

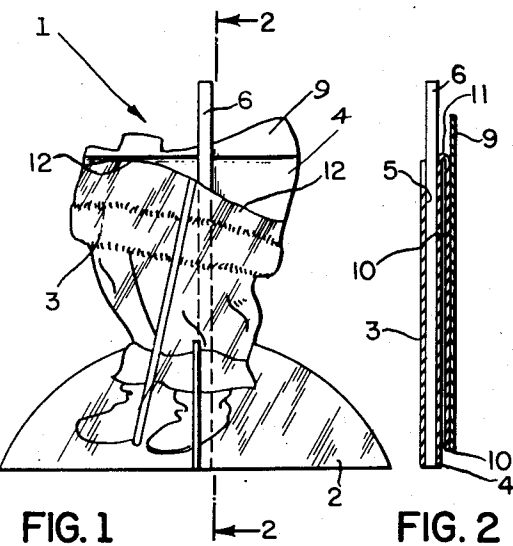
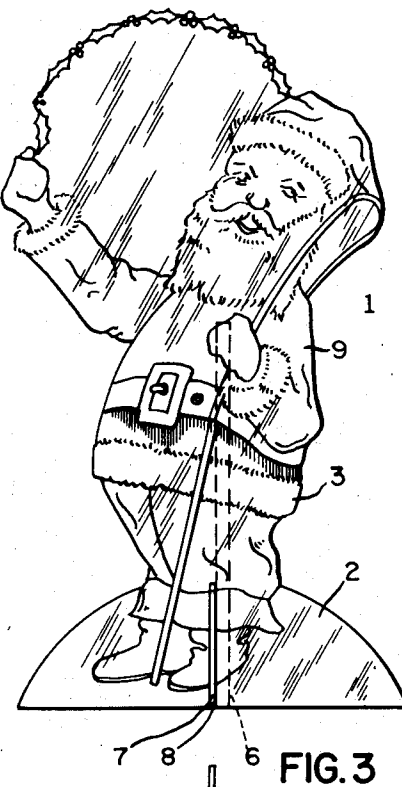
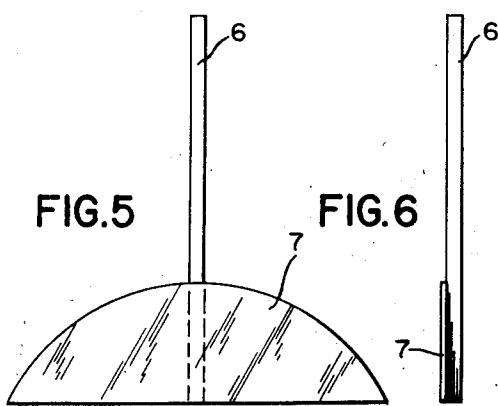
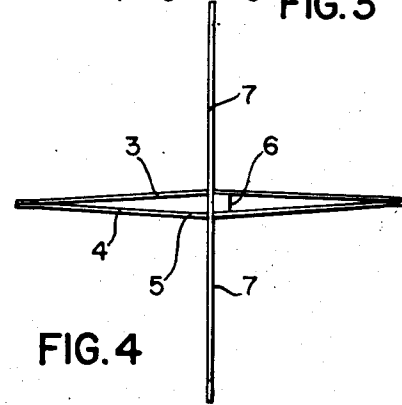
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This invention is an improved object for display; and particularly an object having the outline of a figure appropriate for exhibition during a holiday and on other special occasions.

An aim of this invention is to provide an object which preferably has the appearance of a well known character, such as Santa Claus; and is of such design that it can be produced from sheet material in large sizes; but is easy to set up and capable of being folded to reduce its dimensions for packing and shipping.

The nature and advantages of this invention are clearly set forth in the ensuing description and the novel features are defined in the appended claims. On the accompanying drawings is illustrated an embodiment of the invention; but I reserve the right to make changes in structural details that do not alter the basic construction.

On said drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the article in its folded state, showing only the lower part in full and a portion of the upper section turned down in back.

Figure 2 is a front vertical section on line 2-2 in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the object as it appears when set up.

Figure 4 is a bottom plan of the article as it appears in Figure 4.

Figures 5 and 6 are front and edge views of the supporting member for holding the foldable parts of the object in upright position.

The display article indicated as a whole by the numeral 1 has a wide laterally extending base 2. From a point above the middle of its height the object is made of two superposed layers of sheet material such as stiff cardboard, a front layer 3 and a rear layer 4. These layers are glued or otherwise attached to each other along the peripheral side edges, but not elsewhere, so that they can be separated slightly in the middle to enclose an inside space 5. The layers are not secured along the bottom edges; hence a post 6 having a broad transverse foot or base 7 can be inserted into the space 5 with the base 7 at right angles to the base 2, and support the object in upright position on a floor or elsewhere.

The layers 3 and 4 are identical in outline; each including the parts of the base 2 at the lower end. The two layers have matching slots 8 in the base 2 into which the base 7 is fitted. The bases 2 and 7 are thus perpendicular to each other and give sufficient stability.

Above the lower section comprising the layers 3 and 4 is the upper section comprising a front

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layer 9, the upper edge of which projects above the layer 3 of the lower section, and a rear layer 10. These layers are also attached along the sides but permit insertion of the upper end of the post 6 between them. The back layer 10 is hinged at 11 to the back layer 4 along the upper edge of the latter, and is shorter than the layer 9; which overlaps along its lower edge. The upper section can therefore be folded down and back; but when it is turned up the lower edge of the layer 9 extends below the top edges 12 of the layers 3 and 4; and the post 6 passing up between the layers 3 and 4 and 9 and 10 makes the upper and lower sections rigid with each other and keeps the top section vertical. The post 6 is removable and when it is pulled out and the upper section folded back and down, the object can be packed and shipped in smaller compass. The edge of the layer 9 as it appears in Figure 1 when the upper section is folded down and back is not straight but has an outline conforming to the representation of the belt and buckle in Figure 3.

The layers are cut so as to give the entire article the shape of a human figure, and, as shown, finished to represent the appearance of Santa Claus. But of course the same construction can be used if the cardboard is cut to resemble other objects and a variety of display effects can thus be produced.

Having described my invention, what I believe to be new is:

1. An article for display comprising a lower section having a front and a back layer of sheet material secured along their side edges and separated at the top and bottom edges, an upper section having a front and back layer attached along the side edges and separated at the bottom edge, the back layer of the upper section being hinged along its lower edge to the upper edge of the back layer of the lower section, and an elongated rigid removable member between the layers of the lower section and projecting between the layers of the upper section, to hold the upper section in position with its front layer at its lower edge overlapping the top of the lower section, said member having a foot engaging to the front and rear of the bottom of the lower section, and projecting therefrom.

2. An article for display comprising a lower section having a front and a back layer of sheet material secured along their side edges and separated at the top edges, an upper section having a front and back layer attached along the side edges and separated at the bottom edges, the back layer of the upper section being hinged along

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its lower edge to the upper edge of the back layer of the lower section, and an elongated rigid removable member between the layers of the lower section and projecting between the layers of the upper section, to hold the upper section in position with its front layer at its lower edge overlapping the top of the lower section, said member having a foot projecting to the front and rear at the bottom of the lower section, said foot having the form of an upright piece of sheet material affixed to said lower part in each of its layers to receive said foot.

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