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DOLL WALKER

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Fig. 1

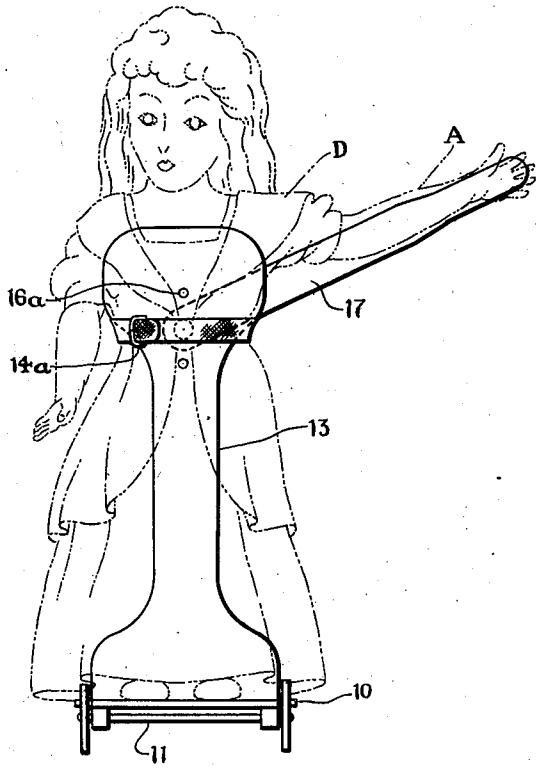


Fig. 2

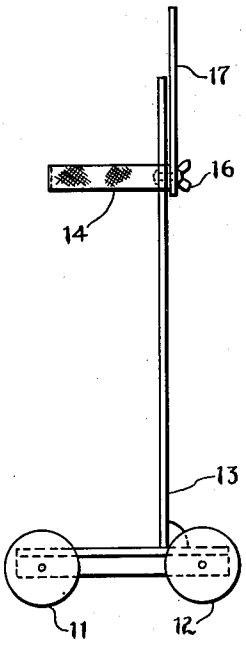


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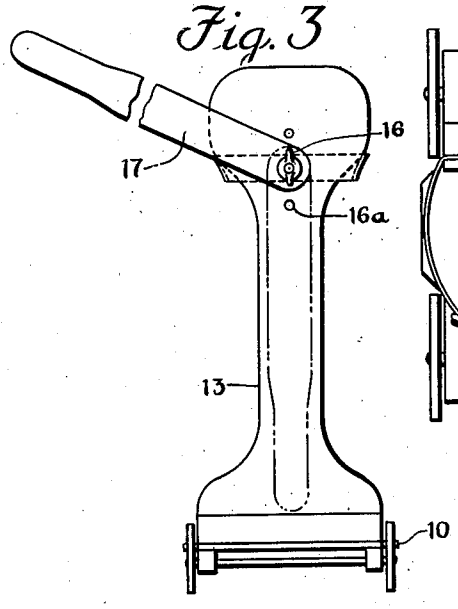
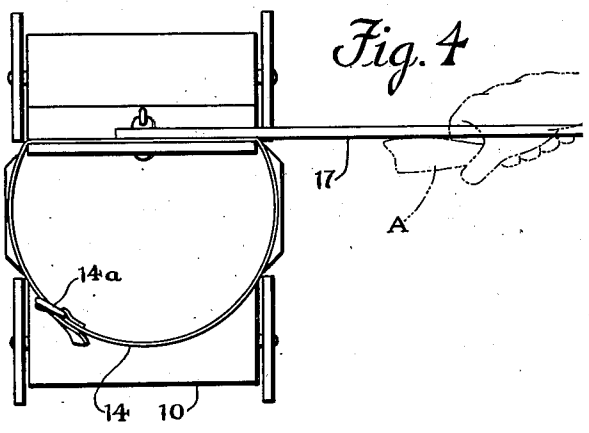


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to doll walkers.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved doll walker having handle means for propelling the same, the arrangement being such that a child may grasp a hand of a doll mounted on the walker and said handle means together, to simulate walking hand in hand with the doll.

Another object of the invention is to provide a doll walker of the character described which is adaptable for use with dolls of varying sizes, and which may be adapted for use as a display stand for dolls.

Other objects of the invention will be manifest from the following brief description and the accompanying drawings.

Of the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a doll walker embodying the features of the invention and illustrating a doll in phantom lines.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the walker shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a rear elevation thereof, partly broken away.

Figure 4 is a top plan view thereof.

Referring to the drawings the numeral 10 designates a flat base member or platform of wood, metal, or other suitable sheet material, and to the under side of which spaced wheel and axle assemblies 11 and 12 are suitably mounted. Secured on the top face of the base 10, adjacent the rear edge thereof, is a dumbbell-shaped upright 13 of similar sheet material, the same not substantially exceeding in height, from the top of the base 10, the shoulder height of predetermined average sized dolls and not exceeding in maximum width the average width of such dolls. A suitable strap consisting of a suitable length of flexible material, is secured to the upright, one of the two free ends of the strap having a buckle 14a thereon, whereby it may be adjustably buckled around the body of a doll to secure the same in upright position with its feet preferably resting on the top of base 10.

Pivoted at the back of upright 13 adjacent the top thereof, as by means of a thumb screw 16, may be an elongated arm or handle 17 of rigid material, the same being adapted to be extended laterally at one side or the other of the walker to be substantially coextensive with an outstretched arm A of a doll D, which has been

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strapped to the upright 13. That is, the handle 17 is of such length with respect to the length of the doll arm A that a child in grasping the end of the handle 17 may also grasp the hand of the doll. A plurality of vertically spaced apertures 16a may be provided in the upright 13 for selective reception of the thumb screw 16, whereby the pivot point of handle 17 may be adjusted vertically to accommodate normal variations in sizes of dolls.

The strap 14 may be secured to the upright by means of the thumb screw 16 being received through an aperture in the strap, whereby it may be vertically adjustable with the handle 17, as described.

In the use or operation of the improved doll walker a doll is secured in upright position to the upright 13, by means of strap 14, in the manner previously described. A child using the walker grasps the end of the handle 17, and at the same time grasps the hand of the doll's outstretched arm A, somewhat in the manner illustrated at the right of Figure 4. With the handle 17 and the doll arm thus held a child may walk along while propelling the walker with the doll thereon, in simulation of walking side-by-side with the doll.

When it is desired to use the walker as a display stand, the thumb screw 16 may be adjusted to permit lowering of handle 17 to the position illustrated in chain-dotted lines in Figure 3, in which position the handle will be hidden, as well as the upright, from forward view when the doll is positioned on the walker.

Modifications of the invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A doll walker comprising a base, a plurality of supporting wheels mounted on said base, a relatively rigid upright secured to said base, releasable means secured to said upright engageable about a waist portion of a doll for fastening the same in upright position, a handle, and a single means pivotally securing said handle to said upright to be swingable to selected laterally extending positions at either lateral side of the upright and also securing said releasable means to the upright, said handle thereby being adapted to be fixed on said single means to extend at

a selected side of said upright to be substantially coextensive with laterally outstretched arm of the doll fastened to the upright by said releasable means, whereby said coextensive handle and outstretched doll arm are adapted to be simultaneously grasped as by the hand of a child to impart such rigidity to the doll arm with respect to the upright as to permit the child to propel the walker with the doll thereon in simulation of a child walking hand-in-hand with the doll.

2. A doll walker as set forth in claim 1, including means for selectively adjusting said single means to fixed positions vertically with respect to said upright.

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