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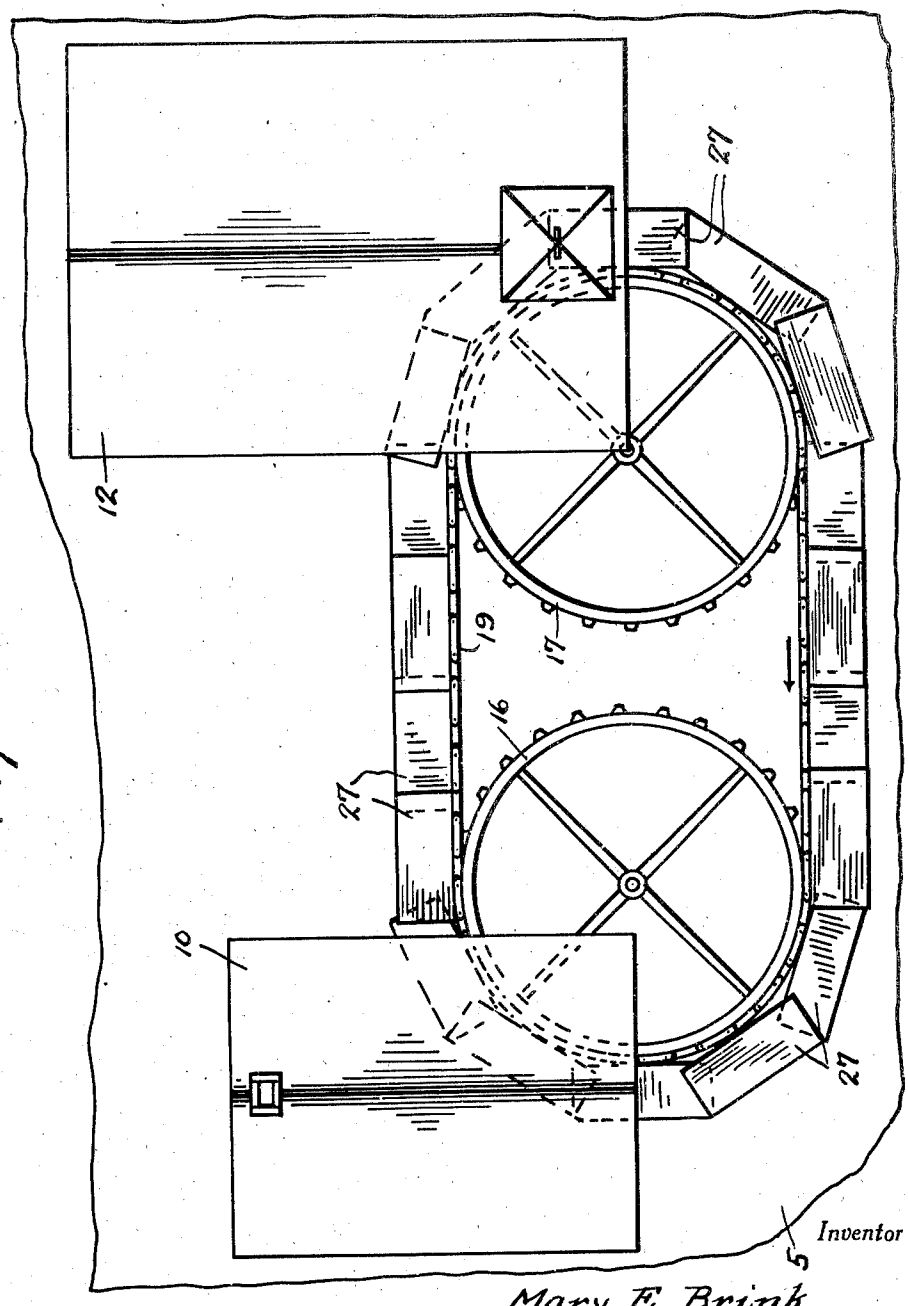


