising a plurality of walls, means hinging these walls together along one edge of each wall, said walls being adapted to be moved outwardly in angular relation to set up the playhouse, and a flexible covering secured to the top of some of the walls near the outer edge thereof and serving to position the walls with respect to each other when the house is set up.

4. A playhouse, comprising a plurality of wall sections, means for hingedly connecting the walls together, said walls being adapted to be folded outwardly to set up the playhouse, and a flexible covering secured to the top of some of the walls and adjacent the inner and outer edge thereof, said covering being adapted to be folded and unfolded as the house is collapsed and set up respectively, and said covering serving to position the walls with respect to each other when the playhouse is set up.

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