

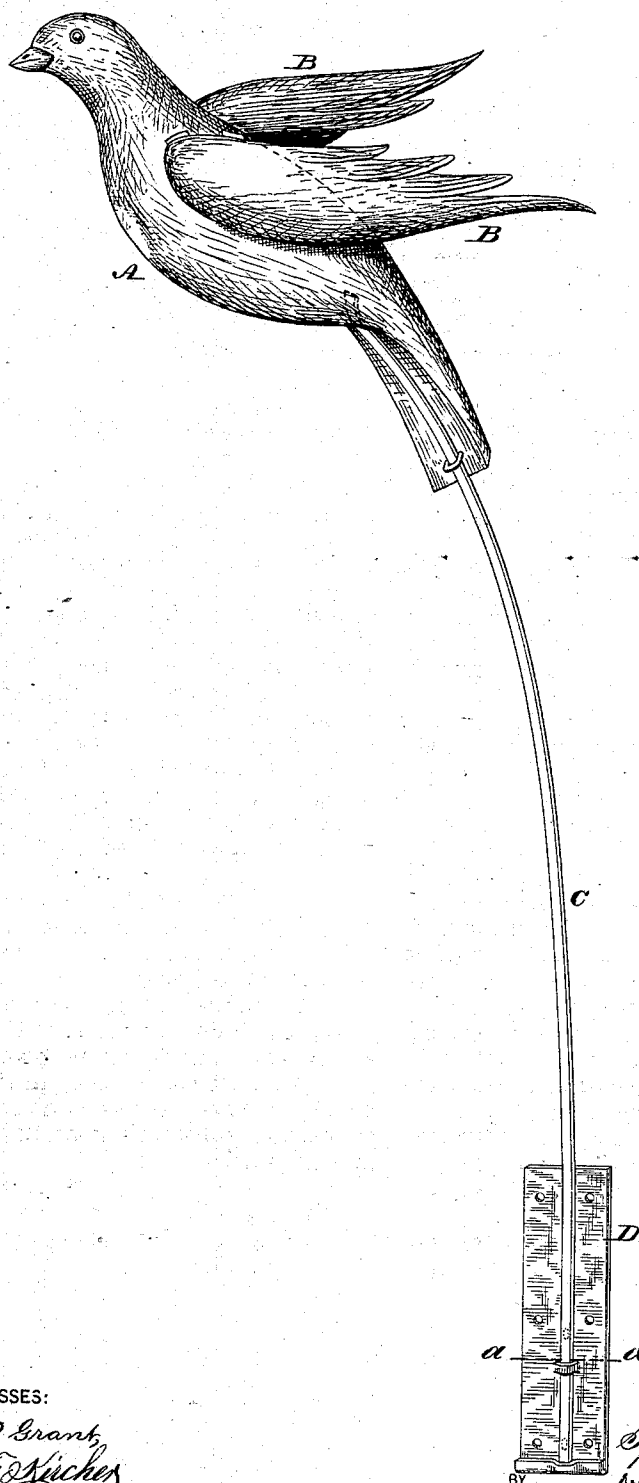
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SPARKMAN R. SCREVEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toy Birds, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view of a toy bird embodying my invention, the object being to form a toy bird which in a measure imitates the natural motions of a bird on the wing.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a figure of the form of a bird, constructed of wood or other suitable material, and having its wings B B pivoted or hinged in position.

C represents an arm or strip of spring metal, which, sustaining the bird, is firmly secured to the tail thereof. The strip may be held by the hand, and is manipulated in such manner that it is caused to vibrate, rising and falling, carrying with it the bird, in which operation the wings B alternately open and close, simulating the motions incident to flying. As the bird is connected by its tail with the spring-strip, its sweep is increased, and thus but little effort of the hand is required to cause the desired effect. By shaking or agitating the strip, the motions of the bird may be varied and stiff uniformity of the vibrations prevented, whereby a more natural appearance of flying is presented.

D represents a plate, to which the lower end of the strip C may be secured, either as a han-

dle or means of connection with a wall, door, child's carriage, theatrical scenery, &c. The plate extends above the place, *a*, of securing or fastening the strip thereto, so that while the top of the plate in no wise interferes with the sweep of the strip and bird the extreme upper edge acts as a deflector for causing the return of the strip should it fly backward or over said edge. In this case, when the strip strikes said edge, the portion of the same adapted to vibrate is shortened and stiffened, and thus the strip by reaction quickly returns in front of the plate. The plate may be formed with eyes integral or connected, for attaching the strip or arm to the plate and permitting it to be removed therefrom when desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A toy consisting of the figure of a bird with movable wings and a spring-arm secured thereto, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. The figure and spring-arm, in combination with a plate connected with the arm, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The plate connected with the spring-arm of the figure and extended above the place of connection, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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