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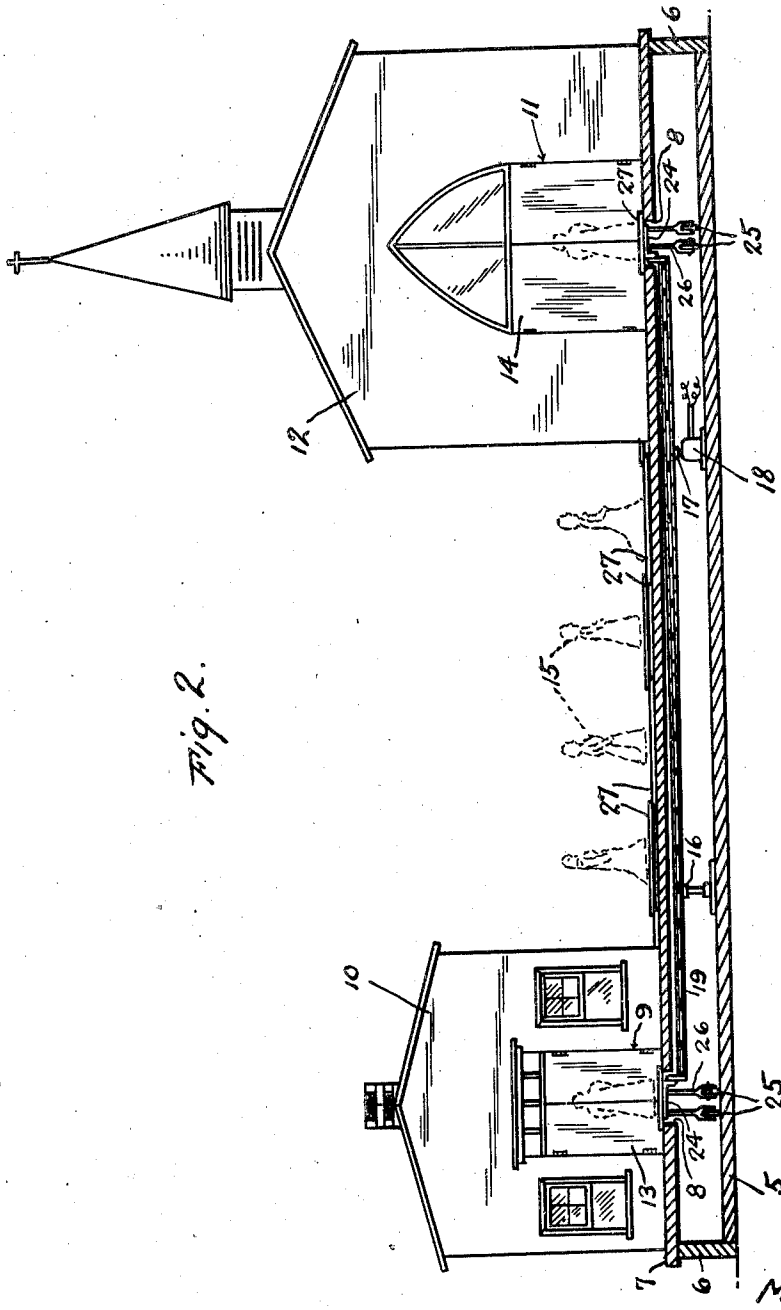


