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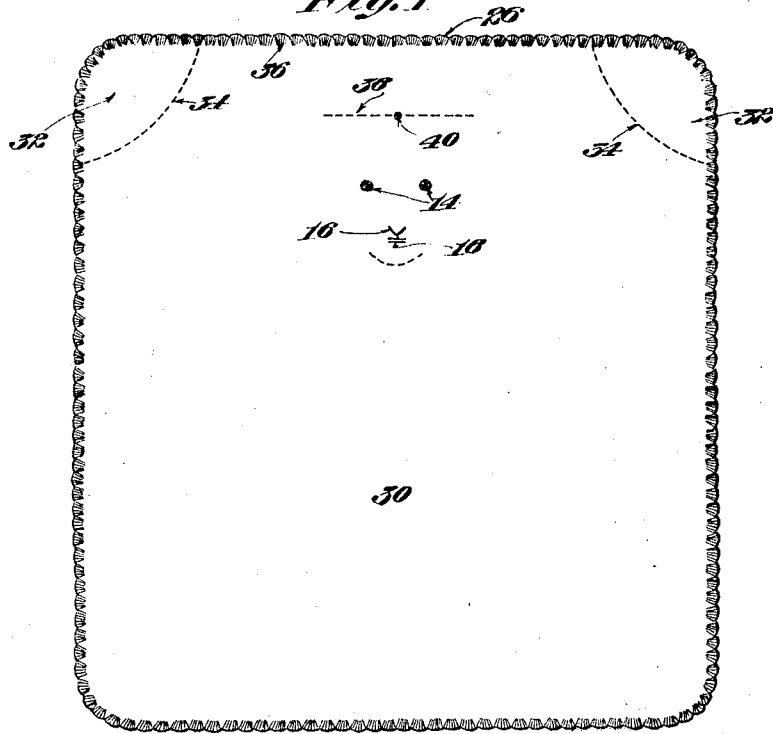
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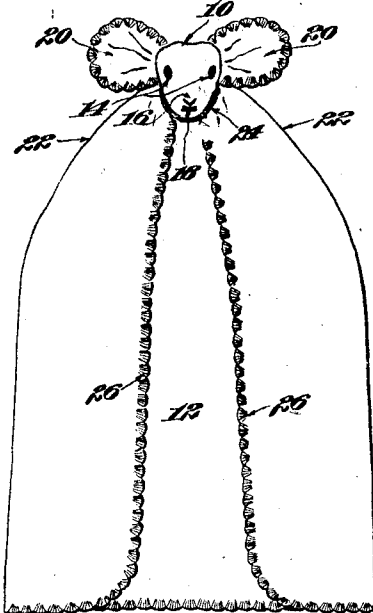
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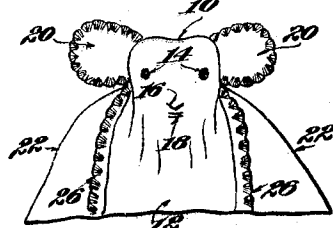
*Fig. 1*



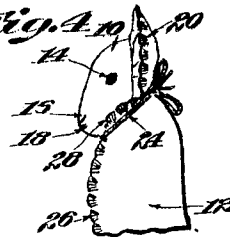
*Fig. 3*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 4*



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## WASH CLOTH.

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This invention relates to a wash cloth and more particularly to an article of that description which may be termed a "bunny" wash cloth, that is, one folded into the semblance of a rabbit's head with a body portion of suitable form.

The main object of the invention is the provision of a wash cloth folded into a pleasing and attractive form which appeals to children for use as a doll or puppet and which when it has fulfilled that purpose may be used as a wash cloth.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a simple method of folding which permits the wash cloth when soiled from use as a doll or puppet to be washed and cleaned and again folded, if desired, for such use.

A further object is the provision of a wash cloth folded into a colorful and attractive form to increase its saleability as an article of commerce.

Other objects of the invention will be more specifically set forth and described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating one form of my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of a wash cloth of suitable fabric of rectangular form adapted to be folded in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the upper portion of the wash cloth after the folding has been nearly completed but before the neck has been formed by the addition of a binding cord; Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the wash cloth completely folded and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the head portion illustrating the method of tying the folds together for forming the neck and for holding the parts in assembled position.

Referring to the drawings and particularly to Figure 3, 10 designates a head portion and 12 a body portion. The head is preferably in the semblance of the head of a rabbit, familiarly known as a "bunny", and the eyes, nose and mouth are formed by marks 14, 16 and 18 respectively which may be imprinted or formed on the head by embroidery or stitching suitably placed. Behind the head projects laterally, one on each side, ears 20 which may be of any suitable form but preferably are comparatively large in relation to the size of the head and are oval in shape.

The body portion 12 is in the form of a cape which expands from the head to form

shoulder portions 22 and then hangs downwardly in straight lines, the front of the cape being open. A cord 24 tied tightly between the head and the body portions forms a neck and also serves to hold the folded parts in their assembled relation. The edges of the cape and the ears are finished with embroidery, crocheting or tatting 26 of an ornamental character. In folding the cape portion the edges thereof on the sides of the neck are drawn above the neck cord at 28 to give a collar effect on the sides of the head (Fig. 4) which enhances the pleasing effect of the design.

