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TOY HOOP.

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Fig. 1.

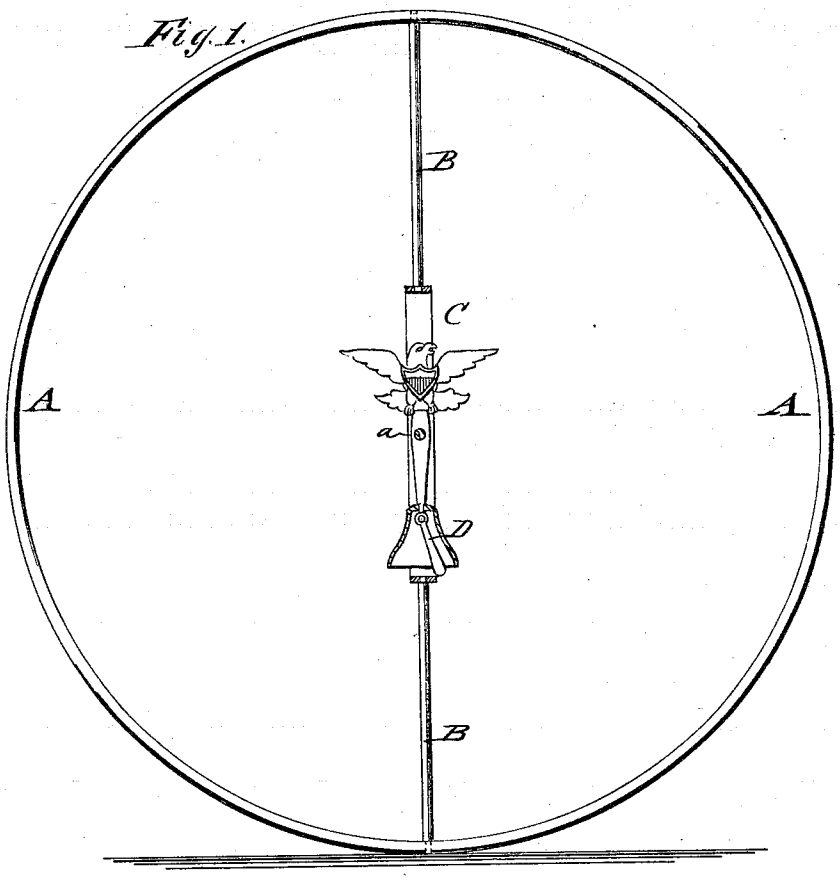
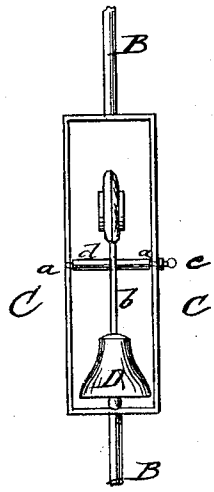


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOY HOOPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY F. POST, of Paterson, Passaic county, New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Toy Hoop, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved toy hoop, and Fig. 2 a detail end view of the bell device.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved toy hoop for children; and consists of a diametrical rod with central frame, carrying a pivoted bell, that is actuated by contact of the frame with the tongue of the bell during the revolution of the hoop.

In the drawing, A represents a wood or metal hoop of any desired size, to which is applied a diametrical rod, B, that supports at the center of the hoop a frame, C, with a center pivot, *a*, to which a bell, D, is hung by means of an arm, *b*, that carries at the end above the pivot an eagle or other ornamental device. The arm *b* is hung centrally to the pivot by a loose sleeve, *d*, extending to both sides of the frame C, so that the bell retains its central position in the same. The tongue of the bell projects slightly below its rim, and is brought into contact with the frame C when the same revolves with the hoop, so as to cause the ringing of the bell twice with every revolution of the hoop.

The hoop may be propelled in the common manner by a hand-rod, or by a rod with a forked end bearing on the thin shank of a knob, *e*, at the outside of frame C. The hoop, by its bell attachment, increases the pleasure of the children, and forms a neat improvement on the common toy hoop.

I am aware that it is not new in a toy hoop to hang the bell to a central axis, so that it will always be vertical while the hoop is in motion, the tongue being struck by the cross-stays of the stay-wires; but

What I claim is—

A toy hoop having diametrical rod B, supporting a frame, C, in which is sustained a bell-arm, *b*, on its pivot *a*, as shown and described.

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