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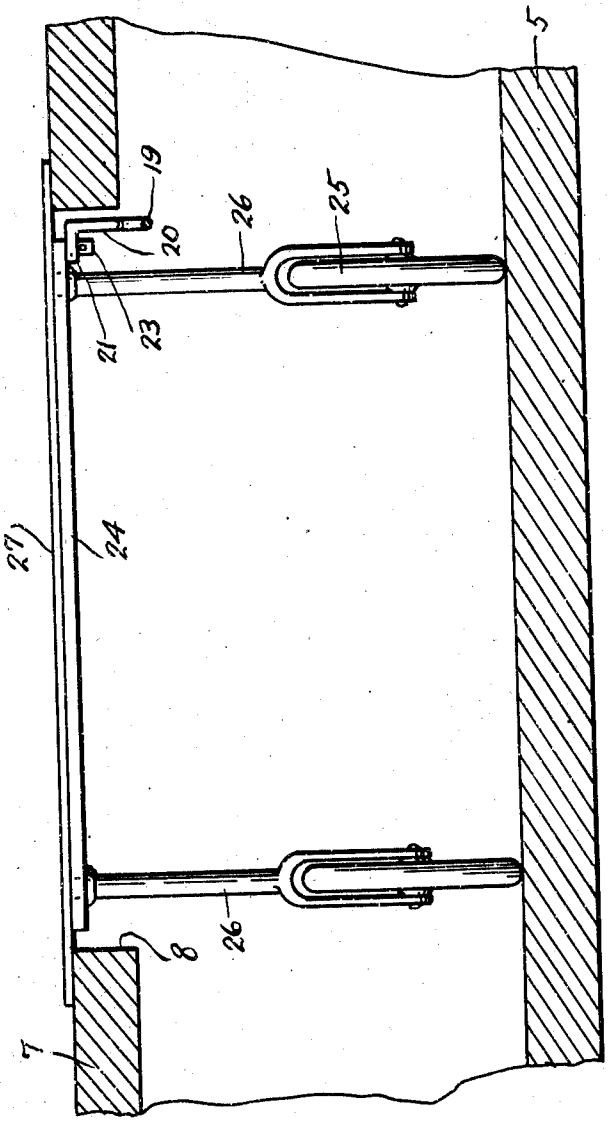


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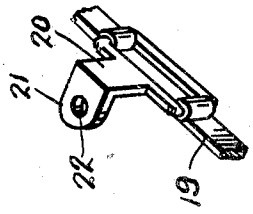


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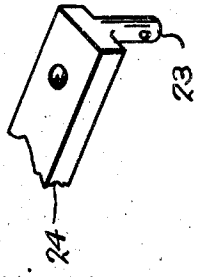


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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—126)

This invention appertains to new and useful improvements in display apparatus for advertising various styles of new garments and the like.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a display apparatus which includes moving models preferably in miniature form dressed in miniature clothing.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a style displaying apparatus which will be exceedingly attractive to the public.

Other important objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following specification.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 represents a fragmentary top plan view of the apparatus.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the apparatus.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view through the apparatus.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of one of the figure plate supporting bars.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of the chain.

Referring to the drawings wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that numeral 5 denotes a base having the side walls 6 and these side walls support the top wall or platform 7 which is provided with an elliptical shaped slotway 8 therein, the slotway extending from the doorway 9 of the residential-like structure 10 through the doorway 11 of the church-like structure 12, both structures being mounted in spaced relation upon the platform 7. The doors 13 and 14 of the structures 10—12, respectively, are of the spring hinge type and can be readily opened by the figures 15 pushing against the same.

Below the platform 7 are mounted the pair of spaced sprocket wheels 16—17 driven by a suitable motor 18. These sprocket wheels mesh with the endless chain 19 which at certain intervals is provided with upstanding fingers 20 from which extend the lugs 21. Each of these lugs 21 has an opening 22 therein for receiving the depending stud 23 from the corresponding end of a bar 24. Caster wheels 25 have the shanks 26 of their yokes disposed upwardly, through the bars 24 and into the overlying plate 27. The arrangement of the plates 27 thus connected to the chain 19 is continuous and they have their ends in overlapping relation as is clearly shown in Figure 1. Upon these plates 27 are mounted the figures 15 which are preferably in miniature and each dressed to represent a certain style of ladies' or gentlemen's apparel.

The chain 19 moves in a direction to bring the figures through the doorway 9 and in the direction of the church 12, through the church and then pass outwardly through an opening in the side of the church to return to the residence 10. If desired a fence or the like can be placed between the structures to substantially conceal the return movement of the figures.

While the foregoing specification sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new is:

A display apparatus comprising a platform having a slot therein, a traveling member mounted under the platform and beneath the said slot, an elongated arrangement of plates on the platform, said plates having their end portions in interlapping relation, connecting means between the traveling member and the plates, display figures mounted on certain of the plates, said plates being constructed and arranged on the platform to conceal the said slot from view.

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