The attractiveness of the figure may further be enhanced by using colored yarns or thread for the edge trimming and black or colored thread for the features of the face contrasting with the color of the edge trimming.

For forming the bunny, a square or rectangular single piece 30 (Fig. 1) of a fabric suitable for a wash cloth and provided with edge trimming 26 is used and while in flat form it is provided with simulations of the eyes 14, nose 16 and mouth 18 of a rabbit centrally placed near the top of the fabric. These marks may be made in any suitable manner as by embroidery, stitching, painting or printing.

The ears 20 are first formed from the two upper corner portions 32 by gathering each corner along the curved line 34 and securing the gathered folds together by stitching or tying. Upon the completion of the ears, the upper edge 36 is then folded back on the line 38 into engagement with the back face of the fabric 30 to form the top line of the head and the two intermediate portions between the head and the ears are then each gathered together and folded in behind the head thus drawing the two ears inwardly into the position shown in Fig. 2. As thus arranged the neck or gathered portion of each ear is close to or in engagement with the similar portion of the other ear and the two extend laterally outwardly one on each side of the head. At this stage the parts may be tacked together. The center of the head line 38 at point 40 is then drawn backwardly and downwardly over the junction point of the two ears and secured thereto by stitching. If desired, the first tacking may be dispensed with and the ears held in position with the fingers until the center of the head line has been drawn

over when one tacking will be found sufficient to hold the folded parts permanently. In performing this operation, care should be exercised to arrange and pack the folds in such manner as to secure a rounded head of the shape desired. Lastly the application of the cord 24 forms the neck and the lower portion of the head and is tied at the back with a bow-knot (Fig. 4) which completes the head of the figure. The lower remaining portion of the wash cloth is then arranged by folding the side portions over upon the body portion (Fig. 3) to give a cape effect thereto.

It will be observed that the operation of making a figure of the character described from a wash cloth is comparatively simple and can be performed expeditiously in a minimum of time and with little effort when soiled from use, the neck string may be removed, the tacking at the back of the head cut and the parts unfolded to permit cleansing by washing or otherwise after which the cloth may be refolded and tacked and a new neck string used or the cloth may then be used as a wash cloth.

The figure produced according to my invention can be made most attractive and pleasing by the use of materials of various weaves and the use of edge trimming of suitable colors and patterns and in these respects there is opportunity for a wide variety of designs and effects. By varying the relative widths and lengths of the wash cloths used different results may be secured in the form and appearance of the body portion of the figures.

It will further be noted that figures made according to my invention are especially adapted for use by children as dolls on account of the natural love which children have for animals and especially rabbits and because of the colorful and attractive appearance which may be imparted to them.

What I claim is:

1. A bunny wash cloth comprising a one-piece rectangular cloth having rounded corners with the characters of a rabbit's face indicated on the upper portion thereof, the said upper portion of said cloth being folded into the form of a rabbit's head with the two upper corners gathered on a curved line to form a pair of ears and a cord holding said portions in said assembled relation and forming the neck and the lower side portions of said cloth being folded over upon the body portion to secure a cape effect.

2. A wash cloth comprising a one-piece

rectangular cloth having rounded corners and having its upper portion provided with the features of a rabbit indicated thereon, each upper corner being gathered and tacked on curved interior lines to form a rounded ear and the upper portion of said cloth between said ears being folded into the semblance of a rabbit's head with the ears projecting laterally therefrom and a cord holding said portions in assembled relation and forming the neck thereof, the lower side portions of said cloth being folded over upon the body portion thereof to form a cape open in the front.

3. An article of the character described, comprising a one-piece rectangular wash cloth folded into the semblance of a rabbit's head with a caped body portion depending from said head, the upper corners of said cloth being each gathered on an interior curved line to form a rounded expanded ear, said gathers being tacked together, and a cord for holding said ears in proper relation to said head and for forming a neck portion between said head and said body portion.

4. An article of the character described, comprising a one-piece rectangular wash cloth having an embroidered edge and folded into the semblance of a rabbit's head with a caped body portion depending from said head, the upper corners of said cloth being each gathered together and tacked to form an ear portion and a cord for forming a neck and for holding said ear portions in proper relation to said head.

5. An article of the character described, comprising a one-piece rectangular cloth with an embroidered edge and rounded corners having its upper portion provided with the features of a rabbit indicated thereon and folded to simulate the head of a rabbit, the two upper corners thereof being each gathered together to form an ear and a cord for forming a neck; the side portions of said cloth being folded over upon the body portion thereof to simulate a cape.

6. A one-piece rectangular wash-cloth having its upper central portion folded to simulate the head of an animal and its two upper corners folded to simulate a pair of ears and a cord for forming a neck and for holding said ears in proper relation to said head the sides of said cloth being folded over upon the body portion to simulate a cape.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 1st day of February, 1927.

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